

4th Sunday of Advent



Reflection

Haste – a longing for God

It seems that the authors of the list of liturgical readings for the upcoming days are unable to stand the tension of the final days of the year.

It's as if they cannot wait until the end, so they decide that we will read about certain events ahead of time. After all, it is only December 18, and there are still a few days of Advent left. Christmas is not yet here, but we are already in a hurry in the liturgy. And so, in today's Gospel we hear an account of Jesus' birth. This is what happens when we get very excited; we can't stand the anticipation, so we rush to prove how much we long for someone or something. May we, too, be in a hurry to meet God.

Lord Jesus Christ, you never come too late. You are always in a hurry to come to the human heart. You live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14

Responsorial Psalm:

May the Lord come in; he is king of glory.

Second Reading: Romans 1.1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1.18-24

Second Collection

This Weekend – Building Fund
Thank you for your support.

Available for Purchase

- Parish Calendar for 2023 – \$5.00
- Christmas cards – \$1.75
- Christmas Wafers / Oplátky
 - Large pack – \$2.50
 - Small pack – \$1.50

– THIS WEEKEND –

Today is the fourth and final Sunday of Advent. In less than a week, we will celebrate Christmas Eve with our families. May this be a truly Christian celebration and an opportunity for our families to unite and reconcile. Let us remember to pray and reflect on the birth of Christ by reading a passage from the Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 2, verses 1-20. The culminating point of the celebration should be our active participation in the midnight Mass.

English Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve December 24 at 10 p.m.
Christmas Day December 25 at 9:30 a.m.
St. Stephen December 26 at 9:30 a.m.

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.

Nikolai Oliver Amir Hyde,
son of Bianca and Paul

Sophia Elizabeth Slowy,
daughter of Joanna and Matthew

Coffee, Donuts, Last Minute Gifts

This Sunday, coffee and donuts will be served by Radość-Joy. The group will also be fundraising by selling last minute Christmas gifts. There is something for everyone.

Movie Screening

Wyszyński: Revenge or Forgiveness
This Sunday, December 18 at 4 p.m.
in the parish hall

This film tells the story of lieutenant Stefan Wyszynski, the future Primate of Poland. It is 1944. In the heat of war, we meet a young priest Wyszynski, who has recently been appointed chaplain of the Home Army (Kampinos group) and its insurgent hospital. In the face of war, he has to make difficult choices and answer the question of how to fight for hope and love, especially when facing the enemy.

– IN PREPARATION – – FOR CHRISTMAS –

Christmas Program is available in the hallway of the church.
Please take one home.

Advent Retreat for Youth

Each Sunday of Advent at 7 p.m.
Mass in Polish / Homily in English

Advent Confession

Monday, December 19, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Wednesday, December 21, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

NO CONFESSION DECEMBER 24-26.

Annual Church Cleaning

As we prepare for Christmas, we want to make sure our church is spotless for the holidays. Will you lend a hand? Please join us for our annual church cleaning on **Tuesday, December 20th at 6 p.m.** Bring your whole family and invite your friends. Groups who use parish rooms are especially welcome. There's lots to do for everyone! High school students can receive volunteer hours required for their high school diploma. Hope to see you on Tuesday.

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.

Christmas Eve Mass for Children

Children who will be attending the 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass are encouraged to dress up as characters from the Christmas Manger: Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, wise men.

Holiday Office Hours

Our parish office will be closed from Saturday, December 24 to Tuesday, December 27 inclusive.

It will reopen on Wednesday, December 28 at 9 a.m.

– OTHER –

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Friday, December 30 at 7 p.m.

Please call the parish office if you wish to have your name added to the list of couples celebrating their wedding anniversary.

Offertory Envelopes for 2023

Offertory envelopes for 2023 can be picked up from the parish hall. They are arranged in alphabetical order.

We kindly ask that you write your full name, address, and phone number on the first envelope in your set. This is important so as to avoid any potential errors. Also, please do not use envelopes from previous years.

A reminder that all donations that are to be included on a tax receipt for 2022 must be made by December 31, 2022.

