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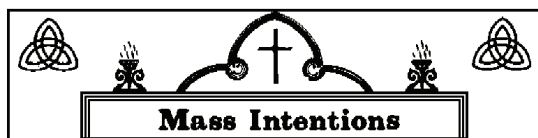
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Oh Come
Let us Adore Him



Dec.23: 5:00 p.m. Luigi Orgera
 Dec.24: 8:30 a.m. Tadeusz Wiszowaty
 10:00 a.m. Oskar Wojtal
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (English)
 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (Polish)
 Dec.25: 8:00 a.m. Christmas Dawn Mass (English)
 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (Polish)
 11:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (English)
 Dec.26: 10:00 a.m. Za Józefa i Genowefę Skoś
 Dec.27: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention (L.C.)
 Dec.28: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Dec.29: 9:00 a.m. Mary Grabham
 Dec.30: 5:00 p.m. Katherine Golianek (birthday)
 Dec.31: 8:30 a.m. Clarita and Osmund Angeles
 10:00 a.m. W pewnej intencji
 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve
 Jan. 1: 8:30 a.m. Loretta and Gloria Lee
 10:00 a.m. W pewnej intencji
 11:30 a.m. Agostino & Letizia Tedesco

**A very Blessed Christmas to all of our
 Parishioners & their Families!**

NEW LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS

are for sale in the vestibule of the Church for \$6.00 each. Simply place the money in the offering box on which the Missals are displayed. They come into effect *this weekend* on the First Sunday of Advent. In addition to the Mass prayers and readings for every Sunday, the Missals have many other prayers and hymns, as well as other materials.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING:

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our parish bulletin. The advertising will begin in February, 2024, and supports our bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637 for more information and to advertise.

DAILY ROSARY: We are reciting the Holy Rosary before weekday Mass, Monday to Friday, beginning around 8:30 a.m. You are invited to join us.



**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS
 SCHEDULE**

Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (English)
10:00 p.m. Mass during the Night (Polish)

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

8:30 a.m. Christmas Dawn Mass (English)
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (Polish)
11:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (English)

Tuesday, December 26 (Feast of St. Stephen)

10:00 a.m. Polish Mass

Sunday, December 31 (Feast of the Holy Family)

8:30 a.m. (English)
 10:00 a.m. (Polish)
 11:30 a.m. (English)

Sunday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

5:00 p.m. Mass (English) with solemn singing of the *Te Deum* to end the Year 2023

Monday, January 1, 2024 (New Year's Day—

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

(Holy Day of obligation)

8:30 a.m. Mass (English)
10:00 a.m. Mass (Polish)
11:30 a.m. Mass (English)

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: There is a second collection at Christmas. Envelope users will find a pink Christmas collection envelope in their box. Additional Christmas envelopes are available for others at the back of the Church. (*Please note, that in order to have your donation included in the 2023 charitable income tax receipts, your offering must be received by Wednesday, December 27.*) Thank you!

READILY SAYING YES TO STEWARDSHIP. As we approach Christmas, the Church encourages us to reflect on the Annunciation. The Annunciation can be

seen as the singular event that changed the world, for it is during this episode that Mary consents to God's will and Christ is conceived within her. As stewards striving to follow Jesus, we can learn a great deal from prayerfully imitating Mary in our own lives.

Mary had an incredible faith and trust in God to be able to accept His will for her life. It is important to note that Mary wasn't told how her life would precisely unfold. She didn't know she would give birth in a manger, or about her flight to Egypt, or that Jesus would go missing in the temple or that she would stand by as He was crucified. Instead, all she knew was that she would conceive the Son of God. Many times we seek to know God's entire will for our lives but we can learn from Mary to readily say yes to the current step of the plan to which He is calling us, and, like Mary, ponder God's will in our hearts by spending time in prayer.

As stewards, God too is calling us to a very specific and important mission. St. John Henry Newman says that we should all recognize that "God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission." We can live out this mission by being stewards of our time and talents for our communities, our parish and the entire Church. Let us seek Mary's intercession and trust in the Lord's call for our lives and readily follow Him.

(source: www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2024: These have been placed on tables at the back of the Church, *in numerical order*. You should have the same number you had in 2023. *Blank envelopes (with no labels) are available for those who would like to start using envelopes.* Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this convenient means of supporting our parish. Envelope users receive a receipt for their charitable donations, which reduces their income tax payable. For total annual donations over \$200, there is a *combined federal and provincial* tax credit of approximately 40 per cent. Envelopes also provide a record of your attendance in the event you require a pastoral reference.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

IV Niedziela Adwentu – B

OWOC MIŁOŚCI. Scena Zwiastowania należy do najpiękniejszych stron Ewangelii. Ukazuje spotkanie dwóch miłości: Boskiej i ludzkiej. W osobie Maryi widzimy tak wspaniałe piękno człowieka, że sam Bóg zachwyca się nim i pochyla swój majestat przed Niewiastą wybraną na Matkę Syna Bożego. Piękno Maryi wypływa z Jej serca przepełnionego miłością.

Anioł nazywa Maryję „pełną łaski” i oznajmia, że „znalazła łaskę u Boga”. To ważna dla naszego życia prawda. Pokazuje, że w tym spotkaniu Bóg wychodzi z inicjatywą – Jego miłość pragnie być przyjęta. Zanim każdy z nas się narodził, już został ukochany przez Boga. Dlatego w naszym życiu wszystko jest darem miłości Boga, Jego łaską, którą trzeba nauczyć się przyjmować.

Naturalną drogą rozwoju miłości jest pragnienie wydania owocu. To on świadczy o pięknie i prawdziwości relacji, która zespala osoby. Spotkanie Boga z Maryją owocuje cudownym poczęciem Jezusa, które dokonało się z Ducha Świętego. Podobnie jest w naszym życiu. Każdy z nas ma swoje zwiastowanie i zaproszony jest do tego, aby przynieść owoc. Tym owocem miłości, którego oczekuje Bóg, jest Jezus – On chce w nas się narodzić, kochać, zbawiać. Przyjmując łaskę Bożą jak Maryja, pozwalamy Bogu czynić w naszym życiu cuda. (ks. Krzysztof Burski – paulista)

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Święty Michale Archaniele, wspomagaj nas w walce, a przeciw niegodziwości i zasadzkom złego ducha bądź naszą obroną. Oby go Bóg pogromić raczył, pokornie o to prosimy, a Ty, Wodzu niebieskich zastępów, szatana i inne duchy złe, które na zgubę dusz ludzkich po tym świecie krążą, mocą Bożą strąć do piekła. Amen.



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