

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2025

“Stay awake, for you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Mt 24:42

Today’s Gospel reading (Mt 24:37-44) gradually introduces us to Advent thinking, especially regarding the end of times and the Second Coming of the Son of Man for the final judgment (the so-called Parousia).

On this point, Jesus clearly warns that His coming will be sudden and unexpected: it will be like in the days of Noah or Lot, when people were occupied with the affairs of daily life (just as we are now), and suddenly everything ended. The time was fulfilled, and there was no sense in returning home to take something along for the journey, because no material possessions will be useful on that path. Jesus therefore encourages us to remain watchful and spiritually ready to meet Him. On one hand, this means not being caught off guard by personal evil, that is, the devil; on the other hand - and more importantly - it means remaining faithfully with Christ every day, in joy and sorrow, in health and in illness. As Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, we are called to follow Him, not go ahead of Him. He paves the way. To “abide in Him” also means being able to receive Him in Holy Communion each day.

Parish News

***Today we begin the season of Advent.** On this day, the blessing of the Christmas wafers (opłatki) will take place, which can be picked up in the sacristy.

***Parish Charity Group** meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov 30, after the 12:30 pm Mass.

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

***First Thursday, Dec 4:** Adoration with prayers for priests and for vocations begins at 6 pm. Confession from 6 pm.

***First Friday, Dec 5:** The priest will visit the sick. We honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus and make reparation for our sins and the sins of the world. Adoration begins at 6 pm. After Mass, there will be overnight Adoration of reparation. Please sign up on the adoration list. Confessions from 6 pm and after Mass.

***First Saturday, Dec 6:** At 7:15 am, fifteen minutes of reflection on a mystery of the Rosary and prayers of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

***Advent Mass in Honor of the BVM (Roraty)** will be 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.

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



***Our Christmas Mission Lunch and Bazaar** will take place on Sunday, **Dec 7** in our parish hall. After the Holy Masses at 9 and 10:30 am you will be able to buy lunch and Christmas baked goods to bring home, and take part in a raffle for children. **Lunch begins after 12:30 Mass.** The funds raised will be donated to the mission in Sierra Leone, where Fr. Łukasz Krupa serves. We ask for cakes (sign-up sheet at the back of the church), items for the raffle, and help. Sr. Maria: 226-347-9447.

***Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, Dec 8** - the principal Patroness of our Diocese. The truth about the Immaculate Conception of Mary is a dogma of faith. It was solemnly proclaimed on December 8, 1854, by Pope Pius IX in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome.

***Friday, Dec 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** and a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.

***Advent Retreats** will take place on December 12, 13, and 14.

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.

***Donations November 23:** W-D \$5,728; B-F \$175; Flowers \$275. **Thank you!**

Acknowledgment



From the bottom of our hearts, we thank all who participated in the **Jubilee Mass and Banquet celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Polish School and the 60th Anniversary of the ministry of the Ursuline Sisters of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus in Canada.** We extend our gratitude to the Priests, the Sisters – the Superior General and the General Treasurer, the Consul, the Honorary Consul, government representatives and politicians, representatives of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board, members of the Polish Teachers Association in Canada, all Polish community organizations, Parishioners, Benefactors and Donors, the St. Cecilia Choir, the “Pod Niebem Pana” ensemble, the “Polski Nadzieje” ensemble, the “Tatry” dance group, as well as those who prepared posters, brochures, and tickets, those responsible for the liturgical arrangements, leading the Polonaise, altar servers, and the gentlemen who recorded, and provided sound for, our celebration. We also sincerely thank all who have prayed and continue to pray for us, supporting this work spiritually.

A special *Bóg zapłać* goes to the Jubilee Organizing Committee for their extraordinary dedication, tremendous work, and the heart they put into preparing our celebration.

We also extend special thanks to the hosts of the Banquet – Dorota Makarczyk and Mariusz Zalewski – thanking them for beautifully conducting the event graciously the Polish school. Thank you for helping us create the beautiful history of our parish community, filled with goodness and mutual kindness. – *Fr. Stanisław and the Ursuline Sisters*

*Thank you to all parishioners for supporting the **Catholic Women’s League** through the purchase of soups, sandwiches, and cakes. Your presence and kindness help build our community. God bless!

Other Announcements

***Polish School Nativity Play “Jasielka”** Rehearsals on Tuesdays: Dec 2, 9, 16 from 6–6:55 pm in the parish hall. General rehearsal on Saturday, Dec 20, after Rorate Mass and breakfast from 9:15–11:30 am at the Polish House. No Polish School on Dec 20.

***Advent Retreat for Young Adults.** We invite young people (ages 18–35) to a weekend retreat at the Holy Family House to deepen their Catholic faith and appreciate the beauty of Advent, both in the Church and in their daily lives. The retreat begins on Dec 5th at 7:15 pm and ends on Dec 7th at 1 pm. Cost: \$275. Registration at <https://dol.ca/advent-retreat-for-young-adults>

***YTOL Retreats: Youth group “Youth Teams of Our Lady”** invites young people aged 18–30 to a retreat from December 26–30 at St. Ignatius Retreat Centre in Deemerton, ON. Theme: *“Treasure in Heaven: The Works of Mercy and Discernment.”* Retreat led by Fr. Mark Morley. Cost: \$350. For financial difficulties, contact Karolina Jach: 226-789-1228; email: ytolcanada@gmail.com

***Catholic Men’s Retreat** in Holy Family Retreat House - Nov 28–30, 2025. Join us as we conclude the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee with a special retreat for men, led by Fr. John Shiha. The retreat includes inspiring conferences, the celebration of the Sacraments, quiet time for reflection, and uplifting fellowship. Cost: \$300 per person. Registration or info: 519-738-6136 or www.hfrrh.ca/upcoming-retreats

***Bulletin Ads:** We are accepting paid business advertisements for 2026. Mirka: 519-253-5863 or email: htcwindsor@dol.ca

From the Diary of St. Faustina

The Lord Jesus said to Saint Sister Faustina: *“I desire that souls prepare themselves for the coming of God in a spirit of love and humility.”* (Diary, 300) *“During Advent, be especially watchful in prayer and trust, so that your heart may be pure to receive the Lord.”* (Diary, 305) May these words remind us that the most beautiful gift we can offer to Jesus is **our heart, open to love and ready to meet Him.**

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.