

Reflection for Today

The Advent Season of 2020 slowly comes to the end. Christmas is almost here. On the last Sunday of the season, the gospel reading presents us Mary as the model of trusting faith. The Christian faith is not merely mental acceptance of truth, its also personal trust. That kind of trusting faith which we see in Mary is always open to God. She believes in God’s love for her, and gives herself wholly over to him to do with her and her life whatever he would.

There is no doubt that it is precisely this trusting faith of Mary that we need today. We need the kind of faith that Mary had; faith which continues to trust God amid events we can hardly understand. Mary’s faith allowed Jesus to be born into the world. Let our faith welcome that birth, and share it with the world.

The newborn Christ is the fulfillment of God’s presence in our world. He shocked the world and us in the manner of his coming. The world expected a dazzling spectacle, exterior pomp and might, because it forgot that true power lay in the love of God. The Heavenly messengers are sent to tell us: “You will not find him in the palaces of kings, you will find him among his beloved poor, walking their dusty roads to heal them and to teach them.”

Here is the secret of His mysterious coming: “He gave Himself for us”. If in our ignorance we failed to distinguish what in this world is truly important, and what is small or even dangerous and destructive, we now have no excuse. We have the clear example in Jesus Christ, perfect man, Son of God, who also insisted that His pattern of life was to be ours.

*Lord, as we discover you,
Heal our hearts, our lives renew.
Come, Lord Jesus, come and stay:
Come our light, and lead the way!*



Have a joyous and merry Christmas.

Schedule of Masses

Monday, December 21—St. Peter Canisius
10:00 am (Polish) +Jerzy Pawlak (Corka Malgorzata)
Tuesday, December 22—No Mass—Bl. Gratian
Wednesday, December 23—St. John of Kanty
7:00 pm (Polish/English) +Sylvester Recoskie (Irene Burchat)
Thursday, December 24—St. Adele
7:00 pm (English) For All of Our Parishioners
12:00 Midnight (Polish/English) +Ben Kutchkoskie (Catherine & Michael Bloskie & Family)
Friday, December 25—CHRISTMAS-Nativity of the Lord
9:00 am (English) +John, Annie & Clemence Stamplecoskie, Angus & Frances Prince & August & Agnes Smaglinskie (Rose Stamplecoskie & Family)
11:00 am Asking God’s Blessing for all of our employees, volunteers and benefactors
Saturday, December 26—St. Stephen
5:00 pm +Gladys Bolduc (Marilyn Glofcheskie)
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Sunday, December 27—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
9:00 am (English) For All of Our Parishioners
11:00 am (Polish) +Mary Yantha (Mr. & Mrs D. Yeretch)
Monday, December 28—Holy Innocents
10:00 am (Polish) +Leonard Kuiack (Gerry & AnnaMary Cybulskie)
Tuesday, December 29—No Mass—St. Thomas Becket
Wednesday, December 30—St. Anysia
7:00 pm (Polish/English) +Mary Borutski (Zigmund & Margaret Biernaskie)
Thursday, December 31—St. Sylvester I
5:00 pm(English) +Mary C. Luckasavitch (Andrew & Marlene Shulist)
Friday, January 1—The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
9:00 am (English) God’s Blessing for all of our parishioners in 2021
11:00 (Polish) +Nia (Daughter Wendy)
Saturday, January 2—St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory <i>Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors</i>
5:00 pm For all of our parishioners
Sunday, January 3—The Epiphany of the Lord
11:00 am (Polish/English) +Terry Hoffman (David & Jackie Burchat)



Announcements

Parishioners are invited to join us for **Adoration on Fridays** beginning at **6:00 pm**.

Thank you to Arthur Shulist for donating a beautiful christmas tree and **all the volunteers** who came out to decorate church for Christmas.

The parish **thanks Ed Chippior** for his many years of dedicated service on Finance Committee. He feels its time to move on, since he's been involved, beginning with accounting, since 2013. He will continue to support the secretary because of software written for the management of Mass schedules and parish collections. Ed has spent many, many volunteer hours for which the parish is grateful. We welcome **Andrew Shulist**, who will be replacing Ed on Finance Committee. Thank you Andrew and God Bless.

