

st. priscilla church



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RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

(Confession) 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM, Saturday or by appointment.
Weekday Confession held at 7:00 to 7:15 AM.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

At the rectory during office hours.
Regular Office hours 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily.

WEDDINGS:

Arrangement must be made with one of the priests at least six months before the date of the wedding. Confirm desired date at the church before making other arrangements. At least one of the engaged persons (or their parents) must be a registered and active parishioner of St. Priscilla. Weddings are not scheduled on Sunday.

BAPTISMS:

English Baptisms will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM. Polish Baptisms will be held on the first and third Sundays. Attendance at Baptismal Preparation class is mandatory. Register by calling Rectory.

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 - 9:00 - 12:15 PM

Polish Mass: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

Mass in Polish: Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

7:00 PM Vigil Mass, 6:30—8:00—11:00 AM (English)

9:00 AM—7:00 PM (Polish)



Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2011

**Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.**

— Mark 1:3

Pastor's Notes

PRZYGOTUJMY DROGĘ PANU...

Spiritual Reflection**ARE YOU READY?**

Some storytellers lead you gently into their tale by setting the scene, introducing characters, unfolding the plot, and building up tension toward a climax. Mark does not bother with such methods!

In his Gospel there are no descriptions of Jesus' noble ancestry or of Mary's pregnancy or the birth in Bethlehem. There are no accounts of shepherds and wise men, wicked Herod or the journey into Egypt. The whole Gospel is summed up in the words of the very first sentence: "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). The word gospel means "good news," and Mark brings a particular urgency to the message.

The name Jesus is a version of the Hebrew name Joshua—"the Lord saves"—and Christ is the Greek version of the Hebrew title Messiah, meaning "anointed one."

Anointing was a sacred act usually conferred on kings. So here, in just one sentence, we are given good news: God is here to save the people through this anointed one, descendent of kings and a King himself.

Jesus' arrival is announced by his cousin John, who is the "voice . . . crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3) also mentioned by the prophet Isaiah. Perhaps John the Baptist's own disciples are trying to convince John that he is the promised one, but John knows otherwise.

He is not the Messiah; his task is to prepare the way. He is to baptize with water for the forgiveness of sins, but the one who is to come will give his life for the forgiveness of sins and will baptize his followers with the Holy Spirit.

As we hear again about this coming Savior, the question we must ask ourselves is, are we ready to receive him? To receive him means being prepared to follow him and do his will.

Bóg, który pragnie zbawienia człowieka, bardzo często realizuje swoje plany za pośrednictwem innych ludzi. Jan Chrzciciel, którego ukazuje nam dzisiejsza Ewangelia należy właśnie do takich ludzi. Opatrzność Boża postawiła go na drodze życia narodu wybranego ale także i na drodze naszego życia. Postawiła go po to, aby przypomnieliśmy całemu światu, a także i nam, że nie ma innej drogi do zbawienia jak tylko nawrócenie się i pojednanie z Bogiem. Moglibyśmy więc nazwać Jana Chrzciciela prorokiem pojednania.

Jan Chrzciciel realizował swoje powołanie na podwójnej drodze: zapowiadał nadejście Kogoś bardzo wielkiego, kto będzie mocniejszy od niego, komu on „nie będzie godzien rozwiązać rzemyka u Jego sandałów” (Mk. 1,7), oraz będzie wzywał do należytego przygotowania na Jego przyjście. A więc innymi słowami Jan Chrzciciel pragnie nam powiedzieć, jak mamy się przygotować na nadchodzące Święta Bożego Narodzenia.

Tak więc żąda od nas przede wszystkim należytego poznania Chrystusa. Jeśli bowiem mamy przyjąć Jego naukę i mamy tę naukę realizować w naszym życiu, to musimy najpierw z Nim się zapoznać. Jan Chrzciciel mówi, że Ten którego on zapowiada jest Kimś bardzo ważnym, Wielkim, że on nie jest nawet godzien upaść przed Nim na kolana, pochylić się do Jego stóp i rozwiązać rzemyk u Jego sandałów. Siebie samego nazywa tylko „głosem wołającym na pustyni” (w. 3).

