

Christmas

Boze Narodzenie

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 Christmas – Year B

1st reading: Book of Isaia 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David’s throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

Responsorial Psalm 96

R/ Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R/ Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R/ Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them! Then shall all the

trees of the forest exult.

R/ Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes; for he comes to rule the earth. He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with his constancy.

R/ Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

2nd reading from Letter of St Paul to Titus 2: 11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

Alleluia verse from Gospel St Luke 2:10-11

I proclaim to you good news of great joy:

today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

Holy Gospel according to St Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. *Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them,* and they were struck with great fear. *The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”* And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Adult Bible Study for this week:

Please read and reflect on Christmas 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 DONATIONS We would like to share heartfelt Thanks to all who donate and help at the Parish. May God bless you for your much needed help! We Thank all who prepared and attended Wigilia Brunch! God bless you for wonderful work!

Christmas Blessing for the people.

When Jesus came to us as man, the Son of God scattered the darkness of this world, and filled this holy night with His glory. May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness. R Amen

God sent His angels to shepherds to herald the great joy of our Savior's birth. May He fill you with joy and make you heralds of His gospel. When the Word became man, earth was joined to heaven. May He give you His peace and good will, and fellowship with all the heavenly host. R. Amen

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. R. Amen

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