ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL PARISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

9201 West Higgins Road Chicago, Illinois 60631

Catholic In Laith

A People Empowered

December 20, 2020

WELCOME





We are blessed by your participation in our celebration of God's presence among us and we hope you will continue to join us as we worship together.

All Saints Cathedral Parish is a community of the Polish National Catholic Church that welcomes and serves the spiritual needs of all people who wish to follow Christ in the Catholic tradition.





December 20, 2020

9 AM - Holy Mass (English)
Lighting of the Fourth Candle of the Advent
Wreath
11 AM - Holy Mass (Polish)

READING I: II Samuel 1-5, 8-11, 16

READING II: Romans 16:25-27

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Mass is being celebrated following CDC guidelines (face masks which must cover the nose and the mouth, social distancing, sanitizing), with the congregation present. Mass is also available on Facebook (live) and YouTube (recorded) during this time of pandemic. Parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass in person while following the guidelines for safe worship.



WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24 – Vigil Of The Nativity

4PM – Vigil Mass English)

9PM – Shepherds; Mass (English)

Midnight – Pasterka (Shepherds' Mass) (Polish)

Friday, December 25 – Solemnity – Nativity Of Our Lord 10AM -Holy Mass (English)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, As we near the day when we will celebrate the birth of Your Son, help us to see His face in everyone we come in contact with. We will rejoice as we await the coming observation of Jesus' birth. Amen.



December 27, 2020

9AM - Holy Mass (English)

11 AM - Holy Mass (Polish)

PRAYER REQUESTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES are extended to the following parishioners who are celebrating their birthdays this week:

Nicole Scott 12/21 Nicholas Scott 12/23 Michael Kosowski 12/25

May God bless you and grant you all a very Happy Birthday!



PARISHIONERS: Mary Andersen, Charles & Mary Scott, Adeline Kozak, Robert Maycan, Joan Maluchnik, Gerald Maycan, Bernardine Mrozek, Don & Joan Pagels, Barbara Heath, Richard Stark, Gene Paprocki, Stephen Scott, Jerry Gap

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Luz Raygosa, Emma Freshwater, David Petrosky, Carmen Cordero, Andrew Bear, Wayne Wright, Karen Ream, Vicky Bergstrom, Tina Tziolas, Donald Andrew, Allison Bertlet, Ann Zalak, Carol Kay, Michael Campanelli, Clark Pagels, John Lynch, Donald Overby, Dorothy Lichthardt, Anna Niedzwiecki, Nan Cramer, Tom Jez, Very Rev. Augustin Sicard, Jane Delhaye, Tom Masters, Richard Lauritzen, Connie Kincaide, Jeannette Strelau, Moira Dobrovolskis, Ron & Grace Fross

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Michael Kosowski, Dorothy Krzysko, Dolores Urban

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR TROOPS DEFENDING FREEDOM but especially for: Martin Venegas (USAF)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events listed below and watch future bulletins for more information –

December 29 – Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

January 1 – Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

January 2 -Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus

January 3 – Solemnity – Holy Family

January 6 – Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord

January 10 – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

January 18 – 24 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 31 – Music Scholarship Sunday

February 2 – Presentation Of Our Lord

February 17 – Ash Wednesday

March 14 – Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church

March 14 – Daylight Saving Time begins

March 25 – Annunciation of our Lord

March 28 – Palm Sunday

April 4 – Resurrection of our Lord (Easter Sunday)

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY** – School of Christian Living families will participate in this ceremony each Sunday of Advent with the lighting of the Candle and offering of prayers.

The participants for today are: Douglas Scott Family

- **ADVENT** The liturgical church year begins with the first Sunday of Advent which introduces a season of four Sundays with the theme of preparation for the coming of Christ. The joyous hymn "Glory to God in the Highest" is omitted from the Mass and the celebrant sings "Let us bless the Lord" following the Post Communion Prayer. The liturgical color of Advent is blue and no flowers are used in the Church.
- CHRISTMAS WAFERS (Oplatki) are available in the vestibule for a free will offering. We should all strive to uphold the beautiful Church tradition of sharing of the "oplatek" at the Christmas Eve Vigil Supper or on Christmas Day with our family and friends.
- ADVENT COMMUNION VISITS will be made by the Clergy to all of the sick and homebound of the Parish during the month of December. Anyone who cannot attend any of the Christmas Masses is asked to contact the Clergy to arrange an Advent Communion visit.



PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations and thanks to the members of the Parish Committee for 2021, elected by the congregation on Sunday, December 13th.

Chairman – Gary Kurzynski *

VICE CHAIRMAN/CHAIRMAN OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES - Phillip Smolka

RECORDING SECRETARY - Katy Scott

FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Jean Kurzynski *

ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY - Christine Turner

TREASURER - Barbara Bratkowski

DIRECTORS AT LARGE - Theresa Heath, Steve Lindenmuth, Robert Maycan, Janet Schumacher

DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE - Douglas Scott

DIRECTOR OF MISSION - Rev. David Rowinski

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS - Judie Szydlowski

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EVENTS - Irena Kneeland

CEMETERY TRUSTEES - Jerry Gap, Mark Kowalsky, Rev. David Rowinski, Rudolph Smolka, Judie Szydlowski, Dean Turner

AUDITORS - Christopher Bogzevitz, Julia Smolka, Sylvia Smolka

Parish Tribunal - Dian Maycan **

SENIORATE REPRESENTATIVE - Judie Szydlowski **

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE - Robert Maycan, Rev. David Rowinski

REAL ESTATE OVERSIGHT - Douglas Scott

- * The Chairman and Financial Secretary will serve up to six months while we continue to look for candidates for these positions.
- ** We are seeking one more candidate to serve on the Parish Tribunal and one more for Seniorate Representative.

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



HEALTH PRECAUTIONS AT CHURCH

At this time, the 'better-safe-than-sorry' approach to our common life in our Parish is the approach to take for the immediate future. Face masks <u>must</u> cover the nose and mouth.

Therefore, at the passing of the Peace during Mass, we will eliminate handshaking, kissing and hugging as signs of God's peace being with you. Instead, a wave, a peace sign 'V', a smile can be substituted for the other gestures to ensure the health safety of all and to remove from some the stigma of their not desiring to participate in the Peace at this time while others would. Making the sign of the cross when entering to the church without the Holy Water. Greeting the clergy with a handshake at the doors after Mass will no longer take place. A smile and the brief greetings offered as usual will be sufficient.

Coughing and sneezing into your elbow and arm instead of uncovered into the air around you will be appreciated by everyone and reduce the risk of infection. As always, parishioners who are ill on a Sunday morning or exhibiting flu-like symptoms should remain at home from Mass until they are fully recovered from their illness.

The clergy will continue to wash their hands before Mass as they always do. Additionally, they will use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after distributing communion. The CDC explains the following: Coronavirus symptoms include a fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms could appear two to 14 days after exposure. The virus spreads through droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. People can also become infected by touching something with the virus on it then touching their mouth, nose or possibly eyes. We will observe these precautions as long as necessary.

PARISH ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:30 AM Every Sunday (September through May) Superintendent: Margaret Rowinski (630-307-2990)

YOUTH ASSOCIATION (Age 8 and up are welcome)

Next Meeting: TBA

Advisors: Doug Scott, Jennifer Gradowski, Katy Scott

MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Next Meeting: TBA

Chairman: Father David Rowinski (773-875-1438)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Next Meeting: Monday, January 11, 7PM Chairman: Phillip Smolka (773-380-7131)

PARISH COMMITTEE

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 7PM Chairman: Gary Kurzynski (630-924-7504)

PARENT – TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 17, 11:15AM

President: Doug Scott (312-623-6825)

Childcare is provided during PTO Meetings.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Next Meeting: TBA

President: Barbara Bratkowski (224-558-9846)

POLISH NATIONAL UNION OF AMERICA

Next Meeting – TBA

DISTRICT SIX - Director: Christine Wachna (630-350-1787) BRANCH #37 - President: Robert Maycan (847-318-7975) Interim Branch Secretary: Rev. David Rowinski (773-875-1438)

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH /CEMETERY OFFICE:

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Treasurer: Barbara Bratkowski

Financial Secretary: Jean Kurzynski finsec@ascpncc.org

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Cemetery Secretary: Jill Lindenmuth cemetery@ascpncc.org

Cemetery Visiting Hours: 8:00AM – 5:00PM

Spring & Summer Decorations: April 1 – September 30

Fall & Winter Decorations: November 1 – February 28

SUNDAY MASS: 9:00AM (English) 11:00AM (Polish)
DAILY MASSES are held as announced in the weekly bulletin.
HOLY DAY MASSES are held as announced in the weekly bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM arrangements should be made with the Pastor as soon as possible or at least 30 days prior to the ceremony.

