



# St. Joseph R.C. Church

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December 11, 2022  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Trzecia Niedziela Adwentu

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## SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL CELEBRATION

### HOLY MASSES/ MSZE ŚWIĘTE:

**Saturday:** 7:00 AM (Polish), 5:00 PM (English)  
**Sunday:** 7:30 AM (Polish), 9:00 AM, (English),  
11:00 AM (Polish), 6:00 PM (Polish)  
**Holy Day :** 7:30 (Polish), 11:00 AM (Polish),  
6:00 PM (Polish)  
**Weekday:** 6:30 AM (Polish) + Special occasions  
**2nd Wednesday:** 6:30 AM (St. John Paul II & Novena to  
Our Lady Undoer of Knots)  
**2nd Wednesday:** 6 PM (Healing Mass)  
**1st Friday:** 6 PM (&Adoration)

### CONFESSIONS/ SPOWIEDŹ:

**Saturday:** 4:00 PM - 4:55 PM  
**Daily:** 15 minutes before Mass  
**Holy Days:** During Mass  
**First Friday:** 5:30 to 5:55 PM

### BAPTISMS/ CHRZEST:

Every Sunday, except for Lent, at 12:00 Noon, by prior arrangements at the Rectory  
W każdą niedzielę, z wyjątkiem Wielkiego Postu, o 12:00 PM po uprzednim ustaleniu terminu w Kancelarii Parafialnej

### MARRIAGES/ MAŁŻEŃSTWO:

Contact the priest one year in advance.  
Należy ustalić z księdzem na rok przed ślubem

### SICK CALLS/ WIZYTA CHORYCH:

Any time; day or night, call or pick up the priest at the Rectory.

### FUNERALS/ POGRZEBY:

The Funeral Home Director is asked to call the Parish Office to make arrangements.  
Dyrektor Domu Pogrzebowego jest proszony o kontakt z Kancelarią Parafialną w celu ustalenia daty pogrzebu.

## DEVOTIONS/ NABOŻEŃSTWA:

**To St. John Paul II & Novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots** 2nd Wednesday at 7 AM  
**Do Św. Jana Pawła II i do MB Rozwiązującej Węzły Życia** Druga Środa m-ca o 7 AM  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 1st Friday after Mass at 6 PM  
**Adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu** Pierwszy Piątek m-ca o 6 PM  
**Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Koronka do Miłosierdzia Bożego** Fridays before Mass at 6 PM  
Piątki przed Mszą Św. o 6 PM  
**Prayers for healing Modlitwy o uzdrowienie** usually 2nd Wednesday 6 PM  
zazwyczaj druga Środa : 6 PM  
**Novena to Our Lady of Częstochowa** Saturdays after Mass at 7 AM  
**Nowenna do Matki Bożej Częstochowskiej** Soboty po Mszy Św. o 7 AM  
**Rosary** Monday-Friday after Mass at 6:30 AM  
Saturdays before Mass at 7 AM  
**Różaniec** Poniedziałek-Piątek po Mszy o 6:30 AM  
Soboty przed Mszą Św. o 7 AM

### Parish Office Hours/Kancelaria parafialna:

Monday/Pon. -Thursday/Czw. 9:00 am - 2:30 pm  
Friday/Piątek 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Saturday/Sobota: 9:00 am- 12:00 pm  
Sunday/Niedziela: Closed  
Holidays/Święta: Closed



**NIEDZIELA SUNDAY December 18**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Czwarta Niedziela Adwentu**

**7:30 am** † Józef Pietrus - od rodziny  
† Czesława i Józef Zaborniak - od córki z rodziną

**9:00 am** † Paul Budz - from family  
† Rozalia & Tadeusz Wyka - from children  
† Józef Organisiak (1RS)

**11:00 am Za Parafian**  
O zdrowie i błogosławieństwo Boże z okazji urodzin dla Zdzisławy i Piotra Kuruc - od rodziny  
† Stanley Nieradka - od Bogumiła i Andrew Koziol

**6:00 pm** † Helena Drażek (1RS)



**Kiermasz Bożonarodzeniowy**

*18 grudnia (niedziela) w naszej Parafii organizujemy Kiermasz Bożonarodzeniowy. Będzie można nabyć: stroiki świąteczne, ozdoby i ornamenty świąteczne oraz ciasteczka świąteczne.*

