

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025

*„Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” Mt 3:1*

Repentance in the biblical sense means changing the way we think, judge, and evaluate people and things. It is therefore not just tears and emotions, but concrete resolutions and actions. This is precisely the attitude to which John the Baptist calls us today – the Advent prophet: “Produce fruit worthy of repentance, for every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” It is about concrete and practical decisions, not remaining at the level of theoretical or merely pious reflections or spiritual daydreaming.

The Evangelist Matthew emphasizes that John baptizes with water; this baptism calls for transformation, serving as a foreshadowing and an invitation to the new Baptism that Jesus will bring - a Baptism of fire of the Holy Spirit. And although it often seems to us that a priest also baptizes only with water, God has hidden in this sign - accessible through faith - the power of this Sacrament: the fire of His Spirit that can warm cold human hearts. May your Spirit, therefore, descend and renew in Advent the face of our hearts. (Fr. WM)

### Parish News

**\*Today** we invite you to the **Mission Bazaar** after the 9 and 10:30 am Masses - take-out lunch and a raffle. After the 12:30 pm Mass – lunch. The funds raised will be donated to the mission in Sierra Leone, where Fr. Lukasz Krupa serves.



**\*Living Rosary** meeting on Sunday, Dec. 7 after the 10:30 am Mass.

**\*During Advent, food donations** can be placed in containers at the back of the church.

**\*Monday, Dec. 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - the main patroness of our diocese. Adoration from noon to 1 pm. Mass at 7 pm. We pray for the conversion of hardened sinners, especially priests who have abandoned their vocation.

**\*Friday, Dec 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.** Mass will be celebrated at 7 pm. On this day, we commemorate the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1531 in Mexico, on the hill of Tepeyac. Mary appeared to Juan Diego as the “Mother of the true God,” leaving her miraculous image on his tilma (cloak). Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of Mexico, the Americas, and those protecting life. In Canada, this day is also observed as the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.

**\*The season of Advent.** The blessed Christmas wafers (oplatki) can be picked up in the sacristy.

**\*Advent Mass in Honor of the BVM (Roraty)** is held every Saturday of Advent at 8 am. The Mass will be in Polish; the Gospel and homily (Fr. Glen) in English. Please bring lanterns.

Traditionally, after Mass, children and youth are invited for breakfast, and adults for coffee.

**\*Bulletin Advertisements:** We are accepting paid business ads for 2026. Contact: Mirka: 519-253-5863, email: [htcwindsor@dol.ca](mailto:htcwindsor@dol.ca)

### ADVENT RETREATS

Led by Fr. Sławomir Szwagrzyk

Friday (Dec. 12) - Retreat Masses at 10:30 am and 7 pm

Saturday (Dec. 13) - Rorate Mass at 8 am (Fr. Glen)

- Retreat Masses at 10:30 am and 5 pm

Sunday (Dec. 14) - Masses at 9 am, 10:30 am, and 12:30 pm

### RETREAT CONFESSIONS

(Possibility of confessions in Polish and English)

Saturday (Dec. 13) - 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

- 3:30 pm - 5 pm

**\*Donations November 30:** W-D \$3,945, B-F \$130, Flowers \$1,440, “Wypominki” \$5,630. **Thank you!**

### Acknowledgment

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Polish School at Holy Trinity Parish and the 60th anniversary of the Ursuline Sisters’ presence in Canada, we extend our sincere gratitude to our sponsors for their generosity and support of the Jubilee Banquet. Thanks to your commitment, we were able to celebrate these exceptional anniversaries, honor the history of our school and community, and rejoice in the presence of our parish. May the goodness you share return to you in abundance. We would like to thank **Mrs. Zofia Byra** for the delicious anniversary cakes and fruit. **The Polish School** thanks the following for their contributions: Polonia Centre \$5,000 (Harvest Festival); Polonia Park \$3,500; Canadian Polish



Congress Head Executive Board \$1,000; Polish Village “Carousel” \$1,000; Polish Teachers’ Association in Canada \$200; Reymont Foundation \$200; Polish Social Club \$200. **The Ursuline Sisters** thank the following for their contributions: Polonia Centre \$10,000 (Harvest Festival); Kurt von Hagen Family \$2,000; Polish Village “Carousel” \$700. We assure all Benefactors of our prayerful remembrance and ask God to bless you with every needed grace.