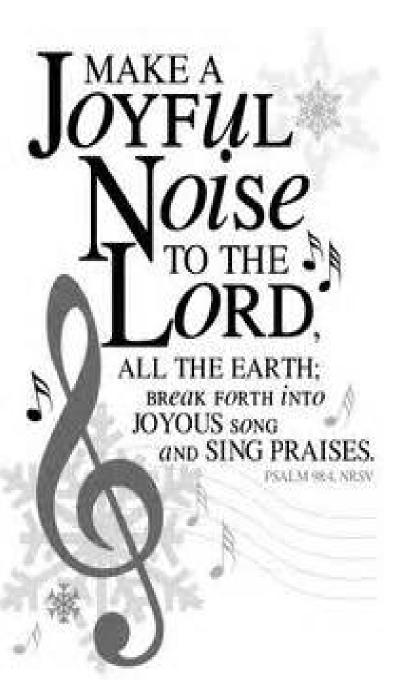
SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor before setting a date or making final plans.

EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS AND DEATH should be reported to Bishop Jerry immediately.



December 20, 2020





OPENING HYMN: "Light One Candle"

Light one candle for hope, One bright candle for hope. He brings hope to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for peace, One bright candle for peace. He brings peace to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for joy, One bright candle for joy. Ev'ry nation will find salvation In Bethle'em's baby boy.

Light one candle for love, Light one candle for love. He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes! He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!



ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING CEREMONY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READER 1: As we gather on this Fourth Sunday of Advent, this season nears its end and our preparations for Christ come closer to completion. However, may our spiritual preparations to stay alert and ready for the second coming of Christ not end until He returns.

ALL: "The Lord Himself will give you a sign."

READER 2: In today's Scripture readings and Mass prayers, we will hear God speaking through His prophets, to tell how He would go about being with us; God speaking through His apostles, to proclaim how sins are forgiven through His Son: God speaking through His Church, "to bring about the obedience of faith" among all people.

ALL: "Grace to you and peace from God our Father."

READER 3: On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we light * the first candle to remember to walk in the light of the Lord.

We light * the second candle to remember that He Who is the Light of the world baptizes us with the Holy Spirit and fire.

We light * the third candle to remember to carry the light of Christ and His salvation as the prophets had carried God's promise of a savior.

We light * the fourth candle to remember to do as the Lord has commanded as soon as we awake from the dark of night, just as Joseph did.

ALL: "They shall name him Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us."

READER 4: Almighty God, through the Sacraments we will receive – Penance, the Word of God, Holy Eucharist, may we be strengthened in our faith and become worthy and effective sacraments ourselves. Like the prophets, apostles and saints before us, may we each become a visible representative of God's invisible grace for the sanctification and salvation of others.

ALL: Amen.

CONFITEOR

Almighty Father, You know my deepest secrets. I confess that I have, through my own fault, sinned against Your holy laws

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in my thoughts, in my words and in what I have done or failed to do. I sincerely regret my sins and I am truly sorry for offending You. I ask, Father, that in Your mercy You pardon my sins. I promise to change my way of living so that through a deeper holiness I may better serve You throughout the rest of my life. I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.



ENTRANCE HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



ENTRANCE VERSE

- V. Hail favored one! The Lord is with you. Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb!
- R. You are the glory of Jerusalem, the surpassing joy of Israel! You are the splendid boast of our people.
- 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.



READING I: II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 (Please be seated)

A reading from the /Second Book of the Prophet Samuel:

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?' "It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God RESPONSORIAL PSALM





READING II: Romans 16:25-27 (Remain seated)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38 (Remain standing)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **Response: And also with you.**

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy + Gospel according to **Luke**:

Response: Glory be to You Lord.

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ



HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT





PROFESSION OF FAITH

(Nicene Creed)

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary

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AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

(Please stand)

The Celebrant introduces the intercessions:

Celebrant: Like David, the ruler of Israel, and Mary, the Mother of Jesus, let us praise the favors of God in a spirit of hope-filled joy.

then the Lector begins by saying:

- L: You have established Your reign of love in Christ, our Emmanuel. May Your church abide in the Spirit of Christ. As we watch for the Radiant Dawn, we pray:
- R: God of mercy, fill us with hope.
- L: Christ came among us and proclaimed Your loving kindness. Strengthen Prime Bishop Anthony, the church's bishops, and clergy that they may fulfill their ministry in a spirit of mercy. As we watch for the Radiant Dawn, we pray:
- R: God of mercy, fill us with hope.
- L: Through Mary we have received the promised Messiah.

