

st. priscilla church



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RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

(Confession) 3:00 P.M. to 3:45 P.M., Saturday or by appointment.
Weekday Confession daily starting at 7:45 A.M. until morning Mass.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

At the rectory during office hours.
Monday-Wednesday- Friday 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. / Sunday 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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: 8:30 A.M. - 12:15 PM
Polish Mass: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM
Mass in Polish: Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

7:00 PM Vigil Mass, 8:00—11:00 AM (English)
9:00 AM—7:00 PM (Polish)



First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2012

I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.
— *Jeremiah 33:15*

Pastor's Notes

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Reflecting on God's Word

How do you prepare a heart for Christmas? It is not all that different from how we prepare any room for the season. We move some things out and bring others in: lights, candles, and appropriate decorations. We can also apply this to our hearts, both our individual heart and our community heart. Today four voices offer direction.

Jeremiah calls us to remember the God who worked on the house of Israel and Judah, bringing "a just shoot" (Jeremiah 33:15) to flower from the old stump that Israel had become, replacing lifeless leadership with a new branch of the house of David. Justice would flourish for all the people. Jeremiah calls us to trust God's designs that go beyond the surface.

Jesus' words, however, seem to contradict all this, predicting signs that will dismay and perplex, with people dying of fright. What happened to security and justice? But all this frightening activity is not for those waiting on the Lord. Jesus' words are strong: Don't cower; stand erect. Don't let your heart sink into sleep, dive into drink, or be corrupted by carousing. Redemption is in the room, a heartbeat away.

Paul reminds us that we best renovate our hearts by filling them with God's love for others. We do this by how we treat each other. A new year offers time to bring healing to damaged relationships, to reach out to someone we have neglected. And God works along with us, pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.



ADWENT - CZASEM CZUWANIA

Adwent jest okresem czuwania, tj. czasem, w którym przygotowujemy się na przyście Chrystusa. Już tyle razy Chrystus do nas przychodził, ale czy my dobrze przeżyliśmy ten okres czekania? Czy czuwaliśmy i czekaliśmy na to przyście z wiarą, to znaczy z pełnym zaangażowaniem się w Jego przyście?

Każdy człowiek w życiu na coś lub na kogoś czeka. Matka czeka na powrót dziecka za szkoły. Żona na powrót męża z pracy. Przyjaciel na przyjazd przyjaciela. Ukochana na powrót ukochanego. Chory czeka na powrót do zdrowia.

Czekanie jest nierozdzielnie związane z naszym życiem. W Adwencie my, ludzie wierzący - czekamy na Chrystusa. Ale czekając musimy stale czuwać, by nas Jego Przyście nie zaskoczyło. Musimy także bardziej aniżeli kiedykolwiek indziej bardziej rozpoznawać „Znaki Jego przyścia.” Ale zastanówmy się choć przez chwilę, co to znaczy czuwać?

Czuwać - to znaczy przede wszystkim mieć szeroko otwarte oczy. To znaczy widzieć więcej, niż widzimy codziennie. Więcej, niż tylko siebie i swoje sprawy. Wielu ludzi nie interesuje Chrystus dlatego, ponieważ nie widzą zainteresowania się Nim u tych, którzy nazywają się Jego wyznawcami, chrześcijanami. Tak więc dziś muszę sobie zrobić rachunek sumienia z mojej relacji do Chrystusa. Jeżeli pragnę dobrze przeżyć Boże Narodzenie, to muszę za wszelką cenę więcej interesować się Chrystusem, muszę nie tylko wyczekiwać na Jego przyście, ale zrozumieć prawdę, że On przychodzi po to, aby mnie zbawić.

Czuwać - to znaczy również otworzyć swoje uszy. Wytężyć swój słuch. Aby dobrze usłyszeć przychodzącego Boga, trzeba najpierw wyciszyć wszystko wokół siebie. Trzeba chcieć tylko słyszeć głos mówiącego Boga.

