

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

First reading: Is 2, 1-5

Second reading: Rom 13, 11-14

Resp. 122: „Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.”

Gospel: Mt 24, 37-44

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

BAPTISM

Aleksandra Smakaj

Julia Smakaj

Joseph Smakaj

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Helen Spandlick

Mary Presz

Eternal rest grant them, Lord

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

This Sunday we begin another Advent, a time of joyful expectation and preparation for the coming of Christ. In the first part (until December 16), we will reflect on the mystery of the Lord's second coming at the end of time. The second part (from December 17 to 24) will constitute direct preparation for celebrating the commemoration of Christ's first coming to earth – the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord. Let us make good use of this time to listen to the Word of God and enter into the mystery of the closeness of God, who comes as Emmanuel – God with us.

RENOVATION FUND

Today, we have a second collection for the Renovation Fund, in our case to cover the costs of renovating the pews in our church. We sincerely thank all donors.

ADVENT RETREAT IN POLISH

Today we begin the Advent Retreat in our parish, which will last until Tuesday. The retreat will be preached by Fr. Anton Litvinov, OMI, from Turkmenistan. Anton Litvinov was born on September 26, 1989, in Turkmenistan on the shores of the Caspian Sea to a family of Polish descent. As he says of himself, "My story of faith and vocation is the fruit of the proclamation of the Word of God by the Missionary Oblates." He was baptized on Easter Night, March 27, 2005. A year later, he was accepted into the Missionary Oblates' postulancy in Ukraine, where he also studied philosophy. He completed his novitiate and theological studies at the seminary in Obra. After ordination as a diaconate, he was sent to serve as a missionary in Ukraine. After a year of pastoral internship in Kyiv, he was ordained a priest on May 7, 2016. He received the sacrament of Holy Orders from Bishop Radosław Zmitrowicz, OMI, in the Church of St. Nicholas in Kyiv. He has been preaching the Word of God in Ukraine for ten years. Retreat Masses will be celebrated on Monday and Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., with the rosary recited half an hour beforehand. On Tuesday, at the conclusion of the retreat, a collection will be collected to help Polish missionaries in Ukraine. Envelopes are located at the church entrance.

RORATE MASSES

During this time of Advent, we invite all parishioners to the Rorate Masses; we extend a special invitation to children and youth, whose Rorate Mass will be celebrated on Fridays at 7:00 PM. On Saturdays at 8:00 AM, we invite all adults to the Rorate Mass.

MULTIPLE INTENSIONS MASS

A collective Mass will be celebrated next Wednesday. Intentions are available in the office along with the offering. We encourage you to take advantage of the collective Mass, as this allows our intentions to be celebrated quickly. It's important to remember that the power of the intentions, the power of the Mass, depends not on the number of priests, but on Christ, who offers himself to the Father for the intentions entrusted to him. At 6:30 PM, we invite you to a devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

DEVOTIONS

This week marks the first Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the month. On the first Thursday (December 4), we will thank God for the gift of the Eucharist and pray for numerous and holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life. A service for new vocations will be celebrated at 6:30 PM.

On the first Friday (December 5), we will honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus and provide an opportunity for reconciliation with God and our brothers and sisters. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 3:00 PM, and the First Friday devotion will begin at 6:30 PM.

On the first Saturday (December 6), we will honor the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The First Saturday devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will begin at 6:00 PM.

ST. NICHOLAS THE BISHOP

Saturday, December 6, marks the liturgical commemoration of St. Nicholas the Bishop. Traditionally, we will give gifts to our children and loved ones. May the liturgical commemoration of Saint Nicholas also lead us to open our eyes and hearts to children. In addition to gifts, may we also offer our prayers for them through the intercession of this wonderful Saint.

HELP FOR MISSIONARIES IN CUBA

We are organizing a parish dinner to help missionaries in Cuba. Two Polish Oblate missionaries are working in Havana. The needs are enormous, and we can help. On Sunday, December 7, we invite you to the parish hall for a meal. You can purchase and eat items such as cabbage rolls, pierogi, sausages, and salads.

