

PARISH OF ST. VALENTINE
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MASS SCHEDULE:

SUN. DEC. 6, 2012 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOLY MASS - 10:45AM
ADVENT CANDLELIGHT SERVICE & WIGILIA DINNER - 4:00PM

SUN. DEC. 23, 2012 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOLY MASS - 10:45AM

TODAY'S ENTRANCE RITES:

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD (ROSE COLOR) ADVENT CANDLE
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TODAY'S READINGS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ZEPHANIAH

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.

PSALM RESPONSE - CRY OUT WITH JOY AND GLADNESS: FOR AMONG YOU IS THE GREAT AND HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

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.

READER: THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD! PEOPLE : THANKS BE TO GOD!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!, ALLELUIA!

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

ALLELUIA!, ALLELUIA!, ALLELUIA!

+A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE+

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 then, "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.

PRIEST: THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD!

PEOPLE: PRAISE BE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

*DECEMBER 24,th 2012 - HOLY MASS of the NATIVITY - 12:00 MIDNIGHT
Celebrant - Fr. Andrew Bilinski*

*DECEMBER 25th, 2012 - MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY - 10:45AM
Celebrant - Fr. Gregory Mikula*

*THANK YOU! To all who participated in Holy Mass for my 25th anniversary Mass of ordination this past Wednesday...as well as for all your cards, gifts and good wishes. Your expressions of kindness go right to the heart and are deeply appreciated! May God continue to bless us all as we prepare for the celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of Christ. Once again many thanks!
Sincerely, Fr. Gregory Mikula*

+BROTHERS AND SISTERS REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS! I SAY IT AGAIN..REJOICE!+