Czuwać - to znaczy jeszcze uwrażliwić swoje sumienie. Co to znaczy? To znaczy, że mamy być czuлыми na każdy szepet Łaski Bożej. Niech Adwent będzie dla nas wiosną, która niesie ze sobą radość i nadzieję nowego życia. Chrystus przychodzi do nas w tym okresie roku, byśmy zrozumieli, czym jest nowe życie, szczególnie życie dane nam przez kochającego nas i miłosiernego Boga.

Wyjdźmy na spotkanie Jezusa w tym adwentowym czasie z taką miłością, z jaką On do nas przychodzi i módlmy się gorąco, aby to nasze adwentowe czuwanie zakończyło się nie tylko spotkaniem z Chrystusem ale także i pełnym z Nim zjednoczeniem.


Mass Intentions for the week

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (2)

- 8:30 — In Thanksgiving Evelyn Cademartrie
 +Aniela & Adam Radek (Mizera Family)
 +Elaine Tovar (Tovar Family)
- 10:30— O odnowienie miłości ku Bogu wśród młodzieży
 i powołania do służby Bożej oraz za dusze
 w czyśćcu cierpiące
 O zdrowie, Boże bł. i potrzebne łaski dla Piotra
 Grocholskiego z racji urodzin (Polska Grupa)
 O zdrowie i wszelkie łaski dla Marka Młynarczyka
 (Mama z rodziną)
 O opiekę Matki Bożej i wiele łask dla Karoliny
 Cieślak z racji 18-tych urodzin (Rodzice)

O radość w wieczności dla:

- +Paweł Dziura (Przyjaciele)
 +Kasia Dziura 2 tygodnie po śmierci (Tata z rodziną)
 +Wioletta Karwowska (Grażyna i Zenona)
 +Józef Sopek (Żona z synami)
 +Wilgeforda Kulbicka 2-ga rocz. śmierci
 (Córka z rodziną)
- 12:15— +Danny Lunch 7th Death Anniversary (Mom & Dad)
 6:00 — Za parafian św. Pryscylli #32

MONDAY (3) Saint Francis Xavier

- 8:00 — St. Priscilla Parishioners #30

TUESDAY (4) St. John Damascene

- 8:00 — +Charles Turnquist Birthday Remembrance (Evelyn)

WEDNESDAY (5) Weekday

- 8:00 — +John McGrail (Wife)
 8:30 — +Kazimierz Fojtar 1-sza rocz. śmierci
 +Ryszard Godawiec 3-cia rocz. śmierci (Siostra)

THURSDAY (6) St. Nicholas

- 8:00 — +Nora & Tony Patrice (Friend)

FRIDAY (7) First Friday; St. Ambrose

- 8:00 — All Poor Souls in Purgatory (Barcebal Family)
 Eugene Costabile (Wife)
 5:00 P.M. (English) — St. Priscilla Parishioners #31
 7:00 P.M. (Polish) — O Boże Bł. dla rodziny Wolskich
 +Czesław Konstancja i Edward Misiaszek
 (Lucyna, Kamila)

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

- 8:00 — +Pauline C. Gerber - Mother (Children)
 8:30 — W dniu urodzin, o zdrowie i Boże bł. dla Edyty Matel
 (Babcia)
 11:00 (English) — +James Sloan 9th Death Anniversary
 (Emily & Family)
 4:00 — +Mary Smolenski (Władysław & Franciszka Cwikla)
 +Elaine Tovar (Lois Traficante)
 +John Greco (Dorothy Castronovo)
 +Irene Colletti (Rose & Lou)
 7:00 P.M. (Polish) — +Katarzyna Dziura

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (9)

- 8:30 — +Salvatore & Maria DeSimone (Michael DeSimone)
 +Victor Szatkowski (Triantefel Family)
 +Elaine Tovar (Tovar Family)
- 10:30— O odnowienie miłości ku Bogu wśród młodzieży
 i powołania do służby Bożej oraz za dusze
 w czyśćcu cierpiące
 O zdrowie i opiekę Matki Bożej dla Marka
 Młynarczyka (Mama z rodziną)
- O radość w wieczności dla:**
 +Paweł Dziura (Przyjaciele)
 +Katarzyna Dziura 3 tygodnie po śmierci
 (Tata z rodziną)
- 12:15— St. Priscilla Parishioners #33
 6:00 — +Marian Dobosz 1-sza rocz. śmierci (Żona z rodziną)

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

There will be a short meeting and Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 4th at 12:00 Noon, in the Round Room of the Rectory. Please join us.

