



# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the Great and Holy One of Israel."



**Gaudete Sunday** is the name given to the third Sunday of Advent. The name is taken from the words of the introit, *Gaudete in Domino semper, "rejoice in the Lord always."* The Scriptural basis for this Sunday comes from Philippians 4:4,5. Like Laetare Sunday during Lent, Gaudete Sunday is a minor "break" from the more penitential nature of the Advent season and signals a shift from a penitential style of waiting to a more joyful tone. In the past, when organs and flowers were forbidden during the Advent Season, they were permitted during Gaudete Sunday.

Because of the more joyful tone of Gaudete Sunday, rose-colored vestments may be used instead of the normal violet ones. Also, the rose-colored Advent candle is lit.

## Christmas Program 2024

### CHRISTMAS EVE - Tuesday, December 24

- 8:30 – Holy Mass in Polish
- 20:30 – Shepherd's Mass with the participation of children
- 22:00 – Shepherd's Mass in English
- 24:00 – Shepherd's Mass in Polish

### CHRISTMAS DAY – Wednesday, December 25

- 8:00 – Holy Mass in Polish
- 9:30 – Holy Mass in English.
- 11:00 – Holy Mass in Polish
- 12:30 – Holy Mass in Polish
- No evening Mass*

### MEMORIAL OF ST. STEPHEN - Thursday, December 26

*Masses according to Sunday schedule*

### SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY – Sunday, December 29

- 8:00 – Holy Mass in Polish
- 9:30 – Holy Mass in English.
- 11:00 – Holy Mass in Polish
- 12:30 – Holy Mass in Polish
- Christmas Carols Concert*
- 18:00 – Holy Mass in Polish

### MEMORIAL OF ST. SYLVESTER (NEW YEAR'S EVE) - Tuesday, December 31

- 8:30 - Holy Mass in Polish
- 16:30 - Thanksgiving and propitiation service for the past year
- 17:00 - Holy Mass in Polish
- 18:30 - Holy Mass in English
- 23:00 – Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- 24:00 – New Year Midnight Mass in Polish and English

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR) - Wednesday, January 1

- 8:00 – Holy Mass in Polish
- 9:30 – Holy Mass in English.
- 11:00 – Holy Mass in Polish
- 12:30 – Holy Mass in Polish
- 18:00 – Holy Mass in Polish

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Sunday, January 5

- 8:00 – Holy Mass in Polish
- 9:30 – Holy Mass in English.
- 11:00 – Holy Mass in Polish
- 12:30 – Holy Mass in Polish
- Parish Christmas Dinner*
- 18:00 – Holy Mass in Polish



## ADVENT RETREAT AND RECONCILIATION

We invite you to the Advent Retreat, which will take place from **December 19 to 22**. Fr Krzysztof Budzikowski, an OMI missionary from Ukraine, will lead this year's retreat.

### The Advent Reconciliation Service (confession)

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| <b>Tuesday, Dec 17 at 7 pm</b> | <b>St Eugene de Mazenod Parish</b>      |
| Wednesday, Dec 18 at 6 pm      | St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish             |
| Sunday, Dec 22, from 3 to 5 pm | St. Casimir's Parish                    |
| Sunday, Dec 22 at 4 pm         | St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish (Hamilton) |
| Monday, Dec 23 at 6 pm         | St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish             |

## MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Couples celebrating their 5 – 70 wedding anniversaries will have an opportunity to renew their wedding vows on the Feast of the Holy Family, **December 29<sup>th</sup> during 12:30 pm Mass**. Those wishing to participate are asked to visit the Parish Office or the Sacristy.



## PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY



We invite all parishioners to pray the Holy Rosary on **weekdays from Monday to Friday at 6:30 p.m.** This week, the Holy Rosary Society, **Praying Group 13 – Our Lady of Guadalupe**, will lead the Rosary.

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

"Take the road less travelled" – take the first step to building an intimate relationship with Jesus. Offer your time to the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. More info: Beata Konieczna at 905-878-7407 or 647-403-7407.



