

# 1st Sunday of Advent

**Sunday— November 27, 2016**      **1st Sunday of Advent**

**9:30— High Mass Christening for Jason Filyushchenko**

-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour** at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided, everyone invited. Welcome Fr & Mrs Mendelewski.

**Wednesday— November 30**      **Solemnity St Andrew Apostle**

**Sunday— December 4, 2016**      **2nd Sunday of Advent**

**9:30— High Mass, Mass for Josephine Moskal 19<sup>th</sup> Anniv & Frank Moskal 50<sup>th</sup> Anniv.** From Daughter Florence Kapuscinski

-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour** at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided, everyone invited

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## **Bible Readings for 1st Sunday of Advent year A**

### **1<sup>st</sup> reading from the 2nd Book of Isaiah 2:1-5**

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

### **Responsorial Psalm 122**

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

### **2<sup>nd</sup> reading from the Letter to the Romans 13:11-14**

Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

### **Holy Gospel according to St Matthew 24: 37-44**

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they

were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So, will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, **stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.** Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, **for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."**

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### **Adult Bible Study for this week:**

**Liturgical Notes for Advent:** Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

**Advent** begins with First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Sunday that falls on or closest to November 30 and it ends before First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of Christmas. The Sundays of this time of year are named the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sundays of Advent. The weekdays from December 17 up to and including December 24 are ordered in a more direct way to preparing for the Nativity of the Lord. The liturgical color for Advent is purple, just like Lent—as both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Also, Advent (like Lent) includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. This penitential dimension is expressed through the color purple, but also through the restrained manner of decorating the church and altar: "During Advent the floral decoration of the altar should be marked by a moderation suited to the character of this time of year, without expressing in anticipation the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord...[also] the use of the organ and other musical instruments should be marked by a [similar] moderation..."

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**PARISH BLESSINGS and GRATITUDE** *We are grateful to everyone who gives Time, Talents and Treasure of your prayer and donations. GODS BLESSINGS to all, for your FAITH and labor of LOVE in taking care, repairing and restoring out Parish Church!* In the last year and a half, together have done a tremendous amount of work:

New Church roof; fixed ceiling and Church interior, repaired and painted Church interior and outside windows, repaired Church entrance bulletin board, fixed Parish Hall roof, repainted Parish Hall entrance and bathroom, repainted Parish Hall, fixed roof over rectory, repaired and painted rectory interior, new fence at the cemetery, landscaping at the Cemetery and Pulaski Park, repaired caretaker house at the Cemetery, repaired heating pump and furnace at the Parish Hall, new professional zero turn grass cutting mower, new 6ft wide pull behind tractor mower, Fellowship dinners, brunches, cook outs, bake sales, etc, etc... *May God bless you all for your wonderful work!!!*

### **PRAYER CIRCLE & HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Let us remember in our personal prayers about our sick and older parishioners and friends. If you would like to have special intentions mentioned during Mass or you would like Holy Mass celebrated for your intention, please let Father know.

### **ATTEND HOLY MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS PARTICIPATE IN LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH AND WORSHIP DAILY**

*Liturgy is "the participation of the People of God in 'the work of God'"; it is the "exercise of the priestly office of Jesus" in which God is worshiped and adored and people are made holy. God begins the work of sanctifying people in time and space and brings that work to completion. Those who respond to God in worship and in service are given the privilege of becoming co-workers in the divine plan. Please come and join us as Community of faith for Sunday Holy Mass weekly! Feel always welcomed and at home in our Church!*

*Our Church is a home for all believers, from all ethnic and national backgrounds. We are one family of Jesus Christ, come and join us!*

For those with gluten allergy Gluten free Communion is available

**CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN** Catechism Classes for children are scheduled after Holy Mass on Sunday please bring your children and notify Fr. Andrew. We are planning First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year.

### **PARISH CALENDAR**

-Polish Language Mass – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.

Funeral last week for Mr Edmond Politowski

Funeral this week for Mrs Irene Borsuk, date not specified.

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