*Zapraszamy serdecznie naszych parafian do współpracy. Zapisy po Mszy św. w przedsionku kościoła. Wszystkie donacje będą przeznaczone na wsparcie finansowe naszej parafii. Bóg zapłać.*

*Ks. Proboszcz*



**Religious Education at St. Joseph Parish  
Catechesis take place at 10 AM after Mass at 9AM. Classes in the 2022/23 school year:**

**December 11, 18; January 8, 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2, 16, 23, 30; May 7**

**NIEDZIELA SUNDAY December 11**

**Third Sunday of Advent  
Trzecia Niedziela Adwentu**

**7:30 am** † Agnieszka i Franciszek Szczurek - od syna Andrzeja  
† Adam Kasica (3RS) - od rodziny  
† Janina Zalewska (2RS) - od dzieci  
† Niemira Ludwik (23RS) - od córki Joanna  
† Józefa, Jan, Błażej, Stefania Drażek - od rodziny

**9:00 am**

**11:00 am Za Parafian**  
O zdrowie i błogosławieństwo Boże dla Emilii i Leszka Kielbowicz - od rodziców  
† Alicja Czarnačka - od rodziny  
† Stanley Nieradka - od Mirosława Koziol

**6:00 pm** † Stefan Kałafut (11 RS)

**MONDAY PONIEDZIAŁEK December 12**

**6:00 am** † Franciszek Kowalczyk (1 RS) - od córki z rodziną

**TUESDAY WTOREK December 13**

**6:00 am**

**WEDNESDAY ŚRODA December 14**

**6:00 am**

**THURSDAY CZWARTEK December 15**

**7:30 am**

**11:00 am**

**7:00 pm**

**FRIDAY PIĄTEK December 16**

**7:30 am**

**11:00 am**

**7:00 pm** † Józef Tomaszkwicz - od Sylwia i Stanisław Organisiak

**SATURDAY SOBOTA December 17**

**7:30 am**

**11:00 am**

**5:00pm** † Victoria Lubanska Tauber - from family



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**Roraty, czyli Msze Święte wotywno o Najświętszej Maryi Pannie, w naszym kościele św. Józefa, są odprawiane w języku polskim w czasie Adwentu, w poniedziałki, wtorki i środy o godzinie 6:00 rano. Serdecznie zapraszamy!!!**



**REKOLEKTCJE ADWENTOWE 2022  
ADVENT RETREAT 2022**

Prowadzić je będzie w języku polskim  
**Ks. Andrzej Wąsek**—Misjonarz Miłosierdzia

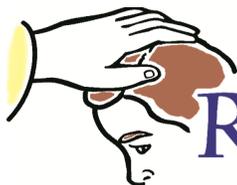
MSZE ŚWIĘTE Z HOMILIA

**Czwartek, 15 Grudnia —Piątek, 16 Grudnia**  
7:30 AM, 11 AM, 7 PM

**Sobota, 17 Grudnia: 7:30 AM, 11 AM**

**Niedziela, 18 Grudnia: 7:30 Am, 11:00, 6 PM**

**Confession: every day during Mass.**  
**Spowiedź Św. każdego dnia rekolekcji podczas mszy świętej.**



**Reconciliation**  
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**ADVENT CONFESSION 2022**

**Wednesday/Thursday/Friday, December 21th—  
23rd, 2022, from 5:30 PM to 8 PM**

**Środa/Czwartek/Piątek, 21-23 Grudnia 2022  
od 17:30 do 20:00**

**NO CONFESSIONS on December 24th,25th,26th**  
**NIE BĘDZIE SPOWIEDZI ŚW.**  
**dnia 24,25,26 Grudnia**

 **Diocesan Ministries  
Appeal 2022**  
**DIOCESE OF PATERSON**

**Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2022:**  
**“ One Body In Christ”**

With the year coming to an end, many people look to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has a significant impact. Please consider the Diocesan Ministries Appeal which Helps so many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. In fact, tens of thousands of people are supported each year by the work of our Diocese with assistance from the Appeal. All of us can play a part in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal— as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission— and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Diocesan Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit card, through gifts of securities or online at [www.2022appeal.org](http://www.2022appeal.org) May God bless you for your generosity!

