



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 10, 2023

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

### II Niedziela Adwentu

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

First reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Psalm: 85:9-14

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Intention: For all parishioners living and deceased.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63) followed by Exposition and Benediction for special intentions.
- Parish Vigil / Wigilia Dinner.

### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

**R. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.**

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: B27, Comfort, Comfort Ye My People.
- Communion: Like A Shepherd (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B15, From Heaven A Voice.
- Exposition and Benediction: B147-150.
- Recessional: R169, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **YMSofR Clothing Drive.** Please help. Count your own items, donate them where you wish, and turn in the count sheets.
- **THANK YOU!!!!:** Thank you to all who donated to support the children we adopted for Christmas. You will certainly make their days brighter. Thank you to all who turned out for our organ blessing, charity concert, and reception. It is deeply appreciated. Thank you for your generosity! Thank you to all who prepared for, cooked for, set-up, obtained the fish, and will join in today for our Vigil / Wigilia Dinner. It is always a wonderful event for us as a family of faith.
- **Christmas Vigil Raffle:** Time is growing really short – in fact it ends today, but you can still get a ticket for our Christmas Vigil Raffle. Each ticket is \$50. See Joe Kaczyński to get your tickets.
- **2023 Fiscal Year End: A reminder that** the parish books will close on Sunday, December 31st. Any contributions/donations you want counted toward your 2023 tax statement must be in by December 31st. All dues for 2023 must also be paid-in-full by December 31st. We thank you for your continued giving and loving support!
- **Reminder:** The 4th Sunday of Advent is December 24th. We will have a normal Sunday morning schedule. The first Holy Mass for Christmas is the Shepherd's Mass / Pasterka at midnight followed by Holy Mass at 10am on the 25th.

**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." ---*

*John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*

Welcome as we enter the second week of our new Church year and this Advent.

Last week, Prime Bishop elaborated on Advent as a transitional time between a focus on the last things, being ready for Jesus' return at the end of time and our need for personal preparation right now so we may best welcome Jesus anew into our lives.

As St. Paul noted in our Epistle last week, we are prepared for this task of readiness by the enriching grace we have in our knowledge of Jesus. Paul reminded us that we have this time to focus on what we have learned about Jesus and the opportunity to put that knowledge into action.

This week calls us deeper into the active engagement we are to have as the people of Christ – Christians. Today, Peter sets the stage regarding the kind of people we are to be, a people: *conducting ourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God.*

Now it may occur to us – how do we hasten God along? Besides what we might think, it is the actual work we are to do in building the Kingdom of God so the saying Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus will come to fruition.

We build the Kingdom by this: taking action that contributes to the purposes of God here and now, in our community, among friends, family, and coworkers. Among the many Kingdom building actions we need to engage in are: Evangelism: bringing people into the kingdom;

Benevolence: showing the love of God to others through our charity and kindness; Having godly relationships that show the reality of the kingdom by example.; Encouraging love and good deeds; Building up knowledge of God by study, reading of scripture, and practice; Regular worship; Carrying out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy; and... Doing all in the Name of the Lord, being dedicated to Him.

The Oxford Dictionary tells us that fruition is the point at which a plan or project is realized and the action of producing fruit occurs. Indeed, Advent is about that. The Blessed Virgin carries within her the fruitfulness that will save us all. So too, like John we must go out and proclaim a fruitful message: Prepare yourselves, Christ is in our midst, and He waits for you. Join me in knowing Him.

## Memory Verse

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

**Galatians 5:22-23**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 15:16

MONDAY: John 15:8

TUESDAY: Philippians 1:6

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 3:8

THURSDAY: Romans 7:4

FRIDAY: Psalm 1:3

SATURDAY: John 15:4-5

## Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Tend me that I may be fruitful in hastening Your return. Grant me the grace of individual preparation and the work that shows You forth in all I 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 Sczepakowski, 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 Supreme Council of our Church.

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

## Upcoming

- **December 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Vigil / Wigilia Dinner Follows. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **December 11: No Holy Mass**
- **December 12: Solemnity – Our Lady of Guadalupe. Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague (in Polish) follows.**
- **December 13: Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.**
- **December 14: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 15: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon with Advent Penitential Service. Greening of the Church. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- **December 18: No Holy Mass.**
- **December 19: No Holy Mass.**
- **December 20: Holy Mass at Noon.**