



Saint Hyacinth

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SAINT HYACINTH PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of Saint Hyacinth Parish, while preserving and promoting our Polish heritage, welcome and serve all community members through prayer, example and good works. We seek to be a guiding light to all God's people through our spiritual and social activities.

Third Sunday of Advent - John the Baptist takes center stage in today's Gospel. Often, in paintings and movies, for example, John the Baptist is depicted as an ill-tempered, fire-and-brimstone preacher who scared people into repentance. However, there's something wrong with that picture. First, such a conception fails to explain how he was able to attract such huge crowds and win over so many hearts. This portrayal also misses the main point of his message: that salvation is at hand! This joyful news is just the opposite of dark, ominous, and foreboding. In fact, when we truly understand and accept it, it is the source of a deeper joy than any other we can experience in this life.



And that's the whole point of today's celebration, the Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete [gow-DAY-tay] Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing. That's why today's readings mention the word "joy" twelve times. Jesus didn't come to intimidate and oppress us; He came to save us. Salvation, friendship with God, the fullness and security of living in communion with our Creator and Redeemer, of being "gathered into the barns" of his eternal and sublime Kingdom. This is the message of Christmas, the message we have been thinking about during these weeks of Advent.

In today's Second Reading, Saint Paul actually commands us to "rejoice in the Lord ALWAYS." And just in case we thought he was exaggerating, in the very next sentence he says, "I say it again, rejoice!" We can only rejoice "always" if our joy is based on something that goes deeper than the passing pleasures of this world. What is that deeper thing? Salvation; friendship with God; something that never ends, and something no one can take away from us.

That is the source of a Christian's joy, and that is the gift Jesus brings us. Since Jesus Christ is the source of this joy, then the deeper and more mature our understanding of Him, the more fully we will experience lasting joy.

This explains why many Catholics, although they know about Jesus Christ and his plan of salvation, do not reflect true Christian joy in their lives. Their personal friendship with Christ, the source of that joy, has gone cold. All of

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Parish Calendar

Saturday, December 19 - 3:30 PM - Pope John Paul II Rosary Society - Parish Rosary for World Peace

Sunday, December 20 - 10:30 AM - Pope John Paul II Rosary Society - Parish Rosary for World Peace

Saturday December 19 and Sunday December 20 - Blessing of the Infant Jesus Statues at all Masses.

Thursday, December 24 - 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Pasterka Mass. Koledy by the Saint Hyacinth Men's Choir begins at 9:30 PM.

Friday, December 25 - 11:00 AM Mass. Merry Christmas ~ *Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia*



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 12, 2009

4:00 PM

- † James Jerzylo
Req. by John Orłowski
- † Joanne Thiel
Req. by her family & friends
- † Genevieve Racki
Req. by her son Henry R. Racki
- † Daniel Schwartz (19th Anniv.)
Req. by his daughter Karen

Sunday, December 13, 2009- 3rd Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM

- 90th Birthday Blessings for Genevieve Stoneberg
Req. by Larry & Linda Stoneberg
- † Henry J. Racki
Req. by his son Henry R. Racki
- † Helena Janusz
Req. by her friends

11:00 AM

- † Jan & Olga Chudzian
Req. by Maria Chudzian
- † Joseph P. Minkiewicz
Req. by his sister Trudy
- † Ignace & Elizabeth Misiak
Req. by their daughter Loretta & family
- † Raymond Ochylski
Req. by Edward Ochylski
- † Katherine & Edward Ochylski
Req. by Edward Ochylski
- † For All Living & Deceased Parishioners,
Benefactors & Friends of St. Hyacinth

Monday, December 14, 2009

9:00 AM

- † Fr. John J. Ward C.S.B.
Req. by St. Hyacinth Parishioners

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

9:00 AM

- † Joseph Marciniak
Req. by his Helen
- † Jane Florek
Req. by her family

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

9:00 AM

- † Casimer Stankowski
Req. by his family
- † For all the poor souls in purgatory
Req. by St. Hyacinth Parishioners

