

4rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday – Dec 21, 2014 **4th Sunday of Advent**

9:30–High Mass in memory

10:30 - Wigila Brunch with Oplatek/Breaking of Bread at Parish Hall

Wednesday – Dec 24, 2014 **Wigilia / Vigil of Nativity**

12:00 Midnight –Shepherd’s Mass / Pasterka

Thursday – Dec 25, 2014 **Christmas**

9:30 – Christmas Day Mass

Friday – Dec 26, 2014 **Feast -St Stephen Martyr**

Saturday– Dec 27, 2014 **Feast St John Apostle Evang.**

Sunday– December 28, 2014 Solemnity Humble Shepherds

9:30 – High Mass

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

Bible Readings for 4rd Sunday of Advent – Year B

1st reading: Book of Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

Responsorial Psalm 89

R/ For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, “My kindness is established forever”; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R/ For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations.”

R/ For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.’ Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm.”

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2nd reading from Letter the Romans 16: 25-27

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.

Alleluia verse from Gospel St Luke 1:38

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.

Holy Gospel according to St Luke 1:26-38

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.

Adult Bible Study for this week:

Please read and reflect on Sunday readings especially The Gospel!

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!

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.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS (Oplatki) are available at the table at the entryway of the Church.

PARISH CALENDAR

-Jan 1- Thursday - New Year

PARISH DONATIONS We would like to share heartfelt Thanks to all who donate and help at the Parish. May God bless your for your much needed help!

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Gospel St Luke 1

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