 Through our fidelity to Your will may the world continue to experience Your saving power.

As we watch for the Radiant Dawn, we pray:

- R: God of mercy, fill us with hope.
- L: By the word of the prophets, Israel was filled with hope. By our prophetic witness to the sanctity of life, may the most vulnerable of society be strengthened.
 - As we watch for the Radiant Dawn, we pray:
- R: God of mercy, fill us with hope.
- **L:** In Christ, Your covenant of love endures forever. Watch over all who live in the covenant of marriage, that their love may be life-giving.

As we watch for the Radiant Dawn, we pray:

- R: God of mercy, fill us with hope.
- L: Your Anointed took up our humanity to lead us to the reign of peace. May the dead who took up Christ's life through faith find kind welcome in heaven.

As we watch for the Radiant Dawn, we pray:

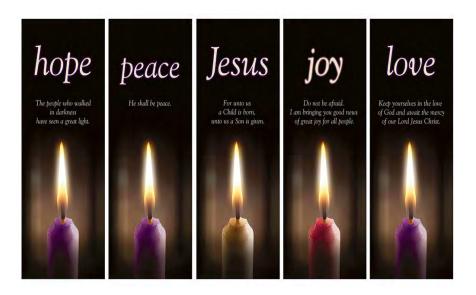
R: God of mercy, fill us with hope.

The Celebrant will now offer the concluding prayer.

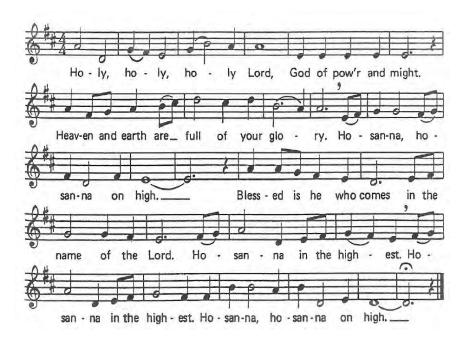
- **C:** Salvation, sustain us in hope and guide our feet into the pathways of peace. We pray in the name and Spirit of Jesus, our Emmanuel and Your Beloved.
- R: Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

"Candles Of Advent"... St. Cecilia Choir



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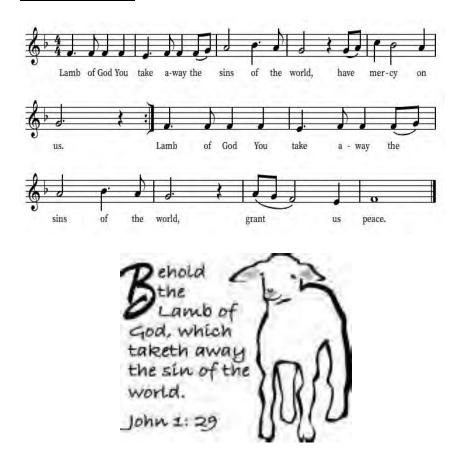
OUR FATHER (Please stand)



CONCLUDING ACCLAMATION



LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

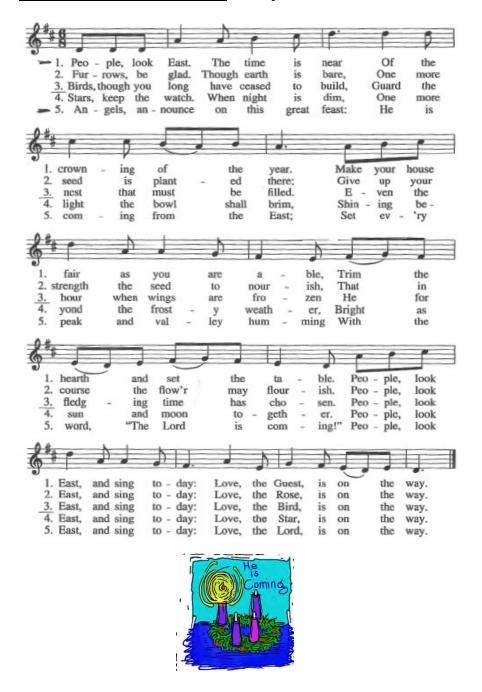
Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and my Savior,



COMMUNION HYMN: "A Tiny Child Will Come" . . . Solo



POST COMMUNION HYMN: "People Look East"



CLOSING HYMN: "The King Of Glory"