Thursday – December 17, 2009 - DANTIS

Friday, December 18, 2009

9:00 AM

- † Leokadia (2nd Anniv.) & Izydor Goscelo
Req. by Maria Chudzian

Saturday, December 19, 2009

4:00 PM

- † Laura Muklewicz
Req. by Dorothy Rzeppa & Tish Germain
- Con't good health for Joanne Kaczorowski
Req. by Genevieve Stoneberg
- † Helena Janusz
Req. by her sister Theresa Ludwig

Sunday, December 20, 2009- 4th Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM

- Geraldine Bylewski on her birthday
Req. by Marcy & Len Wisz
- † Lyczynski, Cieslak & Stoneberg Families
Req. by Stoneberg family
- † Clara Chudy (11th anniv.)
Req. by her husband & family

11:00 AM

- † Majorie Redick
Req. by her daughter Lori & Mark Daniels
- † Anna Kolasa
Req. by her family & friends
- † Henrietta Brys
Req. by Delphine O'Dowd
- † For All Living & Deceased Parishioners,
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Confession Schedule

Advent is a time for preparation. The most important preparation is not shopping, cleaning the house or cooking. It is the preparation of our hearts, minds and most importantly our souls for Christ's arrival on Christmas. Confessions will be heard on:

Saturday, December 19, 2009 - 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Sunday, December 20, 2009 - 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Please use this opportunity to attend Confession in preparation for Christ's Birthday.

Jesus - is the Reason for the Season

Please keep our sick and caregivers in your prayers:

Father Francis Skalski	Willie Howard
Ann Bush	Frank Score
Joe Pelak	Father David Przedwiecki
Frank Szymanski	Marion Bobryk
Virginia Barnowski	Genevieve Stoneberg
Christine Storms	Tish Germain
Danny Mason	Sophie Koper
Arthur Wiczko	Joseph Konfara
Mrs. Bogunia	Adela Krajenka
Nancy Milewski	Kathleen Novak
Lorraine Koss	Jennifer Formella
Ester Wichlacz	Lillian Demska-Tylenda
Carol Miloser	Barbara Sokol
Mary Skalski	John Majewski
Elizabeth Posluszny	Ray Skalski
Cheryl Taranowski	Christine Wandas
Richard Ludwig	Dianne Zamojski
Lottie Machowski	Phyllis Kubicki
Dorothy Rzeppa	Larry Milobowski
Irene Stadnik	Allen Shooks
Ingrid Pilarowski	Jane Paterka
Rita Szczepaniak	Stella Shooks
Veronica Kuskowski	Raymond Noble
Charlotte Check	Matthew Moshe
Daniel and Susan Pietrous	Adnan Alshab
Tom Przybylinski	Jonathan Smith #79
Michael Fennelly	Paul Zamierowski
Mary Antoncew	Joan Bratto
Clara Tomaszycycki	Maxine Taylor
Kenny & Violet Tyminski	Lucia Matelonek
Ellen and Sharon Cassonte	Anne Wisniewski
Andrew Czajka	Gloria Arendoski
Dana Lynn Kaszubowski	Beverly Billotti
Austin Lowry	Laura Stannis
Ed Schapko	Stephen Hart
John Sosnowski	Billy Skinner
Bernadine Miesik	Marsha Podlasek
Sharon McEvoy	Mary Schultz
Elvera Koper	Phyllis Vymazal
Frank Jarzombek	Heather Delisle
Janice Nelson	



If you know someone who is sick and wish to have them added to the sick list, please call the Rectory 313-922-1507. Help us keep the listing updated by notifying us when a requested prayer intention may be removed.

Giving Tree for the Needy - We will once again have a giving tree to help the needy of our parish. The tree will be available at all Masses to allow ample opportunity for donations. Please help our needy have a Merry Christmas by donating a gift card.



Oplatki - Oplakti will be available for purchase. The opłatki can be obtained for a good will offering before or after weekend Masses.