## DEATH NOTICE

Last week, we entrusted to God's mercy:

† **Beata Bqk (56)**

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

## ENVELOPES FOR 2025

Envelopes for 2025 will be available starting **December 8, 2024**, in the hall of St. Anthony.

**Important! All envelope users are asked to enter their names, surnames and the enclosed amount. Thank you very much.**

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

Upcoming events:

- Calendars for 2025
- Christmas Eve "Oplatek"
- Sale of Pierogies – **December 15**, The Youth Group
- Sale of Baked Goods – **December 22**, Friends of the Oblate Missions
- Christmas Lawn Signs – Knights of Columbus

## CIASTA ŚWIĄTECZNE

The Friends of the Oblate Missions invite all members and parishioners to bake cakes and other sweets to be sold on **Sunday, December 22**.

**God bless you for your support.**

## CHRISTMAS HELP FOR MADAGASCAR

Friends of the Oblate Missions invite you to participate in the Advent campaign to help those in need in Madagascar. A donation of \$10, \$15 or \$30 will help the poorest survive the months of drought and give joy to children from the received Christmas gifts.

## ADVENT DAWN MASS 2024

**Adults:** Monday Dec 16th to Wednesday, **Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Little Lauds of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 6:40 am. The "Rorate" Mass at 7:00 am.

### COMING SOON...

**December 19-22** – Advent retreat

**December 29, after the 12:30 Mass** – Christmas Carols Concert

### MEETINGS

- **St. Eugene's Young Adults (SEYA; ages 19-35)** - Mondays at 8:00 pm.
- **The youth group (ages 14-19)** – Fridays at 8:00 p.m. St Wojciech Room
- **Scouts** – Tuesdays from 6 to 8 pm.
- **“Catholic Moms”** – January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, St. Faustyna's room. More information at [www.CatholicMomsGroup.com](http://www.CatholicMomsGroup.com)

### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Donations for the purchase of flowers can be made to the box in the church narthex.

### OUR LADY OF LUDZMIERZ HOUSE

We would like to inform you that the keys to the house of Our Lady of Ludźmierz have recently been changed.

### WHEELCHAIRS

If you'd like a wheelchair, please contact the parish office at 905-451-1422.

### WINTER JACKETS FOR CHILDREN

The Knights of Columbus distributes winter jackets to children ages five and older. For more information, please get in touch with Tomasz Gronau at 647-406-5938.



### Parish Christmas Dinner “Oplatek”

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 1:45 pm**  
**Millennium Garden Banquet Centre**

*We invite the whole community to our annual “Christmas Oplatek”.  
The program includes prayer, lunch, carolling and artistic performances.*

Tickets will be available for purchase at the back of the church, starting  
**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**, and during the week in the parish office.

**\*\*Please note: The number of tickets is limited\*\***

### MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED BY OBLATES

We accept the intention of having masses celebrated by missionaries in various countries worldwide. This is one way of supporting the Missionary Oblates in their ministry. Those interested should contact the parish office.

### PILGRIMAGES TO...

**Medjugorje** with the Warriors of Mary, **April 21 – 30, 2025.**

Please contact Marzena at 647-284-1631 or Małgorzata at 416-859-8469.

**American Częstochowa with the Rosary Society, May 9-11, 2025.**

Please contact Halina Polowczyk at 905-216-2762

### COFFEE AND DONUTS

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** – Kropeczki

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** – The Missionary Group

**December 29<sup>th</sup>** – The Rosary Society

### CHURCH CLEANING

**On Wednesday, December 18 and Monday, December 20, 2024, we invite everyone willing to help prepare our church for the birth of Our Lord Jesus.**

Volunteers are asked to contact Aleksandra Kaszkur at 647-830-8364.

