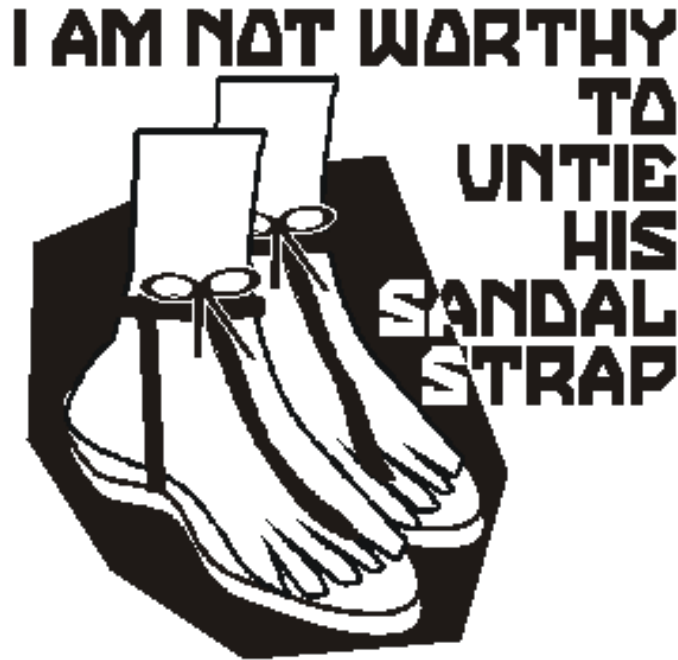


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**Third Sunday of Advent - "C"**  
Trzecia Niedziela Adwentu

**December 16, 2018**

*O Lord I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and this parish will grow in number of really holy and dedicated people to God and to the Church.*

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

**Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English.**

**Today, December 16<sup>th</sup> - III Sunday of Advent**

**Advent Penitential Service** begins prior to the Mass.

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Paul Elsavage**, of. by Sue Korapchak & Sylvia Yanalunis.

- Decorating the church for Christmas.

**TUESDAY, December 18<sup>th</sup> - *Advent Weekday***

**4:00PM – Holy Mass** for **Veronica** on her **12<sup>th</sup>** birthday.

**WEDNESDAY, December 19<sup>th</sup> – *Advent Weekday***

**6:30AM – Rorate Mass**, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

**THURSDAY, December 20<sup>th</sup> – *Advent Weekday***

**9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass** for Sp. **Bishop Stanley Bilinski Jr.**

**FRIDAY, December 21<sup>st</sup> – Feast – St. Thomas, Apostle**

**9:00AM – Holy Mass**

**SATURDAY, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Advent Weekday**

**9:30AM – Holy Mass to the BVM on Saturday, and Litany.**

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – IV Sunday of Advent**

**10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Carolyn Boychak, of. by Mrs. Theresa Petrusky.**

### **Today's liturgy**

**ASPERGES** – Pokropisz mnie Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

### **THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

*Christ's Coming in Glory*

#### **Prayer:**

P. Beloved, let us live in this world with temperance, justice and piety.

**R. Let us wait for the blessed hope and glorious coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

P. Heaven and earth will pass away.

**R. But Your Words, o Lord, will not pass away.**

P. What You foretold shall be accomplished: You will come to judge the living and the dead.

**R. You will reward everyone according to their deeds.**

P. Keep us from being engulfed in worldly desires.

**R. For at an unexpected hour, the Son of Man will come.**

P. Grant us, o Lord, to be always on the watch.

**R. That we may meet You with burning lamps on Your return.**

P. Lord, remember not our transgressions.

**R. For with You, o Lord, is kindness and plentiful redemption.**

P. Let Your power be known, o Lord.

**R. Come, and let Your Face shine upon us.**

**Let us pray:** Almighty, Eternal Father, stir our hearts and grant us to be steadfast in fervent prayer, in holy love and child-like confidence, so that one day we may joyfully meet Your Son, and our Lord, Jesus Christ, when He shall come on the clouds to heaven to judge the world. Through the same Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

#### **ENTRANCE RITE (Psalms 85:6-7; 90:14)**

V. Will You be angry with us forever, drag out Your anger for all generations? Please give us life again, that Your people may rejoice in You.

**R. Fill us at daybreak with Your love, that all our days we may sing for joy.**

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.**

#### **I Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18**

#### **GRADUAL (Zephaniah 3:19b-20)**

V. I will save the lame, and assemble the outcasts; I will give them praise and renown in all the earth, when I bring about their restoration.

**R. At that time I will bring you home, and at that time I will gather you; for I will give you renown and praise, among all the peoples of the earth, when I bring about your restoration before your very eyes, says the Lord.**

## **II Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

### **ALLELUIA (Matthew 6:33)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18**

#### **HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev'ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

**THANK YOU** to our **Parishioners** and **Friends** for preparing and taking an active part during our Christmas Party last Sunday!

- **Hall for Rent** is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.
- **Upcoming liturgy events: Dec. 24 at 4:00PM – Christmas Vigil Mass; 10:00PM – Christmas Eve Mass (Pasterka); December 25 – 11:00AM Mass; Feb. 24, 2019 – Annual Parish Meeting** after the Mass.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: December 16 – Helen Menzyk; December 18 – Veronica Plichta; December 19 – George Tokarczyk, Rosemary Savitsky.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Janusz Lucarz – Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Frank Savitsky – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross - Thomas Justen; *H & R Center Tremont*: Dolores Halaburda.

**CHRISTMAS WAFERS** are available in the vestibule. Free will offerings are for our organist, **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff**.

**SNOW and ICE ALERT** – During winter days, please remember that we do not cancel our Worship Services. In the case of unfavorable travel conditions, please make appropriate decisions about venturing forth.

**KINDLY REMINDER** – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2018**. Therefore, please, be responsible for your own church and fulfill your obligation to the Parish before that date. **THANK YOU**. A member, who fulfills the financial obligation to the Parish, by paying our yearly dues (**\$137.00**), is a financial good standing member of the Church. This means that he/she is a voting member of the Parish, can be elected to the Parish Committee, can be elected as a delegate for Synods and Seniorate Council, can be married in the church, and when time comes could be buried at the Parish Cemetery.