



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Responsorial Psalm: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."



The term "Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Several key events in Christ's early life, including His birth, the visit of the Magi, His baptism, and His first miracle, are celebrated as "epiphanies." The Magi, who come from the East following a celestial sign, visit Bethlehem just before the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Although we often assume there were three based on their gifts, the Gospel does not specify their number. They symbolize the Gentiles' search for a Savior and, by extension, our own search for Jesus. The gifts they bring foreshadow His role in salvation: gold represents His kingship, frankincense symbolizes His divinity, and myrrh anticipates His death, as it was used for embalming the deceased.

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Traditional Door Marking and Accompanying Prayer

The Epiphany is one of the oldest holidays in Christianity, with origins dating back to the third century. Since the 15th and 16th centuries, churches have blessed **incense and chalk on this day**.

We mark our doors with chalk to signify that we have welcomed the Incarnate Son of God into our homes. The letters "**K+M+B**" can be written on the door to denote the names of the Magi, or "**C+M+B**" which stands for the Latin phrase "**Christus mansionem benedicat,**" meaning "May Christ bless this dwelling." It is customary also to include the current year.

The accompanying prayer further explains the significance of this rite:

"We beg You, Lord, visit this house and drive away from it all the snares of the enemies. May Your holy Angels dwell in it and guard us in peace, and may Your blessing always accompany us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. May the Almighty and Merciful God, the Father+, the Son of God+, and the Holy Spirit+ bless us and protect us."

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Through the sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed into the Church

Grayson James Rokicki – December 28, 2024

Antoni Romanczuk – December 29, 2024

Franciszek Maciej Nowak – January 5, 2025

We wish the parents and godparents of the newly baptized, God's blessing and protection of Our Lady of Ludźmierz for every day.



DEATH NOTICE

Last week, we entrusted to God's mercy:

† Stanislaw Matusiak (77)

† Janina Wisniewski (69)

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

CHRISTMAS PASTORAL VISIT



Arrange for the priestly pastoral visit at the office
tel. 905-451-1422 or directly with a particular priest..

HOLY ROSARY



We invite all parishioners to pray the Holy Rosary on **weekdays from Monday to Friday at 6:15 p.m.** This week, the Holy Rosary Society, Praying Group 14—**St. John Paul II** will lead the Rosary.

POPE'S MISSIONARY INTENTIONS – January

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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. Please call Beata Konieczna at (647) 403-7407 for more information.

EXCHANGE OF HOLY ROSARY MYSTERIES

Saturday, Jan 11th, after the 6:30 pm Mass – English-speaking groups

Sunday, Jan 12th, after the 8:00 and 11:00 am Mass – Polish-speaking groups

AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE WORD OF GOD

in the spirit of Lectio Divina

On Saturday, January 11, 2025, 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.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS

A Group of Catholic Moms is being established at our parish. First information meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., St. Faustyna Meeting Room. Prayer, Community, Sharing. We invite all interested mothers! More information: www.CatholicMomsGroup.com

CHRISTMAS CAROLS CONCERT

Polish Highlanders invite all for Polish Christmas Carols concert on Sunday January 12, after the 12:30 Mass

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. Parish Council Meets on Thursday, January the 9th at 7:00 pm.

DONATION ENVELOPES FOR 2025

Envelopes for 2025 are available by the elevator next to the hall of St. Anthony.

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

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.

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.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

- January 5th – The Youth Group
- January 12th – The Rosary Society
- January 19th – The Missionary Group
- January 26th – The Rosary Society

CHURCH CLEANING

On Friday, January 10th – The Guards of St. Eugene de Mazenod
Volunteers are asked to contact Aleksandra Kaszukur 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: Kaszukur, Thompson– Stokoe, Kuś, Podleszanski, Zajac and: B. Sarkowicz, M. Żbikowska, R Jasek, A. Dusza, U. Michalczuk, P. Krsek, Olavo, the Rosary Society

Christmas 2024 decorations – Sister Anna Paluch MChR, J. Kaszukur, T. Kopacz, E. Snarski, W. Płomiński, A. Skalski, I. Sagan, P. Krsek, W. Zdziebłowski, B. T. Grabowski, L. Pelszyńska, E. Krzywiecki,


Preparation of chalk and incense – Klaudia Kowanski


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


Parish Statistics - for 2024

 Baptisms – 50 (in 2023 – 74)

 First Communion – 46 (in 2023 – 46)

 Confirmation – 26 (in 2023 – 24)

 Marriages – 48 (in 2023 – 40)

 Funerals – 61 (in 2023 – 55)

Families registered in 2024 – 101 (in 2023 – 96)

Total number of registered families – 4,585

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, \$25,420.00 was collected, representing 15% of the required amount. **

THE SECOND COLLECTION

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

May God reward your generosity!

OFFERINGS

Parish	\$13,331.00
Repayment of the Loan.....	\$20, 210.00

May God reward your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS AND DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, January 4

- 8:30 – For all members of the Rosary Society
- *Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary*
- 17:00 – For God's Blessings and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Aneta and Dariusz Nowakowicz and Mahali Puvi
- 18:30 – † Eillen White - *family*

SUNDAY, January 5 – The Solemnity of 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 – For all parishioners and benefactors
- 11:00 – † Krystyna and Wladyslaw Trzcinski and their parents
- 12:15 – *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in Polish*
- 12:30 – 1. For God's Blessings and the light of the Holy Spirit for Fr. Mieczyslaw Burdzy, OMI, on his Birthday
2. For God's Blessings and good health for Beata and Jozef Wilk
- 18:00 – † Zofia Galinska on her 16th anniversary of death

MONDAY, January 6

- 8:00 – † Janina Szpargala – *children with family*
- 19:00 – For God's Blessings and protection of Our Lady of Ludzmiierz for Patryk and Jakub on their Birthdays

TUESDAY, January 7

- 8:30 – † Stanisława and Henryk Kania – *sister with family*
- 19:00 – For God's blessings for Fr. Mieczyslaw on his 55th birthday
Devotion to the Holy Family

WEDNESDAY, January 8

- 8:30 – For the Souls in Purgatory
- 18:00 – Devotion to Our Lady of Ludzmiierz
– **Mass with Group Intentions**

THURSDAY, January 9

- 8:00 – † Kazimierz Burczak on the 2nd anniversary of death – *daughter with family*
- 19:00 – † Krystyna and Kazimierz Salitra - *Maria*

FRIDAY, January 10

- 8:30 – † Ryszard Belz – *the residents of Villa Polonia*
- 19:00 – For God's Blessings for Ewa Lasota on her 30th birthday - *parents*

SATURDAY, January 11

- 8:30 – † Stanisława and Stefan Garela – *daughter with family*
- 17:00 – † Bronislaw Miszukiewicz – *daughter with family*
- 18:30 – † Stanislaw Gasienica – Tomkow – *son with family*

SUNDAY, January 12 –

- 8:00 – For all parishioners and benefactors
- 9:15 – *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in English*
- 9:30 – For God's blessings for Minika and Wiktoria - *parents*
- 11:00 – † Slawomir Jasitczak on the 3rd anniversary of death – *wife with family*
- 12:15 – *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in Polish*
- 12:30 – For God's Blessings and protection of Our Lady of Ludzmiierz for Andrzej and Malgorzata Buczakowski on their wedding anniversary
- 18:00 – † Dominika Koziol on the 17th anniversary of death

NEXT SUNDAY – The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: *Is. 42, 1-4, 6-7*

Responsorial Psalm: *29.1-2,3ac-4,3b-9c,10*

Second Reading: *Act 10.34 - 38*

Gospel: *Lk. 3.15-16, 21-22*