



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 3, 2023

## 1st Sunday of Advent

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Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.

First reading: Isaiah 63:16-17,19 – 64:2-7

Psalm: 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Intention: For all parishioners living and deceased.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63)
- Coffee Hour
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, pg. 15)

### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. I wait with longing for the Lord, my soul waits for His word. My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak.

**R. Good is the Lord to one who waits for Him, to the soul that seeks Him. It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.**

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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## Today's Music

- Entrance: R168, Come Thou Long Expected Jesus.
- Sacrament of the Word: R166, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.
- Offertory: B15, From Heaven A Voice.
- Communion: My Soul In Stillness Waits (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B19, Hail, O Blessed Mary.
- Recessional: R169, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Welcome to Advent.** The new Church year begins today. We enter the Sunday B cycle of readings and Weekday readings for Year II.
- **YMSofR Clothing Drive.** Please help. Count your own items, donate them where you wish, and turn in the count sheets.
- **Doing Good - Make Christmas Brighter for Local Children:** One of our CarePortal families has asked us to help them with providing Christmas gifts. Please donate whatever amount you can and the parish will provide the money to the family. We will pass the basket a second time today after communion. Thank you for your generosity!
- **Christmas Vigil Raffle:** Time is growing really short for our Christmas Vigil Raffle. Each ticket is \$50. If all tickets are sold, the winner will receive a Grand Prize of \$2,500. See Joe Kaczyński to get your tickets.
- **Anticipating:** Our Organ Blessing is today at 4pm followed by a charity concert for the benefit of Blessed Virgin Mary's fire fund. A reception will follow.
- **Pet Pictures with St. Nicholas.** Thank you to all who brought their pets and donated to our local animal shelter.

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

--- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* ---

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

Welcome as we begin a new Church year and enter the shortest Advent season in a while.

Advent, a season of expectation and anticipation can last from 22- and 28-days and this is a 22-day one.

I suppose that for a people who are to live in expectation and anticipation a much shorter time to wait is kind of nice. We only have to hear 'are we there yet' for 22-days.

A compressed schedule may be experienced in a few different ways. Some might spend the time valuing each day of expectation more deeply. Some might choose to rush through it, not paying too much attention. Some might choose to live frustrated,

focused solely on getting 'there.'

Of course, the Church is solidly recommending that we value each day of expectation more deeply for there are not too many of them.

That recommendation comes from thousands upon thousands of years of experience from the Old Testament period through today. The Holy Spirit guides us in doing what is right and in the end, what is best for us.

The other approaches each diminish our experience of God and thus our lives. Not paying attention, rushing, being frustrated, let's just get there approaches take our eyes off God and fill us with such unease that we draw into ourselves becoming blind to the very gifts being offered to us.

Jesus enjoins us to be alert, to stay awake and to watch. To be busy about our work for Him.

That command is not about arriving at the goal. Jesus will take care of that, but about our growth as a people confident and trusting in God. That type of attitude leads us to grow into the image of God, to act (it is not about sitting around) by living Jesus' way most fully, and to deal with those things in us that must change – our very inability to be patient with God's timeline.

Much of the history of the Old Testament is about waiting and becoming; lessons learned, repentance undertaken, and to be prepared for the Messiah. Speaking of waiting, the time between the last prophet and Jesus was about 500 years of silent waiting, yet each moment had value for growth.

As St. Paul tells us, we have been enriched in the knowledge of Christ so that this time may be a grace filled, focused on what we have learned, and engaged in the work that helps us be ready for welcoming Him again.

## Memory Verse

*Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.*

**Romans 13:11**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 62:5  
MONDAY: Matthew 24:44  
TUESDAY: Matthew 24:42  
WEDNESDAY: Matthew 24:13  
THURSDAY: Philippians 4:6  
FRIDAY: 2 Peter 3:8  
SATURDAY: Psalm 5:3

### Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Thank You for this time of anticipation and expectation. Help me to be awake and engaged in the work You have asked me to do.  
Amen.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Charles Hobbib, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Brian Rohan, and all in need of God's healing.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we remember and pray for the work of the Savonarola Theological Seminary and all its instructors.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

## Upcoming

- **December 3: 1st Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon with Blessing of the Advent Wreath and Oplatek/Christmas Wafers. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Organ Blessing and Charity Concert at 4pm.**
- **December 5: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague (in Polish) follows.**
- **December 6: Commemoration – St. Nicholas. Fr. Jim's 9th Anniversary of Ordination. Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.**
- **December 7: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 8: Solemnity – Conception of the BVM. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 9: Women's Group at 10am.**
- **December 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Vigil / Wigilia Dinner Follows. Lector: Larry Panfil.**