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Kiedy rok dobiega końca, wiele osób chce dokonać ostatniej wpłaty na cele charytatywne, która będzie miała znaczący wpływ na działalność. Prosimy weź pod uwagę *Diocesan Ministries Appeal* który pomaga tak wielu naszym braciom i siostram w Chrystusie. Dziesiątki tysięcy osób jest wspieranych każdego roku przez pracę naszej Diecezji. Każdy z was może wziąć udział w *Diocesan Ministries Appeal* jako współtwórca pomocy lub jako odbiorca tej pomocy, co sprawia, że wszyscy jesteśmy błogosławieni. Prosimy, aby *Diocesan Ministries Appeal* stał się priorytetem w Waszej filantropii na koniec tego roku. Datki można przekazywać czekiem, kartą kredytową, papierami wartościowymi lub też wejść na stronę [www.2022appeal.org](http://www.2022appeal.org) Bóg zapłać za hojność!

  
**Weekly Collections**  
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**First collection/Pierwsza taca -12-04-2022 \$3685.00**  
**Second collection/Druga taca-12-04-2022 \$1710.00**

*God Bless You for all donations!*  
*Wszystkim ofiarodawcom, serdecznie Bóg Zapłać!*

**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
**by Jan Kulig, CCD's student**

It is very Catholic to have favorite saints. We not only admire them for who they were and what they did, but we also pray to them and talk about daily things in our lives when we don't want to bother God. All saints are filled with love of God and they chose God above all others and sometimes even with disapproval of their families to serve God and sometimes they even sacrificed their lives.

I chose St. Nicholas who is the patron saint of children. His love for children and generosity started a tradition popular all over the world - the tradition of giving gifts on December 6th. Saint Nicholas was born into a wealthy family but became an orphan at a young age. As a young man, he gave his wealth to the poor, then devoted his life to serving God as a priest, then later as a bishop.

St. Nicholas was born in the 3rd century in Patara, which was then part of Greece. The people of Myra, where he lived, admired him for his generosity and concern for the safety of sailors who went to sea to earn a living.

There are many stories about St. Nicholas. One very popular story tells of a father who had no money for a dowry for his daughters so that they could marry. In those days, a woman had to offer a dowry to the groom so that she could be married. When dowry money was unavailable, a woman was considered unmarried and was often sold into slavery. This man had three daughters and had no money for any of their dowries.

Terrified that his daughters would be sold into slavery, the man prayed for help. Saint Nicholas heard about the man's fate and three times secretly threw a bag of gold into the man's chimney. Bags of gold ended up in stockings that were placed by the fireplace to keep warm. The man was able to offer his daughters the dowry needed to marry, saving them from slavery. Because of this story, children began to place their own stockings and shoes by the fireplaces in hopes that St. Nicholas will leave them a present. Another story tells of an adventure when St. Nicholas traveled by sea to the Holy Land to see where Jesus lived and died. While sailing, a strong storm appeared and the sailors were terrified. St. Nicholas prayed for the calming of the seas, and soon after it happened.

Thanks to this story, St. Nicholas is considered the patron saint of sailors and travelers at sea.

December 6, a day to celebrate St. Nicholas is very popular in Europe and reminds us of the goodness and generosity of Saint Nicholas. In Germany and Poland, boys dressed as bishops were collecting money and donations for the poor and sometimes for themselves! To the Netherlands and Belgium, St. Santa came by steamboat from Spain to ride a white horse during the gift giving celebrations. December 6 is still the main day of gift-giving and fun in much of Europe. For example, in the Netherlands, St. Nicholas Day is celebrated on the fifth day, on the eve of that day, with the sharing of candies (thrown at the door), chocolate initials, small gifts and riddles. Dutch children leave carrots and hay in their boots for the saint's horse, hoping that St. Santa will exchange them for small gifts.