FLOWERS TO MANGER

Starting Sunday, December 14, we can bring flowers to Jesus' manger. We only ask for red poinsettias.

YOUTH CAMPAIGN

On Sunday, December 14, young people will be selling holiday pierogi and organic honey.

CONFESSION

Let's remember that to truly experience Christmas, we must receive the sacrament of reconciliation - confession. In our parish, Christmas confession will take place on Sunday, December 21, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the parish hall, during which time adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES 2026

The Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2026 are available at the parish hall. Registered parishioners who do not currently use weekly donation envelopes but would like to, may contact the parish office. Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt at the beginning of February.

CHRISTAMS OPLATKI & CARDS

Christmas Eve wafers can be purchased at the parish office. I also have Christmas cards. Calendars will be available soon.

MASS INTENSIONS

We inform you about possibility of ordering Mass intentions at the Oblate Missions in the parish office. All mission intentions that were given in the parish office have already been fulfilled. We encourage you to give intentions that help missionaries in their work of evangelization.

We thank you for ordering the Gregorian Masses. Anyone who wants to order Gregorian Mass please contact the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

For health, God's blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for children: Rafal, Ania, Jayson & grandchildren: Sebastian & Zosia – parents & grandparents

For + Marian Longosz

For + Lukasz Duch – Stefania Baran

For + Lukasz Duch – Dariusz Parafiniuk

For + Marian Jozefa Jaszczyszyn

For + Michal & Katarzyna Jaszczyszyn & Bronislaw & Tadeusz Jaszczyszyn

For + Stanislaw, Mieczyslaw & Robert Reszka

For + Zofia Jurek – Elzbieta Zalewska

For + son Ryszard x7 – mother Krystyna

For the Gifts of the Holy Spirit & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for son Dominik & Ela x5 – mother Krystyna

For God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Olek - grandmother



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

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Sunday, November 30

8:00 For God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for children & grandchildren – parents & grandparents

9:30 For + Antonina & Bronislaw Hyc, Maria & Karol Iglar, Danuta & Wladyslaw Majka - children

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + Joanna Bojanowska – sister with family

19:00 For + Marian Brzozowski – wife & children

MONDAY, December 1

8:00 There is no Mass

10:00 Rosary

10:30 For + Wiktoria & Henryk Senkowski, Walter Wlodzimierz & Helena Uglik, Krystyna & Ryszard Nosowicz, Lila & Bronislaw Kosiba, Ryszard Zukowski & deceased from the family – Bozena Senkowska-Zukowska

18:30 Rosary

19:00 For lectors & extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion

TUESDAY, December 2

8:00 There is no Mass

10:00 Rosary

10:30 For + Wladyslaw

18:30 Rosary

19:00 For + Antonina & Kazimierz Zawadzki & deceased from Zawadzki & Zawada families – son with family

WEDNESDAY, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00 1. For + Zofia

2. For health & God's blessing for the Kos family – own

18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

19:00 Multiple Intentions Mass

THURSDAY, December 4

8:00 For + Stanislaw

18:30 Devotion of the first Thursday of the month

19:00 For + Stanley Bulas (50th anniversary) – wife & son

FRIDAY, December 5

8:00 For souls in purgatory

18:30 Devotion of the first Friday of the month

19:00 In thanksgiving for the graces received through the year - own

SATURDAY, December 6 – St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 For + Agnieszka

13:00 Wedding – James Collins & Michelle Pakulski

18:00 Devotion of the first Sunday of the month

19:00 For + Wanda, Wladyslaw & Ray Kuszelewski – daughter & sons with families

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 7

8:00 For members of the Holy Rosary Society

9:30 For + Edna Kedzior & deceased from Sajdak & Kobak families – daughters with families

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + Marianna & Stanislaw Kowalczyk – daughter with family

19:00 For God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Malgorzata & Mieczyslaw, Iwonka & Andrzej & grandchildren: Tomek, Mateusz, Emilia & Piotr – parents & grandparents