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Rectory Hours:

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 10, 2023

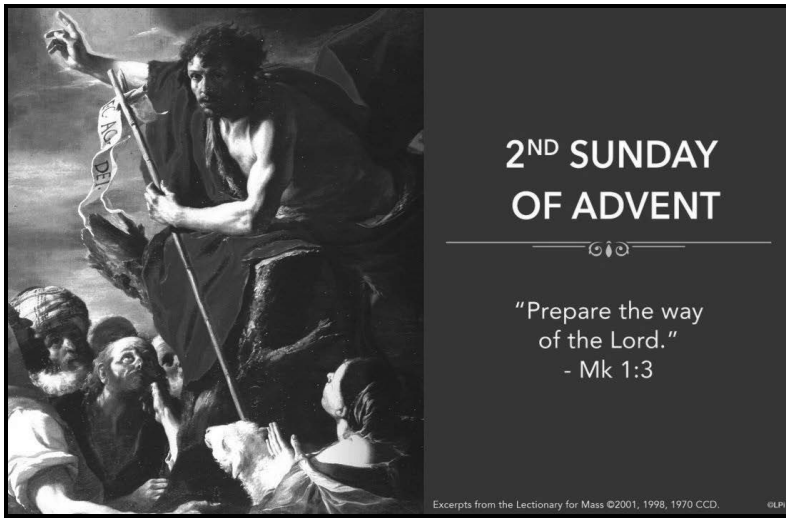
Do Catholics have to marry in the Church? If a couple decides to marry outside of the Church, are they still allowed to receive Communion and other sacraments?

Catholics are obligated to follow the laws of the Church, including those laws regarding marriage. If a Catholic marries outside the Church, meaning that they did not follow Church law, then they may not receive the other sacraments until their marriage has been witnessed by the Church.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony for the couple, but it is also a ceremony for the Church. The Christian community is called upon to witness the ceremony, with the bishop, priest, or deacon called upon to bless the union in the name of the Church. The Church can dispense from the form, that is, the place of the wedding, for good cause, and does so when necessary. When a dispensation from the law is granted, then the person has followed the marriage laws of the Church and is free to receive the sacraments.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony in which a sacrament is conferred. While the park may be pretty or the church down the street may be bigger, neither is a sufficient reason to ignore marriage law and marry outside the Church. ●

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way
of the Lord."
- Mk 1:3

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 10th

- 8:30am Sisto Iacobacci
10:00am +Jesus Alejandro Carmona– Cecilia
Special Intentions for Albino Santiago Flores
11:30am +Guadalupe Mexca– Su hija
+Dorothy Revis– Familia Contreras
1:00 pm + Bronislaw Zieba
+ Sylwester Ambrozinski i za zmarlych z
rodziny Ambrozinskiach i Sodolskich

Monday, December 11th

- 8:30am All the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 12th

- 8:30am Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 13th

- 8:30am For the Unborn
7:00pm +Pedro Rios– Rafael & Rafaela

Thursday, December 14th

- 8:30am All the Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 15th

- 8:30am For all those in Agony
7:00pm Special Intentions

Saturday, December 16th

- 8:30am For All the Souls in Purgatory
5:00pm +Margaret Posillipo(Birthday)- Mary & Joan
Posillipo
+George & Rose Gerecitano

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
(Is 40:3)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your
salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

We await new heavens and a new earth
in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

Gospel:

John the Baptist appeared in the desert
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts
this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way.
Make straight the path. Invite him in.

Observances for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor
of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd 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:

\$3,999

December 3rs, 2023:

\$4,346

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God & your parish!*

10 de diciembre de 2023

2º Domingo de Adviento

El evangelista Marcos inicia su Evangelio con una exigencia de preparación, del cumplimiento de la Sagrada Escritura en Jesús y la invitación de Juan Bautista a la conversión: “Mira, te voy a enviar a mi mensajero delante de ti para que te prepare el camino. Escuchen ese grito en el desierto: Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos” (Marcos 1,2-3). Sin embargo, esa llegada suya requiere de nosotros una conversión verdadera desde el fondo del corazón. Salir en busca de lo novedoso, como el pueblo que seguía a Juan Bautista, implica movimiento y apertura. ¿Qué pide este pasaje del Evangelio de nuestra parte? ¿Qué cambios haré en este Adviento que ayude a mejorar mi relación con los que me rodean?

Otro elemento importante, en este segundo Domingo de Adviento, es lo que el Profeta Isaías nos indica con referencia a consolar a los que sufren. El deber de consolar lo experimentamos muy fuerte en el tiempo de la pandemia. ¿Lo recuerdas? El sufrimiento obliga a estar cerca del otro y anima a tener esperanza y a vivir más conscientes de las necesidades de nuestro prójimo. “Consuelen, dice Yavé, tu Dios, consuelen a mi pueblo” (Isaías 40,1). Entonces, comencemos, no esperemos sentados, llevemos consuelo y esperanza a nuestro alrededor. Enderecemos los caminos, las curvas que evitan llegar al Señor, para que su ternura baje del cielo y se pose en cada persona y así germine la justicia y la fidelidad. ¡Ven Señor!



