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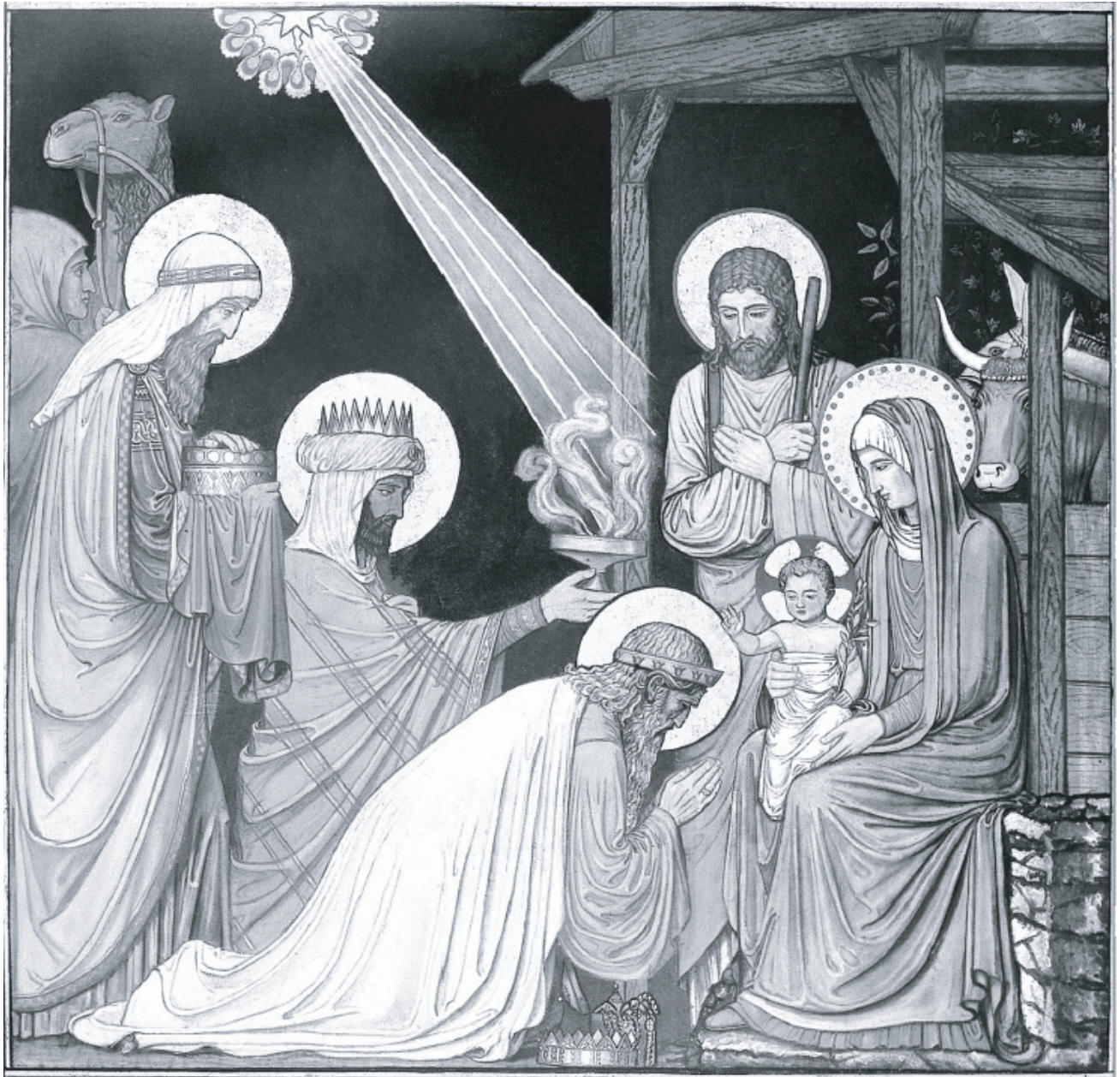
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Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions



for the Week

- Dec.28: 5:00 p.m. Special Intention
- Dec.29: 8:30 a.m. Edita (Thanksgiving)
- 10:00 a.m. Za Józefa i Genowefę Skoś
- 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
- Dec.30: 9:00 a.m. Katherine Golianek (birthday)
- Dec.31: 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving
- Jan. 1: 8:30 a.m. Clarita and Osmundo Angeles
- 10:00 a.m. W pewnej intencji
- 11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
- Jan. 2: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
- Jan. 3: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
- 7:10 p.m. W pewnej intencji
- Jan. 4: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
- Jan. 5: 8:30 a.m. Gloria and John McDonald
- 10:00 a.m. Za Stanisławę i Jana Bembenek
- 11:30 a.m. Tadeusz Zych

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

5:00 p.m. Mass (English) with solemn singing of the *Te Deum* to end the Year 2024

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 (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)

★ FIRST FRIDAY ★

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday, January 3 is the First Friday of January. After the usual 9:00 a.m. Mass (in English), there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **until 3:00 p.m.** The Church will reopen at **6:00 p.m.** for Confessions until **6:45 p.m.**, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at **7:00 p.m.**, and evening Mass at **7:10 p.m.** (in Polish).