A big Thank You to all who came and supported our Rummage Sale. Special Thanks to the Holy Name Society for being oh so helpful and kind. Also to the Boy Scouts, for all their help and support in cleaning up.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



Rest in Peace

John Brophy

Our
Weekly Offering

November 18, 2012

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Currency | \$ 4,375.00 |
| Checks | \$ 2,200.00 |
| Loose Coin | \$ 8.27 |
| Total | \$ 6,583.27 |
| Weekly Goal | \$ 7,500.00 |
| Budget Year to Date | \$187,500.00 |
| Collections Year to Date | \$168,454.12 |
| Under Budget | \$< 19,045.88> |
| Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish. | |

St. Priscilla's Thanksgiving

On behalf of St. Priscilla, I would like to thank everyone who came out, away from their busy schedules, to give thanks for all God has provided us. This year's Thanksgiving Mass was a success, with almost twice as many people, compared to last year. Once again, thank you and God Bless!

Fr. Idzi

In your daily prayer, find some time to think about what you would like to thank God for...



DZIĘKI SKŁADAJMY PANU BOGU NASZEMU.

W czasie twojej codziennej modlitwy, pomyśl, za co chciałbyś Bogu podziękować...



Holy Name Society

On Sunday, December 9, 2012 we will attend the 8:30 A.M. Mass and after Mass we will go to the lower level of the Rectory for our Christmas Meeting and a brunch with our wives and widows of former members.

All members and wives please attend this Christmas celebration and let's enjoy the togetherness and the brunch!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your thanks for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Pray for ...

George Adamick - Ann Aitken - Joe Bargi - Lorraine Belokon - Dorothy Castronovo - Rosemary Cursio - Jan Drożdż - Nick Grossmayer - Dorothy Heck - Jennifer Hebda - Marian Henaghan - Tony Inacay - Andrew Jennings - Carrie Kacen - Marie Kane - Janet Kaplan - LaVerne Kmieciak - Giuseppe Lamanna - Dolores LaValle - Maria Lech - Peter Leyden - Mary Lund - Mary Lynch - Michael Manczko - Barbara McDonald - Mike Muka - Antoni Nierzejewski - Carol Niewinski - Henry Orry - Augusto Sandoval - Norbert Schultz - Genowefa Solak - Mary Spiewak - Gina Swensen - Patricia Tytro - Roger Vlasos - Stanley Wcislo - Jola Wolfe - Katie Young

If you have not yet done so and would like to have your name added to our Parish "Pray For..." list, please call the rectory at **773-545-8840 ext. 221**. Thank you!



**SIMBANG GABI
ST. PRISCILLA CHURCH**

DECEMBER 15, 2012

**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!**



This week we received a letter from Trinity High School, informing us of students from our Parish who have achieved Honor Roll for the first block, earning a GPA of 3.3 or higher. We are all very proud of these young women for working hard every day to receive such recognition.

First honors (3.75 GPA or above)

Lauren McGuire, '15, A
Monica Szewc, '13, A

Second Honors (3.3-3.79)

Annie Lee, '15, B

**Support Temporary Visitor Driver's Licenses
for Immigrants!!**

The Illinois General Assembly will soon consider legislation that extends Temporary Visitor Driver's Licenses to undocumented immigrants. These licenses are already issued by the state of Illinois, can only be used for driving, and cannot be used for identification. Our Catholic faith calls for respect for every human being, regardless of immigration status, and an acknowledgment of the dignity of their efforts to work in order to provide for themselves and their families. For more information, go to www.ilcatholic.org.