### Other Announcements

**\*The Nativity Play of the Polish School:** rehearsals on Tuesdays: Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 from 6 to 6:55 pm in the parish hall. Dress rehearsal on Saturday, Dec 20, after the Rorate Mass and breakfast from 9:15 am to 11:30 am at “Dom Polski”. No Polish School classes that day.

**\*Scout Caroling** will take place on Jan. 3. Youth will visit families who previously expressed willingness to host them. If interested, please contact today: [kph.windsor@zhp.ca](mailto:kph.windsor@zhp.ca).

**\*YTOL Retreat** - The “Youth Teams of Our Lady” group invites youth aged 18–30 to a retreat from Dec 26–30 at St. Ignatius Retreat Centre in Deemerton, ON. Cost \$350. Contact Karolina Jach: 226-789-1228; email: [ytolcanada@gmail.com](mailto:ytolcanada@gmail.com)

### On the Immaculate Conception of the BVM



During Advent, a time of preparation for the Lord’s coming, we spiritually prepare for the Birth of Jesus in our hearts. On Dec 8 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who from the very first moment of her existence was preserved from original sin. Mary is a model of complete trust in God and purity of heart, and her intercession helps prepare our souls for the coming of Christ. Mary is a model for us of purity, humility, and complete trust in God. It is important to know that sins contrary to the Immaculate Conception are not only theological errors but also attitudes in everyday life: **\*Lack of faith and disregard for the truths of faith** - rejecting the Church’s teachings about Mary; **\*Pride and selfishness** - failing to submit to God’s will; **\*Impurity of heart** - opposing the grace of holiness and purity; **\*Indifference to God’s plan of salvation** - being closed to Mary’s role in our spiritual life; **\*Disrespect toward Mary** - publicly or knowingly disregarding her dignity and mission. May Mary, Immaculate and full of grace, guide us in our daily lives toward Jesus, teaching us trust, humility, and readiness of heart to receive God’s mercy.

On this day, in the **Hour of Grace** (from noon to 1 pm), we encourage special prayer and reflection on the mystery of the

Immaculate Conception. It is a moment when we can confidently ask for God’s mercy and the intercession of the Blessed Mother so that Jesus may be born fully in our hearts - the Kingdom of God. May Mary, Immaculate and full of grace, guide us during Advent toward Christ, teaching us trust, humility, and readiness of heart to receive the Lord.

### From the Diary of St. Faustina

St. Faustina wrote about Mary: *“Mary, my Mother and my Lady, I give You my soul and my body, my life and my death, and whatever comes after it. I place everything in Your hands... Cover my soul with Your virginal cloak and grant me the grace of purity of heart, soul, and body, and protect me with Your power from all enemies.”* (Diary, 79)

### Prayer for Advent and Upcoming Retreats

*Lord Jesus Christ, as we begin this season of Advent, prepare our hearts to receive You with humility and love. Help us to remain vigilant and attentive to Your presence in our daily lives. Bless the upcoming retreat, that it may be a time of spiritual renewal, deepening faith, and growth in holiness. May we open ourselves fully to Your grace, so that we may encounter You more intimately and follow You faithfully. Amen.*

### Thoughts for Advent

*\*“You are not mortifying yourself if you are irritable, if you are consumed only by your own selfishness, if you subordinate others to yourself, if you are sad when things do not turn out as you had planned. On the other hand, you are mortifying yourself if you are able to make yourself be all things to all people in order to save at least some of them.”* St. Francis de Sales

*\*“Conscience is the most secret center and sanctuary of man, where he is alone with God, whose voice resounds in his interior. Through conscience, in a mysterious way, the law becomes known, which it fulfills through love of God and neighbor.”* (Gaudium et spes, 16)

### For children

**\*Sunday catechesis** during Masses at 9 am and 12:30 pm,

**\*Preparation for Holy Communion** on Saturdays at 12:30 pm in church.

**\*Children’s Choir** A meeting for children who wish to praise God through singing will be held in the church basement every Sunday at 11:50 am.

**\*Rorate Masses** will be held every Saturday of Advent at 8 am. Please bring lanterns. Traditionally, after Mass, children and youth are invited for breakfast, and adults for coffee.

### For youth

**\*Monthly meeting** - Sunday, Dec 15, after the 12:30 pm Mass.