2021 Parishioner Envelopes will be placed in rectory at the end of 2020. If you haven't picked them up yet, you may do so on **Thursday morning in the rectory**. **When you are submitting your first collection in 2021, please write your name, address and phone number on the envelope so we can update/change your information.** Thank you for your continued generosity.

Fr. Roman will be **visiting the sick** and housebound parishioners on **Fri, Jan 8th**. For new visits, please phone our parish office.

A FM transmitter had been installed to broadcast all of our scheduled parish Masses. Please use 88.3 MHz FM on your radio dial to tune in.

The **Diocesan Marriage preparation courses** coming up, Spring of 2021, will be delivered ONLINE only. This includes the **Renfrew Course** – Feb. 27 and March 6 and the **Pembroke Course** – April 17th and May 1. All couples who register will be notified. Delivery style will be re-evaluated for Fall 2021. Another option for an online Marriage Preparation program that may offer more suitable dates for a couple is Catholic Engaged Encounter English Canada East. They can be contacted at www.ceeeast.org.

Recently, we have received from our new bishop, some further clarification regarding the implementations of safety protocols in our churches during the COVID-19. His Excellency says: "Obviously, **wearing a mask is essential when entering and leaving**. Once you arrive at your place with physical distancing, you can lower your mask to breathe more easily". His Excellency also reminds us that "out of charity for others, **people are required to receive Communion in the hand** during this pandemic period. In the rare and exceptional cases where receiving Communion in the hand poses a serious problem of conscience, you may **accommodate people by giving on the tongue, but only after everyone else has received Communion in the hand**". Always keep the right **social distancing of 6 feet from any person that does not belong to our household, sanitize hands upon entry** and regularly whenever possible. Health authorities now strongly recommend to keep a **record of attendance** for services offered in places of worship. Stay safe yourself and let the others feel safe as well.

Have a
**MERRY CHRISTMAS and
many blessings of our
Lord in 2021.**



In your prayers remember:



- * Our sick and hospitalized
- * Our elderly parishioners.
- * All those at the manor, lodge and homebound.
- * Our deceased family & friends.

Dear Parishioners,

As we look upon the Prince of Peace wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger, and surrounded by the infinite love of Mary and Joseph, we hear the words of the angel: “I proclaim to you good news of great joy, for today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.” May this joyful news, announced that night in Bethlehem, resonate in our families, give relief to the suffering, comfort the sad, pour hope into our hearts of those who doubt, and give strength and courage to overcome all the anxiety caused by covid-19.

May the Blessed Child, cuddled in the arms of Mary, bless each and everyone of us, our parish family, and our entire community. May we always follow God’s paths in the coming New Year 2021. I wish everyone experiences the closeness of meeting Jesus, our Master and Friend, who is constantly waiting for us with his love.

Merry Christmas and God bless you all!

Drodzy Parafianie,

Wpatrzeni w Księcia Pokoju owiniętego w pieluszki, leżącego w ubogim żłobie i otoczonego miłością bez granic przez Maryję i Józefa słyszymy słowa anioła: “Oto zwiastuję wam radość wielką, dziś w mieście Dawida narodził się wam Zbawiciel”. Ta radosna nowina ogłoszona tamtej nocy w Betlejem, niech rozbrzmiewa w naszych rodzinach, łączy zwaśnionych, daje ulgę cierpiącym, pociesza smutnych i wlewa nadzieję w serca wątpiących.

Niech Boża Dziecina utulona w ramionach Mary i błogosławi każdemu z osobna i całej naszej wspólnoty, abyśmy kroczyli bożymi drogami w nadchodzącym Nowym 2021 Roku. Na nadchodzące Święta Bożego Narodzenia, życzę aby każdy doświadczył bliskości spotkania z Jezusem, naszym Mistrzem i Przyjacielem, który nieustannie na nas czeka ze swoją miłością.

Wesołych i Błogosławionych Świąt!

Fr. Roman Majek, OMI