Warto zatem przygotować się na Jego przyjście i na przyjęcie tych darów, którymi On pragnie ubogacić zmęczoną i utrudzoną trudem codziennego życia ludzkość. Pomyślmy dziś nad tym, co zrobić, aby lepiej poznać takiego Jezusa, który do nas przychodzi i pragnie za wszelką cenę być z nami i być dla nas.

Przygotowanie na przyjście Jezusa Chrystusa nie jest ciężkie, ani trudne. Sprowadza się ono do dwóch czynności: „Prostujcie drogi Panu” oraz „Nawróćcie się”.

O jakie drogi tutaj chodzi? Chodzi przede wszystkim o drogi ludzkiego życia. Nie ulega bowiem wątpliwości, że są one bardzo często zawiłe, że prowadzą w ciemność albo do nikąd. W czasie przygotowującym nas na przyjście Pana, trzeba drogi swojego życia wyprostować i uświadomić sobie, że muszą one nas zaprowadzić do Boga.

Bezpieczna droga prowadząca do Boga, to droga Bożych Przykazań. Dlatego w tegorocznym Adwencie bądźmy szczególnie na to uwrażliwieni. Niech one staną się dla nas prawdziwymi drogowskazami naszego życia.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (4)**

7:30 — +Alexander Mroczek

9:00 — +Chas Turnquist Birthday Remembrance (Evelyn)

+Maria & Salvatore DeSimone (Michael)

+Aniela Radek (Mizera Family)

+Yolanda "Chiokie" Kazorow (C.W.C.)

+Corky Bergman (Donna Herrity)

+Deacon Edward Swiech (Barbara Taschler)

+Jack Geraghty (Donna Herrity)

10:30— O zdrowie i bł. Boże dla Piotra Grocholski z racji urodzin (Polska Grupa)

Podz. i prośba o łaski potrzebne dla Pawła Dziura (Żona i Córka)

O opiekę Matki Bożej i potrzebne łaski dla Marleny Warjas z racji 18-tych urodzin (Rodzice)

O zdrowie dla Marka i szybki powrót do zdrowia (Rodzina i Przyjaciele)

O radość w wieczności dla:

+Czesław Białous (Żona i Córka)

+Piotr i Aniela Ryczek

+Czesław Góra

+ks. Stanisław

+Antoni Przybyło i Stanisław

+Wanda i Władysław Bafia

+Kazimierz Zwijacz 7 miesięcy po śmierci

+Irena Marek 23 rocz. śmierci

12:15— +Nicholas Alleva, Jr. (Family & Friends)

+Tadeusz Samolyk (Family)

6:00 — +Za Dusze Wszystkich Zmarłych i Polecanych w Wypominkach: #9

MONDAY (5) Advent Weekday

6:30 — In Thanksgiving of 51 years of marriage for Stan & Dolores Dziadus

8:00 — Parishioners of St. Priscilla: #45

TUESDAY (6) Advent Weekday

6:30 — Parishioners of St. Priscilla: #46

8:00 — All Souls in Purgatory: #10

WEDNESDAY (7) Saint Ambrose,**bishop and doctor of the Church**

6:30 — Parishioners of St. Priscilla: #47

8:00 — +Patrick Calkins 30th Death Anniversary (Wife Kathleen & Family)

8:30 — +Anna Stalica

7:00 P.M. — Parishioners of St. Priscilla: #48

THURSDAY (8) THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:30 — +Pauline C. Gerber - Mother (Children)

8:00 — +Gilda Dipaolo (Theresa)

11:00— +James Sloan 9th Death Anniv. (Emily & Family)

7:00 P.M. — W dniu urodzin o Boże bł. i potrzebne łaski dla Edyty Matel (Babcia)

FRIDAY (9) Advent Weekday

6:30 — +Otto & Lorraine Ackermann (Daughter)

8:00 — Anna Mae Calkins 80th Birthday (Sister Kathleen)

SATURDAY (10) Advent Weekday

8:00 — Parishioners of St. Priscilla: #49

8:30 — +Józef Janeczek

4:00 — +Edward Gadzinowski Birthday Remem. (Family)
Health & Blessings for Dolores Nielsen on her birthday (Neighbors Gary & Rosemary)**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (11)**

7:30 — Parishioners of St. Priscilla: #50

9:00 — +Donald Hum 12 Death Anniversary (Mom)

+Martin Weldin Birthday Remembrance (Daughter)

+Deceased Members of the Heiberger & Grossmayer Families (Nick Grossmayer Family)

+Margaret Peggy & Bridget Leyden (Leyden Family)

+Johanna Silbernagel (Helen, Alex & Family)

10:30— O Boże bł. i potrzebne łaski dla Pawła Dziura z rodz.