### OUR THANKS AND GRATITUDE

We would like to thank those who have recently worked at our parish:

**Church** – S. Kolanowski, T. Kopacz, E. Klepacki

**Church Cleaning** – Families: Kaszkur, Thompson– Stokoe, Kus and B. Sarkowicz, B. Lasota, M. Żbikowska, L. Kulawiak, B. Szmudrowska, F. Szapiel, P. Krsek, M. Matkowski, T. Kowanski, K. Piątek, U. Michalczuk, A. Dusza, The Rosary Society

**Businesses** – EuroMax Foods and Price Chop Cleaners- thank you for your continuing help in supporting our parish.

### THE CURRENT COST OF MAINTAINING THE PARISH

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| “Letter of Credit” Closing Cost           | - \$62,000.00           |
| <del>Snow Removal from the property</del> | <del>-\$18,000.00</del> |
| Cost of Insurance                         | - \$28,000.00           |
| Cost of Electricity                       | - \$62,000.00           |
| Total                                     | \$170,000.00            |

**\*\*To date, \$18,275.00 was collected, representing 10.75% of the required amount. \*\***

### THE SECOND COLLECTION

**Today**, the second collection will be gathered to cover the current expenses of maintaining the parish. **May God reward your generosity!**

### OFFERINGS

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| Parish .....        | \$ 12,515.00 |
| Catholic media..... | \$ 4,094.00  |

**May God reward your generosity!**

### MASS INTENTIONS AND DEVOTIONS

#### **SATURDAY, December 14** – *St. John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church*

7:00 – Rorate Mass

8:30 – † Weronika and Boleslaw Warczak – *son with family*

17:00 – † Grazyna Zajac – *husband and children with families*

18:30 – † Parents Maria and Franciszek Kaniak and all the departed from the Kaniak Family - *family*

#### **SUNDAY, December 15** – *The Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 – For all parishioners and benefactors

9:15 – *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in English*

9:30 – † Alen Cotton on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of death - *wife with children*

11:00 – † Jolanta Jaroszewska - *godmother*

12:15 – *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in Polish*

12:30 – † Maria Kopacz - *husband*

18:00 – † Tadeusz Kowalczyk on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of death – *daughter with family*

#### **MONDAY, December 16**

7:00 – For God's Blessings and good health for Andrzej

8:30 – † Marianna Jan on the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of death – *niece with family*

19:00 – † Oktawian and Edyta Popowicz – *daughter*

#### **TUESDAY, December 17**

7:00 – † Elzbieta Derol

8:30 – 1) † Zbigniew Osipiuk on the anniversary of death – *family*

2) † Pierre Marchildon – *Jacek Morawa*

19:00 – *No Evening Mass*

#### **WEDNESDAY, December 18**

7:00 – † Małgorzata Mazurek

8:30 – † Barbara Wojs – *residents of Villa Polonia*

19:00 – *No Evening Mass*

#### **THURSDAY, December 19**

8:30 – † Marian Szatan – *residents of Villa Polonia*

19:00 – For God's Blessings for the Slawinski Family

#### **FRIDAY, December 20**

8:30 – † Boleslaw Nagorski – *wife with family*

19:00 – 1. † Krystyna Siemiginowska – *sister with family*

– 2. † Danuta Hajdamowicz

#### **SATURDAY, December 21**

8:30 – † Zenon and Kazimiera Boreczek – *son Jarek with wife*

17:00 – † Waclaw Koziol on the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of death – *son*

18:30 – † Zenona and Marcel Szulc - *family*

#### **SUNDAY, December 22** – *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 – † Ireneusz and Teodora Urbanski – *son with family*

9:15 – *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in English*

9:30 – For all parishioners and benefactors

11:00 – † Kazimiera and Kazimierz Pakulski

12:15 – *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in Polish*

12:30 – For God's Blessings for Aneta on her Birthday – *parents*

18:00 – † For all the departed from the Jaworski and Kaminski Families

### **NEXT SUNDAY** – *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**First Reading:** *Mi. 5.1-4a*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *80.2-3,15-16,18-19*

**Second Reading:** *Heb. 10.5-10*

**Gospel:** *Lk. 1.39-45*