

Holy Family

Sunday– January 3, 2016

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9:30 – High Mass In Memory Ed Piotrowski

-blessing of incense, charcoal and chalk for Epiphany / Trzech Kroli

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

Wednesday– Jan. 6 Solemnity Epiphany / Trzech Kroli

Sunday– January 10 Solemnity Baptism of the Lord

9:30 – High Mass

-Following Mass: **Wigilia Supper with Breaking of Oplatek**

Bible Readings for Holy Family – Year C

1st reading from the Book of Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins -a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm 128

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

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Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

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2nd reading: Letter to Colossians 3, 12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms,

hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Alleluia verse from Colossians 3:15

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let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Holy Gospel according to St Luke 2: 41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "**Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?**" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

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!

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.

DONATIONS

Collections for Mass: 12/25/2015. \$231.00 – FOR DEC. ROOF-\$810.00, FLOWERS \$425.00, CHRISTMAS \$1,485.00, MANGER \$7.00, OPLATEK \$72.00 . Thank you for your generous donations for your Church.

PARISH CALENDAR

- Jan 10- Sunday -Wigilia Supper with Breaking of Oplatek after Mass

WIGILIA Let us gather together as Parish Family for traditional Polish American Wigilia Supper with breaking of Oplatek / Christmas Bread on Sunday Jan 10, 2016 after Holy Mass. We will share with each other God's Blessing and Love in breaking of Oplatek / Bread!

Blessing for the beginning of the New Year.

Every good gift comes from the Father of light.

May He grant you His peace and every blessing, and keep you safe throughout the coming year. R. Amen

May He grant you unwavering faith, constant hope, and love that endures to the end. R. Amen

May he order your days and work in his peace, hear your every prayer, and lead you to everlasting life and joy. R. Amen

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

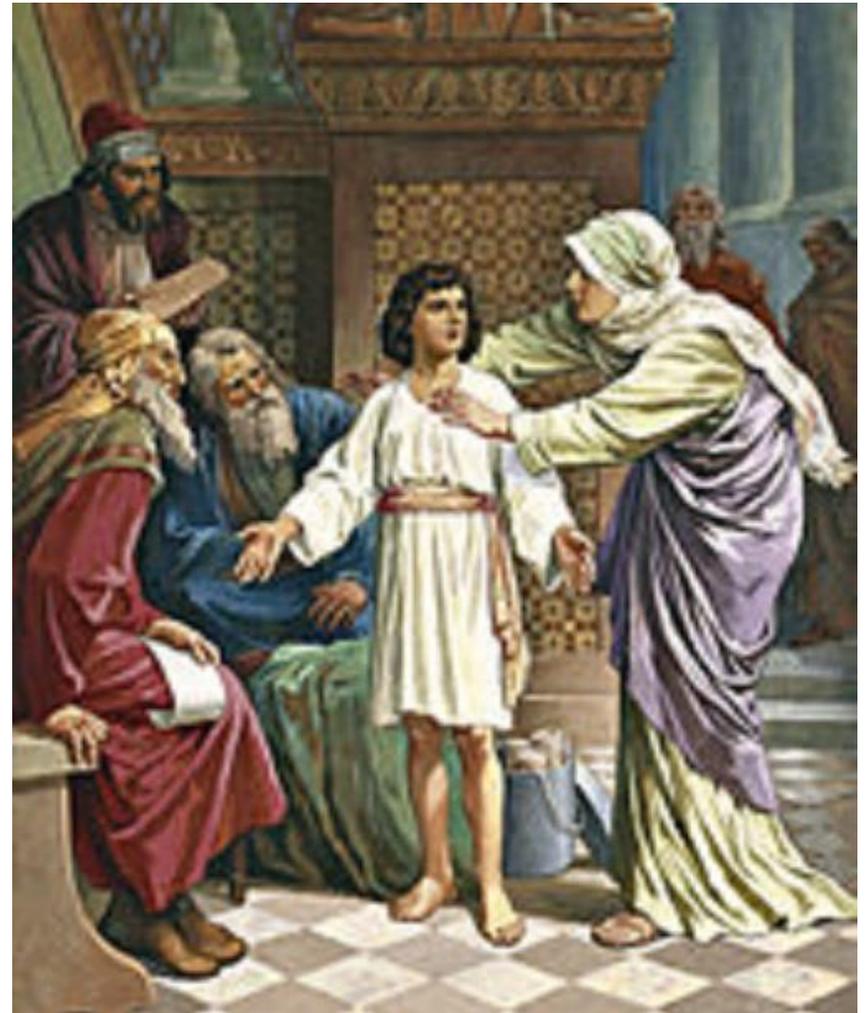


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