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Fourth Sunday of Advent – Cycle C

A Sabbath Thought

The Lord is coming and we have spent this Advent season in preparation. But are we really ready for him?

About Today's Bible Readings

MICAH 5:1-4

In God's plan, great things grow from small beginnings. For instance, from humble Bethlehem will come the glorious shepherd of God's people.

Responsorial Psalm: 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

HEBREWS 10:5-10

Jesus holds nothing back. He came to do God's will - totally, fully, literally.

LUKE 1:39-45

Two women exchange greetings and acknowledge the power of God to change their lives in order to redeem human history.

ENTRANCE RITE: Micah 5:1

V. But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah.

R. From you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: James 5:8

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

Today – Dec. 22nd

4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

OPLATKI

The Christmas wafers, or Oplatki, are here and on the table in the vestibule. Please take what you need and donate what you can. This is a beautiful tradition to keep at your Christmas Dinner table.

NEW YEAR

As we approach the new year please be aware of the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting on January 26th. I would like to remind all of the various parish organizations to be sure to have their year-end reports ready in preparation for the meeting And if you have not already done so, please see to it that your yearly minimum contributions are met

COFFEE AND DONUTS

We are pleased to gather for the Fellowship hour in the Church Hall following each Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for each donut being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join us.

2025 DONATION ENVELOPES ARE IN THE LIBRARY!

THE ANGEL TREE PROJECT

All of the tags on the tree have been taken! Thank you all for your kind generosity!

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Damon Grossman, Gwen Grossman, Lukas Grossman, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, David Mulutzie, Greg Sharpe, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman and Dr. Brandon Ishaque. For the repose of the souls of Kelly Wylezik, Ruth Mullen and Tom Lucas. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 22nd; Monthly meeting of the Parish committee at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Decorating for Christmas; Help will be needed to decorate the church for Christmas today after Mass and possibly tomorrow. Please let Sally Traczuk know if you are available to help.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

2025 PNCC HOME LITURGICAL CALENDARS

The PNCC Home Liturgical Calendars are here and on the table in the vestibule for \$7.50 each. Only a limited number are available so get yours before they are gone!

Christmas Worship Schedule

Tuesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

Choir Presentation prior to Mass at 11:45PM

Shepherd's Mass - "Pasterka" at 12:00 Midnight

Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord - Mass at 9:00 AM

Thursday, December 26th – Feast of Saint Stephen

Holy Mass at 9:00 AM

Please encourage all you know, family, friends and neighbors to join us as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord.

