



Reflection

We can easily get caught up in the events of life. These moments may be as mundane as driving children to activities, or as serious as a health crisis or marital problems. These matters can cut us off from the presence of God in our lives.

In today's readings, Isaiah, Paul, and Matthew urge us to pay attention to the present moment and to be aware of the presence of God in our lives. When we pay attention to our experiences in the present moment, we can start to see God's hand in everything. An awareness of God's presence will change the way we see ourselves and how we relate to the world around us. Our situation may not change, but our ability to move through the situation will change. Aware of God's presence in our lives, we will live in a way that is different from the world around us, as Isaiah, Paul, and Matthew teach in the readings.

As we celebrate the Eucharist today, let us pray for the grace to turn our thoughts constantly towards God. Whether in mundane moments such as sitting in traffic, or at more critical times of stress and crisis, every moment is an opportunity to connect with God and change our attitude, values, and actions.

Anthony Chezzi; Sudbury, ON

First Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5

Responsorial Psalm:

*Let us go rejoicing
to the house of the Lord.*

Second Reading: Roman 13.11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44

Second Collection

Today – Building Fund
Thank you for your support.

Parish Calendar 2023

~ available at \$5 each ~

– THIS WEEKEND –

This weekend the Church begins the season of Advent. It is symbolized by a wreath with four candles – one for each Sunday of Advent. A candle is a symbol of light, it is a beacon of hope for our salvation made visible in Jesus, the little child of Bethlehem. As we await His birth, each Sunday of Advent we light one more candle on our wreath.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, the following children will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate their parents and Godparents.

Ian Pukailo,
son of Anna and Marian

Izabela Chabko,
daughter of Anita and Tomasz

Coffee and Donuts

This Sunday, coffee and donuts will be served by Polonia Brass Band. 🎺

Congratulations

Thank you to all children who took part in an art contest and congratulations to the winners. Children worked very hard on their art and through this project got to know the patron of our parish. Please take a look at all the beautiful art displayed in the church hallway.



World Youth Day

Mandatory meeting for all young people traveling to Portugal for World Youth Day next year will take place **this Sunday at 8 p.m.** All documents and deposit are due at the meeting.

Youth are also selling honey and a hot meal. All are welcome.

Coins for Life

This Sunday Kolbe ProLife is distributing "Coins for Life" bottles. All change collected through this fundraiser will support mothers who turned away from abortion and will help promote a culture of life.



– COMING UP –

Novena

On **Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m.** we will begin a novena in anticipation of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This 9-day prayer will help us prepare spiritually for the act of consecration to Mary, which will take place on Sunday, December 8 at the 7 p.m. Eucharist.

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, December 1
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, December 2
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.
Confession starts at 6 p.m.

First Saturday of the month, December 3
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, December 4
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

Meetings

Gold Rose Apostolate

Thursday, December 1 at 7 p.m.
Mass followed by a meeting
in Bro. Anthony Room

Polish Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, December 3 at 10 a.m.
in the Parish Hall

Bereavement Day of Retreat

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre is offering a Bereavement Day of Retreat on **Saturday December 10, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Theme: "Let the healing hands of Jesus bless you with peace and Healing." This retreat will be preached by the Centre team. The cost is \$45.00 and includes lunch. Contact: 905-278-5229 or office@qoa.ca

Faithful Departed



The following parishioners passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

- ✠ Stanislaw Broda, 94
- ✠ Boleslaw Wojna, 86
- ✠ Jeanne Betkaluk, 83
- ✠ Tadeusz Kielek, 78
- ✠ Krystyna Walega, 73
- ✠ Ryszard Zwolinski, 69
- ✠ Rafal Palka, 44

– IN PREPARATION – – FOR CHRISTMAS –

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

Advent Retreat for Adults

Advent retreat (in Polish) will take place **December 11 – 14** and will be led by Fr. Pawel Szlacheta OMI, a Missionary from Ukraine.

Advent Retreat for Youth

Advent retreat for youth: each **Sunday** of Advent at 7 p.m.

Rorate Caeli for Adults

Rorate Caeli for adults: each **Saturday** of Advent at 8 a.m.

Rorate Caeli for Children

Rorate Caeli and a mini retreat for children will take place **December 15 – 17** at 7 p.m. Please bring a lantern.



Advent Confession

Monday, December 19, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Wednesday, December 21, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
There will be no confession December 24-26.

Christmas Wafers – Opłatki

Blessed Christmas Wafers are available in the hallway of the church and in the parish office.
Large pack (3 wafers) – \$2.50
Small pack (2 wafers) – \$1.50

Christmas Cards

Beautiful Christmas Cards (in Polish) are available for purchase this Sunday in the church and in the parish office during office hours. Cards are \$1.75 each. All proceeds will support the Jubilee 2000 Children's Choir led by Sister Halina.

Saint Nicholas' Visit

Saint Nicholas will visit our parish a little early this year – on **Sunday, December 4** after the 1 p.m. Mass. He'll be happy to meet all our parish children.

Events at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Christmas Market
Santa's Visit
Delicious Hot Food
December 4, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

– ADORATION –

Ten Surprising Effects of Frequent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



3. We start to look beyond ourselves

Jesus told us to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). The act of spending time in adoration connects us with the whole world - after all, we spend time with the Creator of all things!

Spending more time praising and adoring God means we can look beyond our own concerns and see the needs of other people in our lives and in the world around us.

– OTHER –

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes for 2023 are arranged in alphabetical order in the parish hall and can be picked up today. Please check if the number on the label matches the number on the envelope. If there are any discrepancies, let the parish office know. Please do not use next year's enveloped this year.

Group Intentions

There will be no group intentions on December 14, 21, and 28. Intentions requested for those days will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 7.

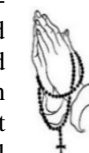
Altar Servers

Last chance to join Altar Servers. If you're in grade 3 or up and would like to become an altar server, please see Fr. Marcin in the sacristy before the **end of November.**



Pope's Rosary intention for December

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



Holy Rosary will be led by Rose #57.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY November 28th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Edward Wilk (9th anniv.) – wife and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ John Ziolkowski – Lucy Dworak and family
- ✠ Zdzislaw Stopa – wife and children

TUESDAY November 29th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Olga and Kazimierz Kowalczyk – daughter and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Maria Jankowska – son and daughter
- ✠ Zofia Piersiak (14th anniv.)

WEDNESDAY November 30th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Alina Zmiejko, Bazyli Jaganow, Wiktoria and Stanislaw Zmiejko, Janina and Bronislaw Roszkowski
- ✠ Dariusz (10th anniv.) – Malgorzata and children
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY December 1st

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Artur Ostrowski (anniv.) – father and family
- ✠ Franciszek Ostrowski, Zofia Ostrowska, Maria Mietus-Ostrowska – son and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for all priests and religious – Gold Rose Apostolate

FRIDAY December 2nd

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Wiercinski – daughter
- 10⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Wilk, Franciszka and Mikolaj Wilk – Maria Chabinka
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Malgorzata Motyka – husband and children

SATURDAY December 3rd

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 17⁰⁰ ○ For God's continued grace, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and Mother Mary's protection for David on his 18th birthday – parents, grandparents, and brother
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ John Gola (2nd anniv.) – wife Janina

SUNDAY December 4th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 9³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for the gift of life, faith, and received grace and for God's continued blessing for Alexandra Kowalczyk on her birthday – parents
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Wilk, Franciszka and Mikolaj Wilk
- 14³⁰ ✠ Zbigniew Kochman – son and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's continued grace for the Chyjek family