CHARITABLE TAX RECEIPTS: Please note that in order to have your donation included in the 2024 charitable income tax receipts, your offering must be received by Monday, December 30. Thank you!

THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR. The Church begins its celebration of the Jubilee Year this weekend with a special prayer at all the Masses. Prayer cards are available at the back of the Church with the prayer.

THE JUBILEE BANNERS AND LOGO. Cardinal Leo has asked that every parish display the two Jubilee Banners prominently in the sanctuary for the whole Jubilee Year. This means we will be unable to use our regular banners to which we have become accustomed that reflect the different liturgical seasons.

The Jubilee Logo was prepared by the Vatican to be used throughout the universal Church. It shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms.

It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year, *Pilgrims in hope*, represented in green letters.

NEW LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS are for sale in the vestibule of the Church for **\$7.00** each. Simply place the money in the offering box on which the Missals are displayed.

A very Happy New Year to all of our Parishioners & their Families!

A Blessing

*May angels keep you night and day,
And Mary guide you on your way;
May Jesus ever fill your heart
With peace He only can impart—
All this and more I ask for you,
Blessings to last your whole year through.*

THANK YOU to all who helped to make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful this year: those who helped to set up the trees and decorate the Church, those who set up the crib and tree in front of the Church, the musicians, lectors, altar servers, ushers, those who helped to count the collection, and anyone else who assisted in any way. Thank you too for your Christmas cards and greetings. Finally, we thank everyone for their generosity in the Christmas offertory.

CATHOLIC ART CALENDARS for 2025 are available at the back of the Church. Our thanks to the **RIDLEY FUNERAL HOME (3080 Lake Shore Blvd.)** for so generously providing these beautiful English calendars. We also thank **G.H. HOGLE FUNERAL HOME (63 Mimico Ave.)** for providing beautiful Polish calendars.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING. Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our parish bulletin. The advertising will begin in February, 2025 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Please call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

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.

Święto Świętej Rodziny: Jezusa, Maryi i Józefa – C

Rodzice znajdują Jezusa w świątyni - Pobyt 12 letniego Jezusa w świątyni jerozolimskiej stanowi punkt zwrotny w życiu Świętej Rodziny. Jezus kocha swoich

Rodziców, ale równocześnie wie, że „powinien” pozostać w dom swego Ojca Niebieskiego choćby przez trzy dni, ponieważ sprawy Boże są istotnym elementem Jego życia i powołania. I nam potrzeba czasu, abyśmy mogli zrozumieć Jezusa i jego posłannictwo, aby przyjąć całym sercem Jego naukę i Jego samego.

Uroczystość Świętej Bożej Rodzicielki Maryi - Światowy Dzień Pokoju

Nie może być lepszego początku roku i wszystkich dni naszego życia jak rozpoczynanie go wraz z Maryją. Zwracamy się do niej z dziecięcą ufnością, by nam pomagała przeżyć święcie każdy dzień; by nas skłaniała do rozpoczynania naszych starań od nowa, jeżeli będąc słabi, upadniemy i zboczmy z drogi; aby wstawiała się za nami do swego Syna, byśmy odnowili się wewnątrz i wzrastali w miłości do Boga i w służbie naszym bliźnim. W ręce Najświętszej Maryi Panny składamy pragnienie zjednoczenia się z Chrystusem, uświęcenia pracy zawodowej, wiernego głoszenia ewangelii. Będziemy wzywać jej Imienia, ilekroć pojawią się trudności. A Ona, będąc zawsze na usługach swych dzieci, kiedy usłyszysz swoje imię na naszych ustach, pośpieszy nam z pomocą. Nie pozostawi nas w trudnych sytuacjach samym sobie.

PIERWSZY PIĄTEK: 3-go stycznia przypada pierwszy piątek miesiąca stycznia. Po Mszy Św. o godzinie 9-ej rano (po angielsku), będzie wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu do godziny 3-iej. Będzie też okazja do spowiedzi świętej od godziny 6:00 do 6:45 wieczorem, i Błogosławieństwo o godz. 7:00. Po Błogosławieństwie, będzie dodatkowa Msza Św. po polsku o godz. 7:10 (rekolekcje).

KALENDARZE: Mamy już polskie kalendarze na rok 2025. Serdecznie dziękujemy **G.H. HOGLE FUNERAL HOME (63 Mimico Ave.)** za piękne kalendarze.

Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku – pod opieką Maryi i Dzieciątka Jezus

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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