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Monday to Thursday: 9:30am- 12pm & 1pm- 8pm

Friday: 9:30am- 12pm & 1pm- 7pm

Saturday: 9:30am- 5pm

Religious Ed. Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 1pm to 5pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5pm to 8pm (Appt. Preferred)

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm in English

Sunday: 8:30am in English

10:00am & 11:30am in Spanish

1:00pm in Polish

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am in English

Wednesday & Friday: 7pm in Spanish

First Friday Mass & Devotion

In English: Mass at 8:30am: Devotion from 9am to 6:45pm

In Spanish: Mass at 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat. 4:00pm - 4:45pm & by appointment: call parish office

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

In English: First Saturday of the Month

In Polish: Second Saturday of the Month

In Spanish: Third Saturday of the Month

Registrations must be made in the Rectory Office at least two months in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months to a year with one of the Priests.



Dear Padre December 3, 2023

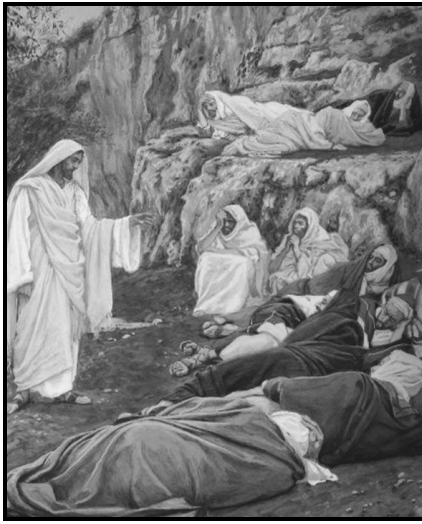
Why are the Gospels Matthew and Mark so alike? Why did the Church keep both Gospels when so much of Mark seems to be a mirror image of Matthew?

The Gospels were written over time and used by the faithful when they gathered for worship. They read the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus collected by Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

The Christian communities were often great distances from one another. A community may have had access to only one of these accounts. There is considerable similarity because the Gospel writers depended on one another. All three Gospels include some of the same incidents. Each also has incidents or details unique to that Gospel.

These were not the only accounts written about the life and ministry of Jesus. At some point, the Church had to decide which should be considered the inspired word of God. There were four accounts that were widely used: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. With their similarities and differences, the Church accepted these four accounts as Gospel—the Good News. ●

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when
the time will come.”
- Mk 13:33

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 3rd

8:30am For the People of the Parish
10:00am +Elena Leal– Leicia Nava
+Erica & Lorraine Ziegler– Jim Palladio
11:30am +Lucy Crespo– Sagrado Corazon
1:00 pm Z Okazji Imienin Andrzejka Zun - Od Mamy

Monday, December 4th

8:30am +Matthew Vattamala

Tuesday, December 5th

8:30am Mary Cerniglia

Wednesday, December 6th

8:30am For All the Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm For the Unborn

Thursday, December 7th

8:30am For all those in Agony

Friday, December 8th

8:30am The Immaculate Heart of Mary
7:00pm Special Intentions
8:00pm Polish Mass

Saturday, December 9th

8:30am Peter Stratigos
5:00pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19)

Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we
shall be saved. (Ps 80)

Second Reading:

The testimony to Christ was confirmed among you,
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revelation of our Lord
Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:6-7)

Gospel:

“Watch, therefore;
you do not know when the lord of the house is
coming.” (Mk 13:35)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Advent is a time for waiting, for hoping, for
praying. It is a time for reflecting on the special
work to which God calls us all. Stay alert. Show
Him you are listening.

Observances for the week of December 3, 2023

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of
the Church
Wednesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Thursday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of
the Church
Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Angel Givas, Pedro Cordero, William Rodriguez, and for all the
deceased in our Parish & their loves ones.

FOR THE SICK:

Kaitlyn Intintoli & for all the sick in our Parish.