Calendario de Adviento & Navidad

8 de diciembre:

Misa de la Inmaculada Concepción– 7pm

12 de diciembre: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Procesión a las 5pm, Misa a las 7pm,
Mariachis y más después de Misa

Lunes 18 de diciembre

Lunes de Reconciliación
2pm a 4pm & 6pm a 8pm

Miércoles 20 de diciembre

Concierto de Navidad- 7:30pm

Domingo 24 de diciembre- Vispera de Navidad

Horario de Misas Dominicales
Misa del Gallo– 12am

Lunes 25 de diciembre- Día de Navidad

Misa en Español– 11:30am

Domingo 31 de diciembre- Año Nuevo

Horario de Misas Dominicales

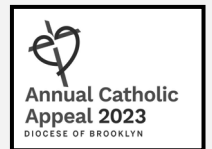
Lunes 1 de enero- Solemnidad de María

Misa en Español– 11:30am

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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

10 GRUDNIA 2023 II NIEDZIELA ADWENT

Franciszek na początku Adwentu: Bóg przychodzi w sprawach dnia powszedniego



Bóg ukrywa się w najbardziej pospolitych i zwyczajnych sytuacjach naszego życia. Nie przychodzi w wydarzeniach nadzwyczajnych, ale w sprawach dnia powszedniego. Papież Franciszek mówił o tym na początku Adwentu podkreślając, że musimy nauczyć się rozpoznawać obecność Boga w naszym życiu.

„Wiele razy słyszeliśmy, że Pan jest obecny na naszej drodze, że nam towarzyszy i do nas mówi. Być może jednak, będąc rozproszonymi przez tak wiele rzeczy, jak to ma miejsce, ta prawda pozostaje dla nas jedynie teoretyczna. Albo wyobrażamy sobie, że Pan przychodzi w sposób niezwykły, być może poprzez jakiś cudowny znak – mówił Franciszek. - Natomiast Jezus mówi, że stanie się to „jak za dni Noego”. A co czynili za dni Noego? Najzwyczajniej normalne, codzienne sprawy życia: „jedli i pili, żenili się i za mąż wydawali”. Miejmy to na uwadze: Bóg ukrywa się w najbardziej pospolitych i zwyczajnych sytuacjach naszego życia. Nie przychodzi w wydarzeniach nadzwyczajnych, ale w sprawach dnia powszedniego. I tam, w naszej codziennej pracy, w przypadkowym spotkaniu, w obliczu osoby potrzebującej, także wtedy, gdy stajemy wobec dni, które zdają się szare i monotonne, właśnie tam jest Pan, który nas wzywa, mówi do nas i inspiruje nasze działania.“

Papież podkreślił, że musimy być czujni, by rozpoznać przychodzącego Boga. Przypomniał słowa św. Augustyna: „Boję się Boga przechodzącego obok”, czyli boję się, że przejdzie obok, a ja Go nie rozpoznam.

Franciszek zachęcił do zastanowienia się w czasie Adwentu: czy jestem świadomy tego, czym żyję i czy staram się rozpoznawać Bożą obecność w codziennych sytuacjach. Papież podkreślił, że jeśli nie jesteśmy świadomi Jego przyjscia dzisiaj, będziemy również nieprzygotowani, gdy przyjdzie na końcu czasów. Dlatego musimy być czujni.

Kalendarz Liturgiczny – Adwent i Boże Narodzenie

Środa, 20 grudnia 2023
Koncert Świąteczny - 7:30pm

Niedziela, 24 Grudnia, 2023
Msza święta – 1:00 PM

Poniedziałek, 25 Grudnia, 2023
Boże Narodzenie
Msza święta – 1:00 PM

Niedziela, 31 Grudnia, 2023
Msza święta – 1:00 PM

Poniedziałek, 1 Styczeń, 2024
Uroczystość Świętej Bożej
Rodzicielki Maryi
Msza święta – 1:00 PM

(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 10, 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— Father John Muir



Advent & Christmas Calendar

Friday, December 8th:

Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:30am

December 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Procession at 5pm, Mass at 7pm, Mariachis & More after Mass

Monday, December 18

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

2pm to 4pm & 6pm to 8pm

Wednesday, December 20

Christmas Concert at 7:30pm

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

English Mass— 10am

Sunday, December 31 New Year's Eve

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary

English Mass— 10am

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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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For more information, contact the rectory office at 718.436.5917

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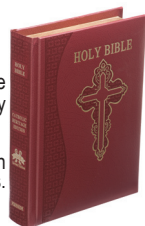
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