Please contact your state senator and representative and urge him/her to **vote "YES"** on **Temporary Visitor Driver's Licenses**. Urge your friends and families to make calls as well.

You can find the name and contact information of your state senator and representative on the website of the Catholic Conference of Illinois, www.ilcatholic.org, under "Take Action," and "Find + contact your legislator." Or call the Catholic Conference at 312-368-1066 or 217-528-9200.

Keep checking www.ilcatholic.org.

Suggested Message:

"Temporary Visitor Driver's Licenses give immigrants the opportunity to drive legally and safely to work, church and school. They can only be used for driving, and not for identification. Vote yes!"

First Week of Advent: Waiting for Fulfillment

Attend Sunday Mass in a different language. Go to <http://parishdirectory.archchicago.org/ParishSearch.aspx> to find a Mass near you.

Join the Rosary prayer vigil at the Broadview Detention Center, 1930 S. Beach St., Broadview, Fridays at 7:15 a.m. or pray a Rosary in solidarity with those being deported.

View speakers from "An Ethical Perspective on the Accompaniment of Immigrants: A Faith Response" that outlines the moral framework needed to respond to today's immigration realities at <http://learn.ctu.edu/>.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
December 8th & December 9th**

| MINISTER(S) | SATURDAY 4:00 P.M. | SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. | SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. | SUNDAY 12:15 P.M. | SUNDAY 6:00 P.M. |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| LECTOR | Camelia Rodriguez | Dominika Ziobro | As scheduled | Marilyn Pincchietti | As scheduled |
| COMMENTATOR | | | As scheduled | | As scheduled |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Brown Smith Dziwik Sulak | Harmata Ward Graf Villegas | As scheduled | Knight Kim Sloan | As scheduled |

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS COLLECTION COMING UP ON **DECEMBER 8TH & 9TH!**

Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR)

Share in the Care * 2012

Why We Ask You to Help

Skyrocketing Costs

- * There are more than 34,000 religious living past age 70 in the United States. In 2011, the average annual cost for their care was more than \$35,000 per person.
- * In 2011 alone, the total cost to support senior women and men religious exceeded \$1.1 billion.

Insufficient Income

- * By 2019, retired religious are projected to outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one.
- * For most of their lives, elder religious worked for small stipends. There were no 401(k) plans or pensions.
- * Religious communities are financially autonomous and solely responsible for the support and care of all members. Income, earning, and expenses are managed separately from the parish and diocesan structures of the Catholic Church.
- * The average annual Social Security benefit for a religious is approximately \$4,700 - roughly one-third the amount received by the average beneficiary in the United States.

How the RFR Makes a Difference

Generous Donations and Careful Stewardship

- * Over the last 25 years, Catholics in the United States have donated \$643 million to the RFR.
- * Approximately 95 percent of donations to the RFR aid elder religious, with five percent or less being used for administration.

Financial and Consultative Support

- * Since 1989, nearly \$540 million has been distributed to support the day-to-day care of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.
- * An additional \$67 million has been allocated toward self-help projects initiated by religious communities, including collaborative health-care facilities and comprehensive retirement planning.
- * In 2009, the NRRO implemented a new process to help religious communities that are critically underfunded for retirement address their funding shortfalls. Since then, the NRRO has helped 55 communities representing more than 7,000 religious develop long range retirement strategies.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

Friday, December 7, is the First Friday of the month.

Please remember to pray in a special way to the Blessed Sacrament. Also, please remember that we have all-day adoration beginning after the 8:00 A.M. Mass.

Prosimy pamiętać, że w najbliższy piątek przypada Pierwszy Piątek miesiąca.
Zapraszamy wszystkich do naszej świątyni na adorację Najświętszego Sakramentu, oraz na Mszę św. o godz. 7-mej wieczorem.