*Please call the Rectory at 718.436.5917 to place your loved ones on
the Deceased or Sick list.*

WEEKLY OFFERING

**November 26th, 2023:
TBA**

*Thank you for your love and generosity towards
God & your parish!*

3 de diciembre de 2023
1er Domingo de Adviento

El Adviento es la espera alegre y activa de la preparación a la Navidad; donde celebramos el nacimiento del Salvador. Nos preparamos para recibir al Señor en gozo y acción. El Señor que viene nos invita a salir a abrir la puerta para ver más allá de nuestra propia realidad. “Cada cristiano y cada comunidad discernirá cuál es el camino que Dios le pide, pero todos somos invitados a aceptar este llamado: salir de la propia comodidad y atreverse a llegar a todas las periferias que necesitan la luz del Evangelio. La alegría del Evangelio que llena la vida de la comunidad de discípulos es la alegría misionera” (Papa Francisco). Estas palabras del Papa Francisco no están pasadas de moda, son activas para todos nosotros especialmente en este primer Domingo de Adviento.

En medio de todo lo que vivimos en la sociedad en este tiempo, la invitación continua a seguir acogiendo y consolando, en lo que se puede, al inmigrante y al que sufre toda clase de violencia. Crear nuevas posibilidades para despertar alegría en los corazones dormidos. El Evangelio nos advierte: “Estén preparados y vigilando, porque no saben cuándo llegará ese momento...estén despiertos” (Marcos 13,33-37). Hay que abrir bien los ojos para descubrir dónde está el Señor, porque no es fácil verlo. ¿Cuáles actitudes debemos poner en práctica en este Adviento? La confianza, la vigilancia, la hospitalidad y la esperanza. ¿Y tú, cuál otra actitud agregarías?



En Nuestra Parroquia:

- **8 de diciembre:** Misa de la Inmaculada Concepción (7pm en español)
- **12 de diciembre:** Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
- Procesión a las 5pm, Misa a las 7pm, Mariachis y más después de Misa
- **25 de diciembre:**
Misa del Gallo a la 12am (Medianoche)
La Natividad del Señor (11:30am en español)

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Segunda iluminación de los Angeles navideños de SCA (2 de diciembre)

Este año, los invitamos a conmemorar u honrar a un ser querido adoptando un ángel. Estos Ángeles iluminarán nuestra Parroquia y recordarán a todos que Jesús es la luz del mundo.

Hay 50 ángeles que necesitan adopción.

Adopta un Ángel para sus intenciones (\$120)

Únase a una familia en la adopción de un ángel (\$60)

Por favor elige UNA de las siguientes Intenciones para tu Ángel.

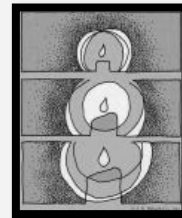
1. EN MEMORIA DE _____.
2. EN HONOR DE _____.

Los formularios completos deben devolverse a la rectoría antes del 30 de noviembre con el pago.
Para más información, comuníquese con la oficina de la rectoría al 718.436.5917

3 GRUDNIA 2023 I NIEDZIELA ADWENTU

Adwent to czas oczekiwania na spotkanie z Jezusem, „który przyjdzie na końcu świata i który przychodzi każdego dnia, abyśmy dzięki Jego łasce mogli czynić dobro w naszym życiu i w życiu innych”.

W pierwszą niedzielę Adwentu rozpoczyna się nowy rok liturgiczny. „Kościół odmierza w nim bieg czasu poprzez celebrowanie głównych wydarzeń w życiu Jezusa i w historii zbawienia. Czyniąc tak, jako Matka, oświeca drogę naszego życia, wspiera nas w naszych codziennych zajęciach i kieruje nas ku ostatecznemu spotkaniu z Chrystusem”.



Adwent – „przygotowuje nas na Boże Narodzenie, jako okres oczekiwania i nadziei”. Przedmiotem tego oczekiwania na spotkanie „z osobą Jezusa, który przyjdzie na końcu świata i który przychodzi każdego dnia, abyśmy dzięki Jego łasce mogli czynić dobro w naszym życiu i w życiu innych”.

