



Reflection

Preparing the way for Jesus, John the Baptist proclaims the importance of changing minds and hearts. This conversion had to be more than superficial; it had to be deep, sincere and it had to bear fruit in action.

In today's Gospel, three different groups ask John the same question: "What should we do?" To each group, John gives a slightly different answer, showing that conversion is not a one-in-a-lifetime event but is life-long – something affirmed daily through the many small, concrete decisions we make. John's three responses are tailored to the specific situation of the inquirer: the crowd is encouraged to share food and clothing with their neighbours in need; tax collectors are admonished to collect no more from people than the prescribed amount; and soldiers are told to avoid extortion and to be satisfied with their allotted wages.

In Advent, we may find ourselves turning to Jesus himself, asking "What should we do? What should we do to welcome you into our hearts, our lives, our communities, our world?" Answering, Jesus *sees* each one of us and addresses us in the particular circumstances of our lives. Jesus invites us to really *see* the people around us, and to live and act differently because of whom and what we see.

Anne Walsh; St. John's, NL

Advent Retreat for Adults

This weekend we begin the Advent retreat (in Polish), preached by Fr. Piotr Wróblewski OMI, a Missionary from Ukraine. The theme of this year's retreat is "Cardinal Virtues."

Sunday, December 12
Retreat Homily during Mass at:
8 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

Monday, December 13
10 a.m. / 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 14
10 a.m. / 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15
10 a.m. / 7 p.m.



Fr. Piotr Wroblewski OMI was born in Skarżysko-Kamienna, Poland on January 15, 1984. His life of faith grew thanks to his family and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Ostra Brama in Skarżysko. After graduating

from high school in 2003, he entered the novitiate at Holy Cross. In 2008, he made his perpetual vows and on May 29, 2010, was ordained a priest in Odra, Poland.

Since his ordination, Fr. Piotr Wroblewski has been serving in Ukraine. The first mission he was sent to was the Youth Center of St. John Paul II in Tyrviv. Later, he also served in Poltava and Obukhov as the director of the postulate and in Slavutych near Chernobyl. Currently, Fr. Wroblewski is the pastor of a parish in Chernihiv.

Rorate Caeli for Children

Rorate Caeli and a mini retreat for children will take place **December 16 – 18** at 7 p.m.

Advent Vespers – Nieszpory
Each Sunday of Advent at **6:30 p.m.**

A Cup of Living Water for Missions

Continuing this Sunday, Oblate Youth are collecting donations for the construction of a well in Fr. Jan Kobzan's mission in Cameroon and other local missions. The youth have prepared small wells with a quotation from the Holy Scriptures for everyone who donates to this worthy cause. May this be a Christmas gift from us to our brothers and sisters in Cameroon, for whom the greatest gift will be clean drinking water in their village. On behalf of the youth and those who will benefit from your generosity, God bless you.

Kolbe ProLife Events

Today, Kolbe ProLife group is selling Polish donuts (pączki) in the parish hall (4 pre-packed donuts for \$5) and collecting Change for Life bottles. Thank you for supporting pro-life initiatives. **Also today, immediately after the Sunday 7 p.m. Mass, Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites one and all to take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation to Lord Jesus for sins against life and its dignity.**

Catechesis for Parents

Mandatory catechesis for parents of children preparing to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation will take place this **Sunday, December 12 at 3:30 p.m.** in the church (in English) and in the parish hall (in Polish).

Keep Christ in Christmas

On two consecutive **Sundays (December 12 and 19)**, Knights of Columbus will be selling lawn signs encouraging us to *Keep Christ in Christmas*.

Food Drive

Once again, **Knights of Columbus** are organizing an annual food drive in support of the Mississauga Food Bank and Good Shepherd Ministries. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off inside the entrance to the church. The following are in high demand: rice, pasta, coffee, and all kinds of canned goods (meat, soup, vegetables, fruits). **No expired food, please!** Food drive ends on December 19th.

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus will meet in the parish hall on **Tuesday, December 14** after the evening Mass.

Bible Contest for Youth

Just a reminder, that all those who have signed up to take part in the Bible Contest are to meet in the parish hall on **Thursday, December 16 at 5:50 p.m.** Please bring a pencil and an eraser.

Mass for Children and Youth

On Sundays, **children** are invited back for a special Mass at **1 p.m.** All **youth** are invited for the **7 p.m.** Mass with the Gospel and homily preached in English.

Christmas Wafers – Oplątki

Blessed Christmas Wafers are available in the hallway of the church. Each large pack contains 3 big wafers. Cost is \$2.00.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Alina Maria Piorczynski,
daughter of Diana & Alex

We welcome Alina to our Church community and congratulate her parents and Godparents.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

Katarzyna Olszewska,
daughter of Stanislaw & Tadeusz
& **Krzysztof Chrzan,**
son of Jadwiga & Edward

who are preparing for Holy Matrimony.

