

II SUNDAY OF ADVENT



In today's Gospel reading John the Baptist warns his listeners: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" The Church's yearly Advent herald is a call to repentance. The season of Advent urges us to be open to a conversion of heart. Christian stewards heed this call daily, and take the need for conversion in their lives seriously. As a family of faith, do we hear this call to conversion amidst the massive holiday spending? The increase in credit card debt? The urge to buy things that are not necessary? The incivility on the roadways during the holidays? Are there patterns in our own lives that need to be converted?

Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.catholicstewardship.org

II SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 8, 2013

8:00 a.m. In thanksgiving on the occasion of 5th birthday of Yolanda Cwikla & petition for health & God's blessings - parents & brother

9:30 a.m. For ++ grandparents - J.T. Malkiewicz

11:00 a.m. For ++ Maria Zadlo & Maria Zaluski - Zofia Jendras & family

6:00 p.m. For ++ Aniela & Stanislaw Czajka - son & family

MONDAY - DECEMBER 9, 2013

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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7:00 a.m. For ++ Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate - OMI

8:00 a.m. For + husband Mieczyslaw Szkwarek - wife Adela

11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Residence

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 10, 2013

7:00 a.m. For all living & deceased parishioners

8:00 a.m. For ++ Anthony & Stefania Kuzniakowski - family

10:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Family Nursing Home

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 11, 2013

7:00 a.m. For + Mary Zamparytti - Slivinski family

6:30 p.m. NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

7:00 p.m.

1. For + Michael Lazowski - son
2. For ++ Baranowski & Gerot families - Irena Ehrlich
3. For ++ parents Kazimierz & Rozalia Szkwarek (anni) - family
4. For + father Ryszard Motyka - son
5. For + Michael Hawrylak (anni) - family
6. For ++ grandparents on both sides - A.S. Szukiewicz
7. For health for brother Bogdan - sister Barbara
8. To Our Lady of Perpetual Help for health for Basia & God's blessings in her life - Ratajczyk parents & brother



THURSDAY - DECEMBER 12, 2013

7:00 a.m. Mass at Missionaries of Charity (Mother Teresa)

8:45 a.m. Mass at Polish Manor

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 13, 2013

7:00 a.m. For ++ Emilia & Ryszard Jarmasz - family

7:00 p.m. ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

SATURDAY - December 14, 2013

8:00 a.m. For + Andrzej - children & grandchildren

5:00 p.m. For + Stanislaw Kociolek (13 anni) - wife, children & grandchildren

CHRISTMAS WAFER (OPLATEK) AND 2014 CALENDARS may be purchased in our Parish Kiosk on Sundays following the Masses.

PARISH BULLETIN ADVERTISING 2014 - We are starting to prepare our bulletin covers for the Year 2014. We still have a few spaces available on our back cover for those interested to place an ad which would run for the entire year in both our English and Polish bulletins. Those interested are asked to contact our parish office at 204 582-4157 for more information.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS 2013

- The goal for our parish for Year 2013 is: \$ 80,220.00
- Our parish assessment for Year 2013 is: \$ 21,648.00
- To date, we have collected: \$ 22,439.00
- Total owing to the Archdiocese is: \$101,868.00

A sincere thank you to all for your donations.

ALTAR SERVERS — We are inviting all those who would like to serve at the Altar to contact Fr. Tomasz Krzesik, OMI. New candidates are welcome.

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS:

- Wednesday Group – December 18 following the Evening Mass.
- Sunday Group - December 22 following the Evening Mass
- **Please note: the Thursday Group is cancelled to the end of the year and will resume in the new year.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE are asking:

- All parishioners to please come to help make perogies on **Wednesday, December 11 in our parish hall at 9:00 a.m.**
- Baking for their Bake Table as they will be having a **Bake and Perogy Sale on Sunday, December 15** in our parish hall following all morning masses. These may be brought to the hall on the morning of the sale. Coffee and donuts will be available.
- Boxes for Christmas hampers may be found at the back of the Church and they are asking for donations of dry and packaged food items to help those in need especially at this time of year.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Sunday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.

HOLY GHOST FRATERNAL AID SOCIETY - December 15 at 2:30 p.m.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

December 10	7:00 p.m.	St. Joseph's Parish
December 12	7:00 p.m.	Kateri Tekawitha Parish
December 13	7:00 p.m.	HOLY GHOST PARISH
December 15	7:00 p.m.	St. Nicholas Tavelich
December 17	7:00 p.m.	St. Anthony of Padua Parish
December 18	7:00 p.m.	St. John Cantius Parish
December 19	7:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception Parish

We ask all to please avail yourselves of this wonderful opportunity as there will be many priests from our area hearing confessions both in English and Polish, thus easing it for all of us as Christmas draws near, and avoiding the long line-ups.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION for Archbishop Weisgerber will take place on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. followed by a reception in the parish hall. Please note that due to limited seating, passes are required to attend the installation.

III SUNDAY OF ADVENT



From the loneliness of his prison cell John the Baptist asks of Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" The weeks before Christmas offer much to be joyous about, celebrating with family and friends, the glitter of seasonal decorations, the excitement of gift giving and receiving. But in our midst there are the lonely and neglected, the poor, the hospitalized, the wayward, the shut-ins. There are those seemingly without hope. To whom should they look? Discipleship in the Lord includes being good stewards of others. Are there those in our family, our neighbourhood, our community to whom we can reach out to show them a sign of Christ's presence in their midst.

III SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 15, 2013

8:00 a.m. For ++ husband Wladyslaw Jarosz, parents, brothers & sisters on both sides - Henryka Jarosz

9:30 a.m. For + Bernice Slota - family

11:00 a.m. For ++ Kras, Skotnicki, Najbor families, Krzysztof Cholewa & Wieslawa Kras - Kras family

6:00 p.m. For ++ Feliks, Florian & Antonina Urbanowicz - Zofia Labuda & family

MONDAY - DECEMBER 16, 2013

7:00 a.m. Intention for all living & deceased parishioners

8:00 a.m. ++ For + Kazimierz Kler

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013

7:00 a.m. ++ For ++ Deacon Michael & Irene Trent

8:00 a.m. Intention for sister Krystyna & petition for health & God's care - sister Anna

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 18, 2013

7:00 a.m. For + Olga Toposzkiewicz - daughter & family

6:30 p.m. **NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

7:00 p.m. 1. For ++ Konrad & Zofia Kijanko

2. For ++ husband Mieczyslaw Szkwarek; Szkwarek & Kwas parents on both sides - Adela Szkwarek

3. In thanksgiving in the intention of Eleonora Kuczkowski on the occasion of birthday & petition for health & God's blessings - Helena Mroczko

4. For ++ parents Emilia & Adam Baranowski - Irena Ehrlich

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 19, 2013

7:00 a.m. Mass at Missionaries of Charity (Mother Teresa)

8:45 a.m. Mass at Polish Manor

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 20, 2013

7:00 a.m. For ++ Jan & Helena Kieloch - son & family

7:00 p.m. For ++ parents Helena & Antoni Rogalka & uncle Fr. Jozef Kucharczyk, OMI - son & family

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 21, 2013

8:00 a.m. For ++ Leszczynski parents, brother & sister-in-law - daughter Barbara

5:00 p.m. For + mother Helena Burczynski (3 anni) - Peter, Frank & Wanda

IV SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 22, 2013

8:00 a.m. For ++ Stefan Podolczak & grandparents on both sides - Kucel family

9:30 a.m. For ++ Rozalia & Karol Mankiewicz - daughter & family

11:00 a.m. For ++ parents Stanislaw & Rozalia Sienko & husband Ryszard Haderer - family

6:00 p.m. For + Edward Sarzynski - family

SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING:

- All those who attended and participated in the Polish Advent Retreat
- All those who picked up their envelopes with the Christmas wishes and programs. Unfortunately we still had to mail out 513 envelopes.
- To all those who helped to prepare the Christmas envelopes for distribution

PARISH CHRISTMAS BANQUET (OPLATEK) will be held on Sunday, January 5, 2014 in our parish hall. Tickets are available to be purchased in our Parish Kiosk or in our parish office. There will be a delicious hot dinner prepared by our Catholic Women's League; our traditional sharing of the Christmas Wafer and Christmas Carols performed by our St. Cecylia Choir. We ask to please get your tickets early as seating is limited.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

- when we give thanks to the Holy Trinity for the gift of the Immaculate Conception. This year, this Feast falls on Sunday, December 8, however, in Canada, due to this falling on Sunday, this feast has been moved to

Monday, December 9. This is also the Feast of the Patroness of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

We would like to wish our Pastoral Team, Fr. Maciej Pajak, OMI and Fr. Tomasz Krzesik, OMI many God's blessings and care under their Patroness, Mary Immaculate. On this day, let us remember in a special way all the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in our prayers especially those who are no longer with us.

PARISH RADIO PROGRAM CKJS 810 AM YEAR 2013:

The cost to broadcast our radio programs annually is **\$16,012.50**. It is in sincere gratitude to all for your offerings that we were able to raise **\$17,190.00** and are able to continue to transmit our programs.

The additional amount of **\$1,178.00** which was raised over our goal amount will be set aside towards the cost of broadcasting for the Year 2014. We would like to thank all on behalf of our parish, the sick, the elderly and those who are unable to participate at our Eucharistic Celebrations, for your wonderful generosity as through your donations we will be able to continue the broadcast of these programs. Thank you to the following:

Genowefa Moskal	\$20
Wanda Horodynski	\$20
Sofia Dyna	\$260

YEAR 2014 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES will be

available to be picked up on Friday, December 13 in the Aikins Avenue foyer. These may be picked up either during our Penitential Service; on Saturday evening; Sunday following the Masses or from our parish office during the week. These will only be mailed out in special cases, as the cost to mail these boxed sets is very costly. We ask to please not use these until the new year. The first envelope in the set is the "Initial Offering" which is to help cover the expense for printing these envelopes. We ask to please this envelopes to help defray this cost for us. Those who do not have envelopes and would like a set are asked to contact our parish office. We ask all to please check the name and address to ensure you are picking up the right set.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS - We are asking all those who have had a change of address and have not notified our office to please do so as soon as possible. As we are preparing our year end, we would like to update our parish records in preparation for the 2013 Income tax Receipts. This may be done by placing a change of address card in our collection basket or by calling our parish office during regular hours.

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

God bless all for your offerings!

November 24 - Regular Sunday Collection:	\$5,932.00
December 1 - Regular Sunday Collection:	\$6,864.00
December 1 - Maintenance Fund Collection:	\$3,721.00
December 15 - Sharing God's Gifts Appeal:	

Did you give an offering equal to one hour of your earnings?