Nasz Bóg jest Bogiem, który przychodzi: nie zawodzi naszego oczekiwania! Przyszedł w konkretnym momencie dziejów i stał się człowiekiem, aby wziąć na siebie nasze grzechy; przyjdzie na koniec czasu jako sędzia wszystkiego; przychodzi każdego dnia, aby nawiedzić swój lud, aby nawiedzić każdego mężczyznę i każdą kobietę, którzy przyjmują Go w słowie, w sakramentach, w braciach i siostrach – Od nas zależy, czy złapiemy Boga.

„życie składa się ze wzlotów i upadków, światła i cieni” i każdy „przeżywa chwile rozczarowania, porażki i zagubienia”. „Ponadto, sytuacja, w której żyjemy, wywołuje u wielu ludzi niepokój, strach i zniechęcenie; grozi nam popadnięcie w pesymizm, zamknięcie i apatię. Jak powinniśmy na to zareagować? Podpowiada nam to psalmista: Dusza nasza wyczekuje Pana, On jest naszą pomocą i tarczą. W Nim przeto raduje się nasze serce. Ufne oczekiwanie na Pana sprawia, że znajdujemy pociechę i odwagę w mrocznych chwilach istnienia”.

A ta odwaga i to postawienie na ufność rodzą się z nadziei. – Adwent jest nieustannym wzywaniem do nadziei: przypomina nam, że Bóg jest obecny w historii, aby ją doprowadzić do jej ostatecznego końca i do jej pełni, którą jest Pan Jezus Chrystus. Bóg jest obecny w historii ludzkości, jest „Bogiem z nami”, podąża u naszego boku, aby nas wspierać. Pan nigdy nas nie opuszcza; towarzyszy nam w naszych sytuacjach egzystencjalnych, aby pomóc nam odkryć sens pielgrzymowania, sens codziennego życia, aby zaszczerzyć odwagę w próbach i cierpieniu. Pośród burz życia, Bóg zawsze wyciąga do nas rękę i uwalnia nas od zagrożeń – Jednak to „od nas zależy, czy będziemy się Go chwytac”.

(Godziny Urzędowe po Polsku)

Poniedziałek (Monday):

1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Środa (Wednesday):

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

“Świąteczne Anioły” w naszej parafii.

W tym roku zapraszamy do upamiętnienia lub uhonorowania ukochanej osoby poprzez adopcję Anioły, które będą oświetlone i ustawione przed naszym kościołem 3 grudnia 2023. Aniołowie rozświetlą naszą parafię i przypomną wszystkim, że “Jezus jest światłością świata”.

Nasza parafia dysponuje tylko 50 Aniołami do adopcji.

Adoptuj Anioła dla swoich intencji (\$120)

Dołącz do innej rodziny lub znajomych w adopcji Anioła (\$60)

1. OFIARODAWCA _____

2. DEDYKOWANE _____

Wypełnione formularze należy zwrócić na plebanię do 30 listopada wraz z wpłatą.
Więcej informacji w biurze plebanii pod numerem 718.436.5917

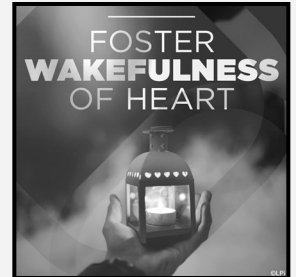
December 3, 2023
1st Sunday of Advent

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— Father John Muir



In Our Parish:

- **December 8th:** Immaculate Conception
Mass (8:30am in Eng)
- **December 12th:** Our Lady of Guadalupe
Procession at 5pm, Mass at 7pm,
Mariachis & More after Mass
- **December 25th:** The Nativity of the Lord
(8:30am in English)

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SCA Second Christmas Angels Lighting

This year, we invite you to memorialize or honor a loved one by adopting an Angel. These Angels will light up our Parish ground and remind everyone that Jesus is the light of the world.

There are 50 Angels in need of adoption.

Adopt an Angel for your intentions (\$120)

Join a fellow family in adopting an Angel (\$60)

Please choose ONE of the following Intentions for your Angel.

1. IN MEMORY of _____.
2. IN HONOR of _____.

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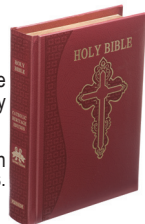
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