

# Third Sunday of Advent

**Sunday– December 13, 2015**      **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**9:30 – High Mass** in memory of Wiewiorka and Skowronski  
-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour** at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided, everyone invited  
– **Pumpkin bread sale at the Parish Hall**

**Sunday– December 20, 2015**      **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**9:30 – High Mass**  
-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour** at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided, everyone invited  
– Pumpkin bread sale at the Parish Hall

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## **Bible Readings for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - year C**

### **1<sup>st</sup> reading from the Book of Zephaniah 3:14-18**

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

### **Responsorial Psalm 12**

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Letter to Philippians 4:4-7**

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

### **Alleluia verse from Isaiah 61:1**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

### **Holy Gospel according to St Luke 3: 10-18**

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise. "Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the *people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.* His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

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

Please read and reflect on Sunday readings especially The Gospel!

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## **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

### **PRAYER CIRCLE AND 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.

**CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN** Catechism Classes for children are scheduled after Holy Mass on Sunday please bring your children and notify Fr Andrew.

**PARISH THANK YOU** Blessings to all who prepared and attended last Sunday Thanksgiving Brunch, it was wonderful fellowship meeting! We also would like to thank all who work and volunteer in helping us to keep our Church and Cemetery beautiful! May God bless you for the wonderful job!

Family Fun Fundraiser - dinner and bake sale \$660.00  
and chance wheel \$25.00

**PUMPKIN BREAD FUNDRAISER** We are having home - made Bake goods and Pies Fundraiser after Holy Mass on Sundays please support our Parish.

### **DONATIONS**

Collections for Mass: DEC 6, 2015 \$605.00

### **PARISH CALENDAR**

- December** – Sundays – Bake and Pies Sale after Mass at the Parish Hall  
- Dec 24 – Thursday. – Wigilia/Christmas Eve – Pasterka/ Shepherd's Mass at 10 PM  
- Dec 25 – Friday - Christmas Day – Christmas Day Mass 9:30 AM  
- Jan 1- Friday - New Year's Day Mass 9:30 AM  
- Jan 10- Sunday -Wigilia Supper with Breaking of Oplatek after Mass

### **Prayer for Families**

*We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son,  
to become part of a family, so that, as he lived its life,  
he would experience its worries and its joys.*

*We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over this family,  
so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity,  
possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the  
home, bear witness in this world to your glory.*

*We ask this thought Christ our  
Lord.Amen.*



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