I admire Saint Nicholas for his generosity and his big heart. I use his actions as examples for how I should act in my life. By sharing with others, we give them happiness and hope, and we feel pride in ourselves because we did a good deed. Recently, my friends from CCD class and I took part in a food pantry and I was really happy that my family could donate some items for those who need them the most. By looking up to Saint Nicholas we could make the world a better place if we only choose to care about other people more than we care about ourselves.

**SAINT NICHOLAS**  
**by Andrew Wojcik, CCD's student**

The saint I have chosen to write about is Saint Nicholas of Myra. He was born on March 15, 270 AD in Patara, Turkey. He is said to have died on December 6, 343 AD. St. Nicholas' feast day is celebrated on December 6th in many countries around the world. In different parts of Europe he is "patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, children, brewers, pawnbrokers, and students". Many people find St. Nicholas to be an important saint and mostly associate him with giving gifts at Christmas time. Saint Nicholas defended the poor and his religious beliefs. He was even imprisoned and tortured for his faith by Roman Emperors who were targeting and persecuting Christians at this time in history.

**SAINT AGATHA OF SICILY**  
by Julia Sikorski, CCD's student

Saint Nicholas was a Christian bishop in Myra, present day Turkey, who was known for helping the poor and needy. Legends say that he gave away and used his inheritance to help the sick and poor people in his community. His generosity and helpfulness resulted in him being admired by all. Travelers and sailors carried stories of his kindness and giving nature leading to him being "celebrated as the patron saint of several classes of people, especially, in the East, of sailors and in the West of children." During the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, his popularity decreased in many parts of Europe because people stopped praying to saints. During his life Saint Nicholas was such a popular role model and important person in the lives of many people, that when he died, the Emperor Constantine built a church for the remains of St. Nicholas.

The Dutch people never stopped believing in St. Nicholas. They kept him in their memory and made him part of a holiday tradition. On December 6th children would leave out their shoes and wake up the next morning to find a treat in them. The Dutch brought this tradition and legend of St. Nicholas or Sinterklaas to the new world when they came as immigrants to America in the 1700s. Eventually the legend of St. Nicholas / Sinterklass became Santa Claus.

I chose Saint Nicholas because he is the patron saint of children and because he helped spread the gospel, generosity and kindness of God to all. Legends and miracles say he gave away money and food to the poor and even brought children back to life. "Saint Nicholas showed us how to find Jesus in the poor, the oppressed and abused. He was devoted to charity, but charity always linked to justice". Saint Nicholas will help me to be a good catholic because what he never stopped believing in God even when he was tortured. His story inspires me by letting me know that I can always be kinder, more thoughtful and more generous towards others each day.

There are always small ways for me to be like Saint Nicholas everyday. Helping at the Food Pantry made me see that volunteering in my community helps me be a good person. I can donate food and help make the lives of poor people in need better.

For my patron saint I chose St. Agatha of Sicily. Saint Agatha lived not a very peaceful life. St. Agatha was born in the first part of the third century into a wealthy and noble Christian family in Catania, Sicily. She was a beautiful looking woman, and a Roman Senator forced her to marry her, but she declined. The Senator did not like this and arrested her, he brought her to the judge, but the senator was the judge. During court Agatha kept on exclaiming "Jesus Christ, Lord of all, you see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am. I am your sheep: make me worthy to overcome the devil." The senator tried to break her from her faith and force her into marriage, but she said no. Agatha got imprisoned and kept on getting assaulted and beat. She got tortured because she kept on reframing her faith to God. The senator did not like this. Agatha died in prison from all the wounds she got from exclaiming her faith to God.

I chose this saint because St. Agatha is the patron saint of nurses. When I grow up, I want to be a nurse helping others and keeping people safe. St. Agatha was never a nurse or in the medical field but due to her marked resilience during such times, she became the patron saint of nurses, as they must also call on resilience to daily hardships. One of my biggest inspirations in becoming a nurse was my aunt. She is on herself and cares for other. Agatha was devoted to God and never gave up. Agatha was a strong woman who never stopped caring or having hatred toward someone. If I become a nurse when I am older, I will be as strong as her and never give up.

Saint. Agatha of Sicily will help me live out my Catholic faith because she will help me get through the rest of my life every step I take. When I pray in the day, I will pray to her to guide me through my journey and get me through it. She will protect me. You can pray to St. Agatha with any intention. Saint. Agatha of Sicily feast is celebrated on February 5th.

