



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

In today's first scriptural passage, the prophet Isaiah speaks to the Jewish King Ahaz, who is more interested in politics than religion. Isaiah announces that the wife of Ahaz will soon have a son, who will be a better king than his father. Christians have seen in this passage a deeper meaning, namely, that Mary gives birth to Jesus.

The opening words of the letter to the Romans are an example of the classical style of letter writing at that time: Paul first identifies himself, extends a greeting, gives some helpful information about himself, and personalizes his letter by naming the community to whom he is writing. Paul highlights the fact that Jesus was descended from the Royal House of David. Early Christians (many of them from the lower class) were particularly proud of this.

With the celebration of Gaudete (Joyful) Sunday last weekend, we as the Church were reminded of the "joyful" expectation that comes with the reaching of the 3rd week of Advent. Now we have arrived at the 4th Sunday of Advent, with the anticipation of the coming of Christ at Christmas growing even greater.

All are invited to join us on our upcoming 12-day "Pearls of Poland" tour, departing on June 21st through July 2nd, 2026. Whether you have been to Poland before or not, no tour of this beautiful country is ever the same. Sharing this experience with your family, friends, and/or fellow parishioners helps to make it that much more enjoyable, as we

always have so much to talk about and share at the end of each of our days of sightseeing and touring.

Be sure to see the promotional information about this exciting trip that can be found in the brochures located in the kiosks at both of our parish worship sites.

This trip is almost full as there are only 4 spaces left. For anyone definitely wanting to join us, you can hold your spot by filling out and sending in the RSVP form contained in the trip brochure with your deposit. Again, brochures are available at our parish office or in the vestibules of our churches. Would love to have you join us.

Happy 4th Sunday of Advent
and a Merry Christmas to you as well!

Fr. Rich Yanos