Christmas Season in Full swing - This past weekend was a very busy one for Saint Hyacinth. On Saturday a group of parishioners helped to set up our manger and Christmas decorations. Many thanks to the following for lending a hand:

John Gumela	Peter Collette
Sarah Palmer	Patricia Palmer
Crystal Dean	Jim & Stephanie Peterka
L.C. Stoneberg	Ted & Pat Mackiewicz
Janice Baczkowski	Caroline Newville
Michael Baranowski	Mike Tomaszycycki
Chester Tomaszycycki	Joe Tomaszycycki
John Orłowski	Michael Smigielski
Jerry Petkash	

Also on Saturday, The Jackowo Social Club held their annual Christmas Dinner. The attendees enjoyed a delicious dinner and shared in the joys of the Christmas Season.

Swiety Mikolaj - Saint Nicholas, visited Saint Hyacinth for the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. After each Mass, Swiety Mikolaj gave all the parishioners a treat to remind them Christmas is the time for giving.

The Keep Saint Hyacinth Alive Committee also served a delicious and hearty breakfast at the annual Breakfast with Saint Nicholas. Saint Nicholas and Santa visited the breakfast, welcomed the guests and helped to spread the cheer of Christmas.

On Monday, another group of parishioners and friends of Saint Hyacinth joined to help and clean our church for Christmas. This is a large job and many thanks go out to:

Caroline Newville	Michael Baranowski
Janice Baczkowski	Ronald Kuskowski
Chester Tomaszycycki	Nick Bacon
Donna Jaczkowski	Joey Jaczkowski
John Orłowski	Adriene Rezmerski
George Owczarski	Maxine Taylor
John Gumela	Joanie Kaczorowski

Many, many thanks to all for helping those who made this busy weekend possible. Your efforts and support or our parish are deeply appreciated.

Blessing of Infant Jesus and Children - A Christmas blessing for the infant Jesus will be held during the weekend Masses on Saturday, December 19 and Sunday December 20. We will use this opportunity to bless the infant Jesus statue that is used in our nativity. You are also encourage to bring the statue of Jesus from your family nativity set to be included in the blessing.

Prayers for Advent Wreath - Each week of Advent a different prayer is recited as the candles are lit. The following is an Advent wreath prayer for the second week. The Advent prayers for week four will be included in next week's bulletin.

Third week - The third, joyful Sunday in Advent is known as "Gaudete" Sunday. Gaudete Sunday is represented by rose (or pink) instead of the penitential purple color. Each night during the third week light the pink and the two previously burned purple candles, after the following prayer has been said.

Leader: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The three candles are allowed to burn during the evening meals of the third week.



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us here would like to experience Christian joy more fully and more constantly.

So all of us here would like to know what we can do to keep our friendship with Christ alive and growing. The Church's best spiritual writers all agree that this friendship depends on three things: knowing, loving, and imitating Jesus Christ. And the first of the three is the most important. If we don't know him, deeply and personally, how will we be able to love or imitate him?

Advent still has two weeks left. Let's make our goal to strive to know Jesus better at the end of these two weeks than we do today. Here are ways to make that happen: We need to spend time with him in personal prayer, every day. We need to read and reflect on his words and example as given to us in the Gospels. We need to come to him in the Eucharist and let him speak silently to our hearts. We need to study the teaching of his Church, which reveals his heart and mind.

Christmas is fast approaching. So let's not hesitate in preparing for His coming. Let's make a commitment to start today, right now, with this Mass, by listening attentively to the words of the liturgy, which are so full of instruction and inspiration, and by speaking to God sincerely in the depth of our souls.

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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

2010 Offertory Envelopes - The Weekly Offering envelopes for 2010 are now available. They will be in the center pew of the church and arranged by numerical order of your envelope number. Please help us keep down the cost of mailing by picking your envelopes up when you come to Mass.

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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (Polish) & 11:00 a.m. (English)

HOLYDAYS: 6:00 p.m. (English)

DAILY MASS: 9:00 a.m. Monday thru Friday*

FIRST FRIDAY OF MONTH: Mass at 11:00 AM*

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Sunday of the Year at 10:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Evening Hours: By Appointment Only

SICK CALLS: Anytime.

MARRIAGE: Couples wishing to be married at Saint Hyacinth are requested to contact the Rectory at least six months prior to their wedding date.