



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*”

It is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. With our concrete everyday behavior in this life, we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem because He is the measure God has given humanity. Through the Gospel, John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard, clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day, and even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflect materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life, which is Christ.



“Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. And all people will see God’s salvation.” Lk 3.4-6



TIME WITH THE IMMACULATE

On Sunday December 8th, after the 12:30 Mass, we invite you to the “Time with the Immaculate.”

13:30 - Conference – Fr. Marcin Mironiuk, OMI

13:45 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and adoration

14:30 –Pot-Luck gathering at Our Lady of Ludźmierz House.

On this occasion, we wish:

*Our Pastor, Fr. Wojciech Kurzydło, OMI,
Fr. Marcin Mironiuk, OMI, and
Fr. Mieczysław Burdzy, OMI*

*all the best, good health, God’s blessings, gifts of
the Holy Spirit and the protection of Mary
Immaculate every day of their lives.*



ATTENTION!

Our Parish office will be closed on Monday, the 9th of December, for the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception.

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 10 – Our Lady of Ludźmierz II, 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.

ADVENT RETREAT AND RECONCILIATION

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

The Advent Reconciliation Service (confession)

with the participation of many priests, will take place as follows:

Tuesday, Dec 17 at 7 pm	St Eugene de Mazenod Parish
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

Please note that this will be the last opportunity before Christmas.

ADVENT DAWN MASS 2024

Adults: Monday to Saturday: Lauds at 6:40 am. The “Rorate” Mass at 7:00 am.

Children: Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 pm

During our advent retreat, there will be no “Rorate” Masses (Dec 19, 20)

BLESSING OF “OPLATEK”, CANDLES AND CHRISTMAS EVE DECORATIONS

On **Sunday, December 15**, after each Holy Mass., there will be a blessing of “Oplatek”, candles and Christmas Eve table decorations.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Upcoming events:

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

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 29th during 12:30 pm Mass**. Those wishing to participate are asked to visit the Parish Office or the Sacristy.



AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE WORD OF GOD

On **Saturday, December 7th, 2024, from 3:00 pm. to 5:00 pm.**, youth from our parish are invited to an Encounter with the Word of God in the spirit of Lectio Divina. The meeting will be held in the St. Anthony room. For more information, please contact Sister Anna.

COMING SOON...

December 19-22 – Advent retreat

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

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.

REGISTRATION TO THE PARISH / CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please inform the parish office if you have recently changed your address. We encourage those who joined our community to **sign up formally** (after notifying the current parish about the change). Registration and address change forms are available at www.demazenod.org and the parish office. The filled-out forms can be folded in the office or put in the basket during the collection.

ENVELOPES FOR 2025

If you have never taken advantage of using offertory envelopes for donations and would like to receive a set for the upcoming year, please place your name and information on the list provided on the table in the church narthex. **Envelopes for 2025 will be available starting December 8, 2024**, in the hall of St. Anthony.

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 21st, 2025, St. Faustyna’s room. More information at www.CatholicMomsGroup.com
- **Advent Retreat for Children grades 2 to 7** – December 14th from 1 to 4 pm at Our Lady of Ludźmierz House. For more information, please contact Sister Anna.

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 need 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 Convivial Gathering "Oplatek"

Sunday, January 5th, 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 1st, 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.

November / December Gregorian Mass

- † Cezary Siemieradzki
- † Ryszard Belz – Sister with Family

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 8th – The Rosary Society

December 15th – Children's choir "Kropeczki"

December 22nd – The Missionary Group

December 29th – The Rosary Society

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday, December 12th, 2024 – The Rosary Society (groups 15, 16, 19, 20)

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:

Garden – Palczewski Family, J. Grochowski

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

Church Cleaning – Families: Kaszkur, Thompson– Stokoe, and B. Sarkowicz, B. Lasota, M. Żbikowska, M. Sikora, U. Michalczyk, B. Pierzchlewska, P. Krsek, A. Dusza, Knights of Columbus

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

We would like to thank the Polish Credit Union and St. Casimir's Parish
for sponsoring the gifts for children for the St. Nicholas celebration.

THE CURRENT COST OF MAINTAINING THE PARISH

"Letter of Credit" Closing Cost	- \$62,000.00
Snow Removal from the property	\$18,000.00
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 taken for the Catholic media.

Next week, the second collection will be taken for the current expenses of maintaining the parish.

OFFERINGS

Normal day to day maintaining of Parish.....	\$ 12,146.00
Urgent expenses the parish	\$ 7,870.00

Thank you for your generous donations. May God reward your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS AND DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, December 7 – St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church

7:00 – For God's Blessings for Barbara Szymandera in celebration of her name day

8:30 – For all members of the Rosary Society

- Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

17:00 – † Karolina Przybylo – daughter with family

18:30 – For all parishioners and benefactors

SUNDAY, December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 – † Barbara Wieczorek – Jacek Morawa

9:15 – Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in English

9:30 – † For all the departed from the Stec and Goryszewki Families– Halina with family

11:00 – † Stanisława and Eugeniusz Skwiot and all the departed from the
Trzaska and Skwiot Families – daughter Cecylia with family

12:15 – Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in Polish

12:30 – 1 - For the intention of the Missionary Oblate Fathers on their patronal day

feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 - † Antoni Grzymka and Helena, Stanislaw and Zygmunt Gierczak - family

18:00 – † Zofia and Zygmunt Podgorski – daughter with family

MONDAY, December 9 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 – For God's blessings and good health for Tadeusz

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

19:00 – † Władysława Maciukiewicz on the 40th anniversary of death – daughter-in-law

TUESDAY, December 10

7:00 – For God's Blessings for children

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

19:00 – † For all the departed from the Janiczak and Ziemienczyk Family –
husband and daughter

Devotion to St. Jude Thaddeus

WEDNESDAY, December 11 - St. Damasus I, Pope

7:00 – Rorate Mass

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

19:00 – Devotion to Our Lady of Ludźmierz

– GROUP INTENTIONS

THURSDAY, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 – For all the departed from the family

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

19:00 – † Rozalia Chwastek

FRIDAY, December 13 – St. Lucy

7:00 – For God's Blessings for Jan

8:30 – † Helena Kopka and † Teresa Klosowska – Ania

19:00 – † Andrzej Merc – brother-in-law with family

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 1st 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 20th anniversary of death – daughter with family

NEXT SUNDAY – The Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zep 3.14-18a

Responsorial Psalm: 12.2-6

Second Reading: Phil 4.4-7

Gospel: Lk. 3,10-18