Confession

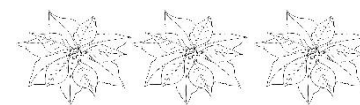
Sacrament of reconciliation is available 30 minutes before each Mass. Face masks are mandatory. **Please note that there will be no confession on December 24 – 26, 2021 and January 1 – 2, 2022.**

Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

We are in need of individuals or families who can commit to regular weekly adoration in the chapel. If you can devote one hour of your time each week, please contact the coordinator, Malgorzata, at (647) 888-7487. **Please wear a face mask while praying in the chapel!**

Offertory Envelopes for 2022

Offertory envelopes for 2022 can be picked up from the parish hall. They are arranged in alphabetical order. All those whose envelope number was higher than #2030 have been assigned a new number. Please do not use the new envelopes until January 2022.



Poinsettias for the Manger

If you would like to help us decorate the Christmas Manger, please consider donating white or red poinsettias of any size. Plants can be dropped off at the sacristy or at the parish office during work hours. Thank you kindly.

Youth Teams of Our Lady

Youth Teams of Our Lady (YTOL) is inviting all young adults 18-33 for a retreat from December 29 to January 2! For more details, please contact Natalia at (647) 517-2541 or ytolcanada@gmail.com

Our Church is Open

Our church is open for in-person celebrations. All Masses are held indoors.

- For sacramental celebrations, in Step 3, there is no capacity limit for places of worship. However, physical distancing of 2 metres is still required between parishioners attending Mass who are not from the same household.

- **Livestreaming** of services and dispensation from physical participation in the Sunday Eucharist continues. The elderly, those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions should be encouraged to exercise extreme caution about any outings, including attendance at church.

- **Funerals** take place from Monday to Friday in the morning.

- **Baptisms** take place outside of Mass, on Saturday mornings.

- **Meetings** in parish halls or other indoor spaces are permitted in Step 3. Attendance may not exceed 50% of meeting space capacity. Participants must be masked and physically distanced. In addition, a sign-in sheet for meetings should be provided for the purposes of contact tracking. Meals and food services at meetings is discouraged at this time.

- **Most up-to-date information** is always communicated at the end of Mass. Please listen carefully.

- When leaving a message on the parish answering machine, remember to include your name and phone number.

- **Local municipal by-laws remain in place – the use of face masks inside all public places is still in effect, even for those who are fully vaccinated.**

Group Mass Intentions

Please note that there will be no Group Mass Intentions on **December 15, and 22.**

Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of **December 18-19**, a representative of "Handicraft Holy Land Christians" will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land who graciously ask our support through conscious prayers. Representatives will also have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by families from Bethlehem. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

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– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, December 13th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Anna Mielnik
10⁰⁰ *Advent Retreat for Adults*
✚ Jozef Fludra
19⁰⁰ *Advent Retreat for Adults*
✚ Bronislaw & Stanislaw and members of the Markiewicz family
✚ Bronislaw Jastrzebski

TUESDAY, December 14th

8⁰⁰ ○ For gifts of the Holy Spirit for Agnieszka
10⁰⁰ *Advent Retreat for Adults*
○ For Mother Mary's protection and health for Helena
19⁰⁰ *Advent Retreat for Adults*
✚ Members of the Sajewski & Abramczuk families
✚ Marian Ilnicki

WEDNESDAY, December 15th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Janina & Jozef Ogorek
10⁰⁰ *Advent Retreat for Adults*
✚ Genowefa Bialek
19⁰⁰ *Advent Retreat for Adults*
✚ Stanislaw Balinski

THURSDAY, December 16th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Julia Mazepa (1st anniv.)
19⁰⁰ *Advent Retreat for Children*
✚ Edward Kulina (anniv.)
✚ Zygmunt Trzeciakowski

FRIDAY, December 17th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Natalia, Michal, Adam Dec
19⁰⁰ *Advent Retreat for Children*
✚ Maria & Piotr Bialoszewski
○ For God's blessing and health for the Lipiec family

SATURDAY, December 18th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Tadeusz Kuta (anniv.)
17⁰⁰ ✚ Tadeusz & Stanislaw Gawron
19⁰⁰ *Advent Retreat for Children*
✚ Stanislaw Beben and Wladyslawa, Stanislaw, Andrzej, Krzysztof Lipiec

SUNDAY, December 19th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Jan and Pawel Poleszuk
9³⁰ ○ For God's blessing for children: Piotr, Anna, Jessika, Olivia
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✚ Otolia & Henryk Bartosiewicz and Jozef, Maria, Stanislaw Koziel
14³⁰ ✚ Parents Bronislaw & Sergiusz and Antoni
18³⁰ *Advent Vespers*
19⁰⁰ *Advent Retreat for Youth*
✚ Tadeusz Antonik (5th anniv.)

First Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a

Responsorial Psalm:

*Shout aloud and sing for joy:
great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

Second Reading: Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel: Luke 3.10-18

Rosary intention for December

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.