# Advent is Half Over!

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. That means that half the wait is over!

If you have an advent wreath, this is the week to light the pink candle. Pink is a symbol the joy we have because we're halfway to Christmas.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people that John the Baptist was a prophet and messenger. A prophet is someone who tells the truth. In the Old Testament the prophets told God's people the truth about God. Saint John was a prophet because he told the people that the Messiah, or saviour, was coming soon, and that they needed to repent of their sins.

Saint John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance. You can help prepare for Christmas by thinking and talking about how Jesus came to earth on the first Christmas. Can you tell somebody the story of the first Christmas today?



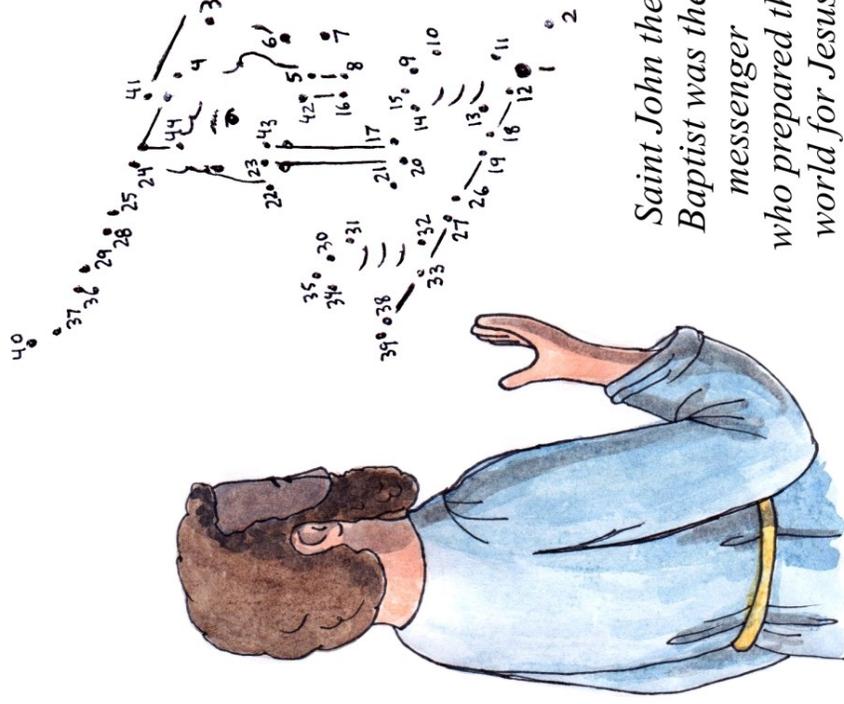
Answer to front page: St. John was in prison and the poor have good news preached to them.

Answer to match up puzzle: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 11th, 2022



*Saint John the Baptist was the messenger who prepared the way for Jesus' coming.*

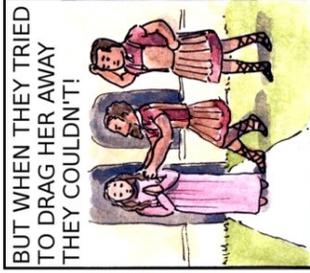
*Where was he in today's Gospel reading?*

*Connect the dots to find out!*

*Then you can finish colouring in the picture.*

# Saint Lucy

## December 13



SAINT LUCY IS A GREAT EXAMPLE FOR US BY HER PURITY AND DEDICATION TO GOD. SHE DID NOT LET ANY TORTURE STOP HER FROM DOING WHAT WAS RIGHT. BECAUSE SHE WAS BLINDED SHE IS THE PATRONESS OF SIGHT AND OF BLIND PEOPLE. WE CAN PRAY TO HER IF WE HAVE PROBLEMS WITH OUR EYES.

## What Happens When Jesus Comes?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples to tell John the Baptist what He does.  
*What happens to whom?*  
 Match up the people with what happens to them.

- the blind •
- and the lame •
- lepers •
- the deaf •
- the dead •
- and the poor •
- are raised up
- have good news
- preached to them
- hear
- are cleansed
- receive their sight
- walk

