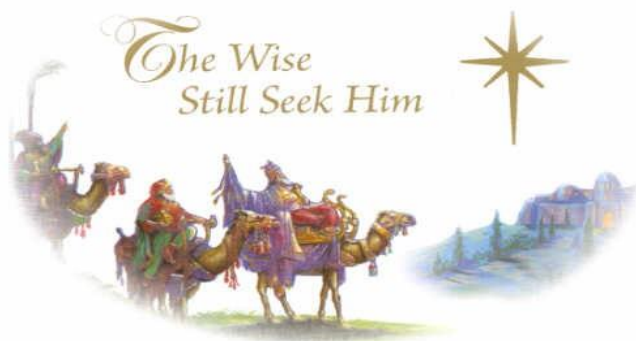


FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *“Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.”*



Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a

sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturne at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.



**TRADITIONAL DOOR
INSCRIPTION CEREMONY OF
THE SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY**

Gold and frankincense was blessed on the Feast of the Epiphany in the 15th/16th centuries. Blessing of chalk was first introduced in the 18th century. This beautiful tradition is carried out in many countries, as

well as Poland. Following Mass, a small piece of blessed chalk may be taken home. The Blessed Chalk is used to inscribe the first letters of the names of the Magi and the current year on the front door of Catholic homes.

K+M+B = 2024

Or

C + M + B = 2024 (first letters of blessing in Latin – Christus mansionem benedicat – Christ bless this house) and the following is said with family and friends gathered at the front door:

Leader: And the Word was made Flesh.

All: And dwelt among us.

Leader: May Christ dwell in our midst.

All: Amen.

Christmas carols may be sung to conclude the ceremony

On Sunday January 14th, 2024 our community will welcome Fr. Krzysztof Koslik, OMI from Madagascar.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

“Take the road less travelled” – take the first step to building an intimate relationship with Jesus... Come and spend time with our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament Reserved in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. We ask all those who have not yet signed up for an hour with our Lord who is Love by calling Beata Konieczna at: (905) 878-7407 or (647) 403-7407.

OBLATE RETREAT

From January 8th – 12th the Oblates will be away on their annual Retreat. There will be no morning or evening Masses for the entire week.



**Parish Convivial Gathering
“Oplatek”**

Sunday January 14 2024 at 1:45

Millennium Garden Banquet Centre

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

Tickets will be available for purchase starting

CONCERT OF POLISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Today January 7, 2024 at 2:00pm. the "Quo Vadis" choir and the "Camerata" chamber ensemble - conducted by Mariusz Michalak invite you to a concert of Polish Christmas Carols Christmas Carols. The collection taken during the concert will be used for the needs of the choir and ensemble.

FATIMA DEVOTION



On Thursday, January 13, after the Holy Mass at 18:30 we invite you to the Fatima devotion. Intentions can be submitted in person or by phone and online to the parish office.

CARNIVAL BALL

Canadian Polish Congress cordially invites you to the Carnival Ball, on Saturday, 20.01.2024 in JPPII Polish Cultural Centre. Proceeds will help with organizing May 3rd Parade. Delicious Dinner with wine prepared by Jan Gromada, lottery and dancing with great band 'IMPULS'. Tickets \$75, Janusz 647-559-1738 also in JPPII Centre. Please join us & tell your friends as well !

OFFERATORY ENVELOPES FOR CURRENT & NEW USERS FOR 2024

Are displayed in the parish hall in alphabetical order according to the family name. All users of the envelopes are asked to write their name, last name and address on the first "beginning offertory" envelope in order to match the envelope number with the family name signed on it

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

All parishioners who recently moved are asked to provide the parish office with their current address. Also those who joined our community by attending the Sunday Liturgy are asked to fill out the registration form, as our Parish is an ethnic not territorial Parish and only those registered will be under our jurisdiction.

MISSION AND GREGORIAN MASS INTENTIONS

Gregorian Mass – January

- † Aniela Oczuś – daughter
- † Władysław Tarka – friends

Mission Intentions

- † Barbara Nadolny (x3)
- † Maria Bartosz (x3)
- † Julia i Leopold Gwoździwicz (x3)
- For Souls in Purgatory (x3)

Parish Statistics - for 2023



Baptisms – 74



First Communion – 46



Confirmation – 24



Marriages – 40



Funerals – 55

Families registered in 2023 – 96

Total number of registered families – 4488

PASTORAL VISITATION - "KOLEDĄ"

Kolęda, or the traditional Christmas pastoral visits already begun. Families wishing to participate please call the Parish Office at: 905-451-1422.

OUR THANKS AND GRATITUDE

Garden – Palczewski Family, J. Grochowski

Church – T. Kopacz, R. Polowczyk, A. Skalski, E. Paniak

Church Cleaning – Families: Kaszkur, Kulawiak, Gronau, Ogonowski and: B. Sarkowicz, B.Lasota, M. Żbikowska, M. Sikora, P. Krsek, T. Kowanski, P. Surudo of the Living Rosary

OFFERINGS

Parish upkeep.....	\$11,903.00
New Year.....	\$8,171.00
Initial Offering.....	\$1,360.00
Loan Repayment.....	\$15,495.00

NEXT SUNDAY– January 14 The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading : 1Sm. 3.3b – 10, 19

Responsorial Psalm: 40.1 +3a,6,7 – 8, 9

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 6. 13c – 15a, 17 -20

Gospel: J 1. 35 - 42

MASS INTENTIONS AND DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, January 6

8:30 – For all members of the Rosary Society

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

17:00 – † Maria Bochinska – *husband with family*

18:30 – † Eileen White - *family*

SUNDAY, January 7 – the Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 – For all those entered into the perpetual Mass book

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

9:30 – In thanksgiving for graces received and asking for further blessings

11:00 – † Jozef Tobiasz - *daughter*

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

12:30 – For all parishioners and benefactors

18:00 - For God's blessings and necessary graces for children and Grandchildren – *mom and babcia*

MONDAY, January 8

8:30 – NO MASS

19:00 - NO MASS

TUESDAY, January 9

8:30 – NO MASS

19:00 - NO MASS

Devotion to St. Jude

WEDNESDAY, January 10

8:30 – NO MASS

19:00 - NO MASS

THURSDAY, January 11

8:30 – NO MASS

19:00 - NO MASS

FRIDAY, January 12

8:30 – NO MASS

19:00 – † Bronislaw Misiukiewicz – *daughter with family*

SATURDAY, January 13

8:30 – For all the deceased members of the Rybicki and Kazmierczak family

17:00 – 1. † Leon Szachnowicz - *daughter*

2. For God's blessings and health for Halina and Jan Grochowski

18:30 – For all parishioners and benefactors

– **Fatima Devotion**

SUNDAY, January 14 – Baptism of the Lord

8:00 – For healing for Franciszek – *wife and children*

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

9:30 – † Stanislaw Gasienica – Tomkow – *son with family*

11:00 – For God's blessings for Tomasz on his birthday and nameday – *parents*

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

12:30 – † Marek Kotapka and Jadwiga Palczewska

18:00 - † Maria and Zygmunt Konieczny - *family*