LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 12, 2021 – 3 Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL) (live on YouTube & Facebook)
† Florence Kapuscinski (1st Anniversary of Death), Josephine Moskal (24th Anniversary of Death), Frank Moskal (55th Anniversary of Death) – requested by The Kapuscinski Family
Monday, December 13, 2021 – Solemnity – Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 – Weekday
Wednesday, December 15, 2021 – Weekday
Thursday, December 16, 2021 – Weekday
Friday, December 17, 2021 – Weekday
Saturday, December 18, 2021 – Weekday
Saturday, December 19, 2021 – Weekday
Sunday, December 19, 2021 – 4 Sunday of Advent
9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL) (live on YouTube & Facebook)
† Joan Righter – requested by Frank Brzozowski

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01/09/22 Su 9:30 AM OPEN	
01/16/22 Su 9:30 AM † Dorothy Karolkiewicz (Birthday) – requested by Hele	1,
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01/23/22 Su 9:30 AM † Irina Kurbat (3rd Anniversary) – requested by Veronic	a
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01/30/22 Su 9:30 AM † Dorothy & Alfred Karolkiewicz – requested by Trish	
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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. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

CHRISTMAS LETTER

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

FAITH SHARING

The central theme of today's readings is the command "Rejoice!" We are to do so mainly by realizing the presence of Jesus in our midst, by receiving Jesus into our lives through our repentance, our renewal of life, and by doing God's will. Today is called "Gaudete" Sunday because today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon, "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("Rejoice in the Lord always").

In today's first reading, the prophet Zephaniah encourages Jerusalem and Israel to shout out for the joy of their expected deliverance by the Lord.

St. Paul echoes this message of joy in the second reading, a letter written from imprisonment: *"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice..."*

In the Gospel today, John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as our



wholehearted commitment to God's Way by the doing of His will. John challenges people to generosity and a sense of fairness so that others may have reason to rejoice. According to John, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good for others, and sharing our blessings with others in need.

SUNDAY DONATIONS

If you participate in the Holy Mass online only, please kindly remember to send us a check with your Sunday Offering, simply mailing it as usually to the Parish Office.

For your convenience there is online donation available as well. Just go to our webpage <u>www.stvalentinespncc.org</u> and find the tab ONLINE GIVING. It is a quick and safe way to donate and support St. Valentine's Parish.

OPLATKI - CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas wafers (Oplatki) are blessed already and are available at St. Valentine's.



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.

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 3/4 (for the office)
- Gasoline (for the cemetery) gift card to Wawa, Sunoco, BP, etc.
- Candle oil (for the church) this one $\rightarrow \underline{link}$ or this one $\rightarrow \underline{link}$
- 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)

ADVENT CANDLES

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. The first is called the "Candle of Hope." It symbolizes faith in God keeping his promises to humanity. The second is called the "Candle of Preparation," reminding Christians to "get ready" to receive God. The third candle is the "Candle of Joy." It recalls the angels joyfully singing about the birth of Christ. The fourth candle, the "Candle of Love," reminds



Christians that God loves them enough to send his only Son to Earth.

Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. And one is pink, this which we lit today.

Sometimes a white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath; this is a beautiful modern adaptation. The white candle is lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ. The color white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior.

Using an Advent Wreath is an excellent way to prepare your mind and heart for Christmas.

CHURCH DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Next Sunday, December 19, please stay after Mass and help us to decorate the church for Christmas.

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 Holv 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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