

Nativity of the Lord



- PARISH NEWS -

Dear parishioners!
This Christmas, may you experience the closeness of Jesus, our Lord and our Friend, who constantly reaches out to us with His love. May He bring you peace and joy in the New Year.

Thank You So Much



Thank you to Sister Halina who decorated our church for Advent and Christmas, and to all the volunteers who helped clean the church in preparation for Christmas. Your time and talent are very much appreciated. Also, thank you to all individuals and families who donated poinsettias for the Christmas Manger. May God bless you all.

Reflection

In Jesus, we are born to true life
In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus... The rulers of this world think that people can be placed in boxes, assigned a number, given an official document, and then they will have real power over them. Meanwhile, Jesus has a completely different approach. He gives us names, not numbers. He doesn't put us in boxes. Jesus places us in a world that is full of possibilities, full of variety, full of some holy chaos that we get to fill with our personality, our ingenuity, our beauty. That's Jesus! He has a very personal, even intimate approach to everyone. And this is something that should put us in awe. At Christmas we discover that in Him we are born to true life. Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.

Lord Jesus, thank you for knowing us so well and coming to us this night. Help us to find true life in you. You live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

MASS DURING THE NIGHT

First Reading: Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm:
*Today is born our Saviour,
Christ the Lord.*

Second Reading: Titus 2.11-14

Gospel: Luke 2.1-16

MASS DURING THE DAY

First Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10

Responsorial Psalm:
*All the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God.*

Second Reading: Hebrews 1.1-6

Gospel: John 1.1-18

- COMING UP -

**Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Friday, December 30**



Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

Excerpted from *With Christ Through the Year*
Rev. Bernard Strasser, O.S.B.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.
Amen.

- OTHER -

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.

Faithful Departed



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

- ✠ Eugeniusz Lepa, 88
- ✠ Maria Biskupska, 86
- ✠ Fr. Wilhelm Rozmyslowski OMI, 83
- ✠ Kazimierz Onyszko, 76
- ✠ Jolanta Kruk, 72
- ✠ Marek Sokol, 70
- ✠ Artur Kowalewski, 43
- ✠ Vanessa Kurpiewska, 31

World Youth Day News
Registration for World Youth Day 2023 is now closed.



Youth are fundraising by collecting empty alcohol containers. These may be dropped off by the garage on the west side of the parking lot.

Knights of Columbus
Christmas meeting and Oplatek for all Knights of Columbus will take place on **January 14, 2023, at 4 p.m.** in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Andrzej at (647) 529-4547.

- 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!

New Year's Eve Celebration

Saturday, December 31, 2022 at 7 p.m.
John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Dinner by Jan Gromada, Open Bar, music by Impres. Tickets at \$175 per person can be purchased at the Centre. For more information, please call (905) 306-9900.

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 Strzezek (905) 845-3553

Job Offer

The John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre is currently looking to hire a part-time and full-time worker. If you are interested, please contact the administrator at (905) 306-9900.

- MASS INTENTIONS -

MONDAY December 26th

Saint Stephen

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For Beata and Zbigniew Serwin on their wedding anniversary
- 9³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's blessing for Anna and Artur on their 19th wedding anniversary and for their sons
- 11⁰⁰ ✠ Antoni Oleszczuk and siblings from the Oleszczuk and Kraska families
- 13⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's continued blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Nicole Cislo on her 17th birthday
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef Kmiec and Lucyna Kupiec

TUESDAY December 27th

Saint John

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ All deceased of the Cybulski family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Marek Grzesik (11th anniv.)
- For peace and unity in the family of Joanna and Grzegorz

WEDNESDAY December 28th

The Holy Innocents

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's continued blessing for the Soltysik, Dutkiewicz, and Kolodziej families
- 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all lives saved from abortion and euthanasia
- ✠ All deceased of the Piasecki and Suchocki families

THURSDAY December 29th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Marian Trychta (8th anniv.)
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Lidia Labenda (anniv.)
- ✠ Stanislaw Lewczuk

FRIDAY December 30th

The Holy Family

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Marianna Bialy
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ All deceased of the Grobarczyk and Panus
- For God's continued blessing for families in Poland and in Canada

SATURDAY December 31st

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Grandparents and family members
- 17⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's continued blessing for the Podolak, Lewandowski, and Włodarczyk families
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Henryk Skwarko (2nd anniv.)

SUNDAY January 1st

Mary, the Holy Mother for God

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 9³⁰ ✠ Janina and Ed Wielgus (6th anniv.)
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for family
- 14³⁰ ✠ Marianna Basak (anniv.)
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Wroblewski (1st anniv.)