Group Intentions

Wednesday evening Mass with multiple intentions will resume in January 2023.

World Youth Day News



Registration for World Youth Day is now closed.

Fundraising initiatives:

- December 18 – frozen pierogi, candles, tea and coffee from mission countries
- Ongoing: empty alcohol containers may be dropped off by the garage on the west side of the parking lot.

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 #2.

– ADORATION –

Ten Surprising Effects of Frequent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6. Grace enters our lives

It's amazing how a short period of regular adoration can make a big difference in the rest of our life. That moment of being in His presence we can carry with us long after leaving the church or chapel.

His grace supports us in all moments of our life, especially in times of temptation and trial. It is easier to resist temptation when we are filled with His grace.

– IN THE COMMUNITY –

Adult Day Program for Seniors

Adult Day Program at Copernicus Lodge is open and accepting new clients. This program provides respite to caregivers and offers seniors with much needed socialization through group activities, exercise and art classes, bingo, singalongs and more in both English and Polish. The program runs Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All staff are fully vaccinated and follow all infection prevention and control protocols. We also offer virtual programs for those who cannot participate in person. For more information, please contact us at 416-536-7122 ext. 223 or email at adultstaff@copernicuslodge.com.

New Year's Eve Celebration

Saturday, December 31, 2022
7 p.m. – 3 a.m.

St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Toronto

The event includes a delicious supper served with wine, a cold buffet, champagne at midnight, live music by "Bella Vita Band" and "Non Stop Illusion". Tickets at \$135 per person can be purchased during parish office hours at 12 Denison Avenue. Details: (416) 504-4643. All are welcome!

Radio Maryja Banquet

Radio Maryja Christmas Banquet will be held on **Sunday, January 8, 2023**, at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. and banquet will begin at 1 p.m. The event includes a hot meal prepared by Jan Gromada, a lottery, caroling, and a Christmas concert. Tickets at \$70 are available from:

Health from Nature Store (416) 532-9805
Something Special Store (905) 629-2347
Joanna Szydłowska (905) 818-1040
Joanna Strzeżek (905) 845-3553

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY December 19th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Helena Musial
○ For health for Vince
✠ Roman Kita
✠ Helena Wozna
18⁰⁰ Advent Confession

TUESDAY December 20th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Bronisława, Sergiusz, Antoni
✠ All deceased of the Czarniecki and Goscinski families
○ For God's continued blessing, grace, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for the Przyslupski family
18⁰⁰ Church Cleaning

WEDNESDAY December 21st

8⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Nowek (anniv.)
✠ Jozef Szalanski
✠ Bogumila and Bruno Komonski
○ For gifts of the Holy Spirit for Robert, Sylwia, Kacper, and Dominik
18⁰⁰ Advent Confession

THURSDAY December 22nd

8⁰⁰ ✠ Urszula Wisniewska (1st anniv.)
19⁰⁰ ✠ Jan and Pawel Poleszuk
✠ Jan Brandys

FRIDAY December 23rd

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for the Swierzbinski family
○ For God's grace for Tadeusz Badzioch and family
19⁰⁰ ○ For the grace of release from addiction for Pawel

SATURDAY December 24th

Christmas Eve

8⁰⁰ **Rorate Caeli**
○ For God's continued blessing for Ewa on her birthday
20⁰⁰ **Church:** ○ For God's blessing for the children of our parish
22⁰⁰ **Church:** ✠ Helena and Jozef Szczurek
Parish Hall: ○ For God's blessing for the families of our parish
24⁰⁰ **Church:** ○ For God's grace, blessing, and Mary's protection for Anna and Steven on their birthdays
Parish Hall: ○ For God's blessing for children and grandchildren

SUNDAY December 25th

Christmas Day

8⁰⁰ ✠ Antonina and Boleslaw Ulinski
9³⁰ ✠ Andrew Gut and Grazyna Policht
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Darrin Wilkie (15th anniv.)
14³⁰ ✠ Kazimierz Mieczkowski
19⁰⁰ ✠ Marek Grzesik (11th anniv.)