O radość w wieczności dla:

+Stanisław Karbarz (Rodzina)

+Czesław Białous (Żona i Córka)

+Helena i Mieczysław Wójcik (Córka z rodziną)

+Stefan Birlet (Przyjaciele)

+Aleksander, Maria i Andrzej Burzawa

+Katarzyna i Franciszek Kosoń

+Józef i Stefania Kuryło

+Aleksander Czechowicz (Dzieci z Wnukami)

12:15— +Josephine Jahn-Domin 10th Death Anniversary (Daughter & Family)

6:00 —

*Rest in Peace*

Thomas Bykowski

Marie Polinski

Our Weekly Offering		November 20, 2011
Currency	\$	3,651.00
Checks	\$	3,693.60
Loose Coin	\$	5.17
Total	\$	7,349.77
Weekly Goal	\$	10,000.00
Budget Year to Date		\$210,000.00
Collections Year to Date		\$144,719.45
Under Budget		\$<65,280.55>
Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.		

Holy Name Society



Our monthly general membership meeting and Christmas Party will take place on **Sunday, December 11, 2011.**

We will attend the **9:00 A.M. Mass** with our wives and the widows of our former members. Following the Mass, we will go to the lower level of the rectory for our meeting and party. Ladies, please spread the word! All wives and widows of former members are invited to this special meeting!!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Meeting and Christmas Party

**Tuesday,
December 13th**

Rectory Round room at
12:00 P.M.

Please join us!

Merry Christmas to all!



SIMBANG GABI ST. PRISCILLA CHURCH

DECEMBER 17, 2011

6:30 P.M. - Holy Rosary

7:00 P.M. - Simbang Gabi Mass

**Volunteers are WELCOME
for your time, talent, and treasure!
Bring a favorite food to share!**



BAPTISMS

**Olivia Helena Brzychczy
Julia Maria Oczkowska
Damian Kozioł**



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY December 10th & December 11th

MINISTER(S)	SATURDAY 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.	SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.	SUNDAY 12:15 P.M.	SUNDAY 6:00 P.M.
LECTOR	Karl Rodriguez	Elzbieta Molek	Erlinda Villegas	As scheduled	Jim Miketta	As scheduled
COMMENTATOR						
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	As scheduled	As scheduled	As scheduled	As scheduled	As scheduled	As scheduled



VARIOUS HAPPENINGS AROUND THE PARISH LAST WEEK



1: At a St. Cecilia Feast Day gathering, our children's choir gives a recital for the rest of the choir.



2: Group picture of our choir.

3: Adult choir gathered at St. Cecilia Feast Day Choir celebration.

4: Preparing altar for Advent.



5: Thanksgiving decoration by altar.

6: Preparing parish grounds for Christmas with beautiful decorations.

7: Singing in the rain and enjoying decorating the trees, even in rainy weather.





An Unfortunate Coincidence

Last year, around this same time of the year, we had pipe repairs done on our parish grounds. We have had a very similar situation this year.

Above is a picture of the tool used to clean out the pipe. As you can see, the tool pulled out roots, which blocked up the pipe. The tool even got stuck inside the pipe. These roots blocked up the entire length of the pipe, from the school building to the drainage sewer.

Above and to the right, we see employees with a lift working hard to move away the dirt and to replace the pipes. To the right, we can see the dirt moved aside and the new pipe being put into place by an employee along the full length.

In addition to replacing the pipe, a new cement well also had to be made, which is pictured at the bottom left.

And to the bottom right we can see a job well done! These repairs are unfortunate, but we are grateful for the rapid repair so as to prevent further damage. Thank you for your donations to capital improvement, as those are the funds we use to repair any damage. May God bless you!

