

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, December 5, 2021 – 2 Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL) (live on YouTube & Facebook)

† Jasper Junious Munford – requested by Frank Brzozowski

### Monday, December 6, 2021 – Weekday

### Tuesday, December 7, 2021 – Weekday

### Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – Solemnity – Conception of the BVM

### Thursday, December 9, 2021 – Weekday

### Friday, December 10, 2021 – Weekday

### Saturday, December 11, 2021 – Weekday

### Sunday, December 12, 2021 – 3 Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL) (live on YouTube & Facebook)

† Florence Kapuscinski (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Death), Josephine Moskal (24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death), Frank Moskal (55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death) – requested by The Kapuscinski Family

12/19/21	Su	9:30 AM	† Joan Righter – requested by Frank Brzozowski
12/24/21	Fr	9:00 PM	For All Our Beloved Deceased
12/25/21	St	9:30 AM	For All Our Beloved Deceased
12/26/21	Su	9:30 AM	For All Our Beloved Deceased
12/31/21	Fr	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b>
01/01/22	St	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b>
01/02/22	Su	9:30 AM	† Salahaldin Mahmoud – requested by Frank Brzozowski
01/06/22	Th	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b>
01/09/22	Su	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b>
01/16/22	Su	9:30 AM	† Dorothy Karolkiewicz (Birthday) – requested by Helen, Andrew & Michael
01/23/22	Su	9:30 AM	† Irina Kurbat (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) – requested by Veronica Erokhin
01/30/22	Su	9:30 AM	† Dorothy & Alfred Karolkiewicz – requested by Trish Heaberly & Kathy Hull

### PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Let us pray for: Ewelina Filyushchenko, Julie & Cliff Brown, Ed Kapuscinski, Anna Mendla, Joseph Smith, Andy Stachowicz, Wanda Groman, Antoinette Drake, Bernice Michlinski, Thomas Costello, John Chien, Michal Mularczyk.

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

### OPLATKI - CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Beginning First Sunday of Advent, November 28, Christmas wafers are available at St. Valentine's.

### FAITH SHARING

The Second Sunday of Advent challenges us to prepare a royal highway in our hearts so that we may receive Jesus as our saving God on Christmas. We should also be prepared for Christ's daily coming into our lives in the Holy Eucharist, in the Holy Bible, in everyone we encounter, and in the praying community. Finally, we are asked to be ready to meet Jesus as our Judge on His *Second Coming*, at the end of our lives and at the end of the world.



### Second Sunday of Advent

Christ's Second Coming by practicing Christian love and by leading pure and blameless lives.

John the Baptist, in today's Gospel, challenges the Jews to prepare their lives for receiving their long-awaited Messiah. They are to prepare a highway in their hearts for their Messiah by levelling the mountains of pride and the valleys of impurity, injustice and neglect and straightening their crooked ways. They are to get ready by repenting of their sins, renewing their lives, and expressing their repentance by receiving the baptism of repentance in River Jordan and changing their lives.

### DONATIONS FOR THE WINTER HEATING FUND ARE NEEDED

The winter season is coming and again huge gas bills will be very challenging for our budget. Please help us to keep the church running.

### CHRISTMAS LETTER

Christmas letter is on its way to you. Please respond to it with your generous donations for St. Valentine's Parish needs.

### CHURCH IN NEED OF SOME ITEMS

If you can help us by purchasing for the parish the following things:

- USPS Forever Stamps (for the office)
- Envelopes #9, envelopes #6 ¾ (for the office)
- Gasoline (for the cemetery) gift card to Wawa, Sunoco, BP, etc.
- Candle oil (for the church) - this one → [link](#) or this one → [link](#)
- Paper towels (for the church and hall)
- Trash bags 30 Gallon strong and 40 gallon ultra-strong (for the hall and trash collected around the church)

In the first reading, the prophet Baruch introduces Yahweh, the God of Israel, preparing the way for, and leading the Babylonian exiles to, Jerusalem. Hence, the prophet invites the weeping Jerusalem to rejoice and go to high places to watch the return of the exiles. Baruch's prophecy announces the return of the whole human race to God. During this Advent season, we, too, are asked to return to the Lord from our slavery to sin.

In the second reading, Paul advises the Philippians to prepare themselves for

## ADVENT WREATH

The most significant tradition of the Advent season is the Advent Wreath. The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. So what does the Advent Wreath symbolize? The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

Even the individual evergreens that make up the wreath have their own meanings that can be adapted to our faith. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. The pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and the cedar signifies strength and healing. The pine cones that decorate the wreath symbolize life and resurrection. The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.



## 2021 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Friday, December 24, 2021, Christmas Eve

10:00 PM Shepherds' Mass – *Pasterka* – with the candle illumination

### Saturday, December 25, 2021, Christmas Day – Nativity of the Lord

9:30 AM Christmas Mass

### Sunday, December 26, 2021, Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

9:30 AM Holy Mass

### Friday, December 31, 2021, New Year's Eve; Solemnity – Holy Family

9:30 AM Holy Mass with the blessing of families (in person only)

### Saturday, January 1, 2022, Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

9:30 AM Holy Mass

### Sunday, January 2, 2022, Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus

9:30 AM Holy Mass

### Thursday, January 6, 2022, Solemnity – Epiphany of the Lord

9:30 AM Holy Mass with the blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk

### Sunday, January 9, 2022, Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord

9:30 AM Holy Mass with the Renewal of the Baptismal Promises

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English/Polish)



2 Sunday of Advent

2 Niedziela Adwentu

December 5, 2021

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to watch  
the Mass online

