

First Sunday of Advent - Nov. 29, 2015

From Fr. Zbigniew

The need for vigilance and prayer

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the Incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

Dec. 5/6 Second Collection will be taken for Retirement Fund for Religious.

20/20 Club Winner Nov 28/29: Olga Freiwald

Last Sunday Collection – Nov. 21/22: 1,364.00. Special thanks to those who make up for the weeks they are unable to attend Mass.

Please pray for the health: Bette Kuretich, Krystyna Kalwa, Barbara Tyburska, Jeffrey Leonard, Gloria Bednar, and Grace Mudrock.

Please remember our parish in your will.

Pierwsza Niedziela Adwentu - 29 listopada, 2015

Od Ks. Zbigniewa:

Potrzeba czujności

Ewangelista Łukasz przywołuje zapowiedź Jezusa, że pośród wielu przerażających znaków, które się pojawiają, jeden przyćmi je wszystkie: objawienie się Jego jako Pana chwały. „Wtedy ujrzą Syna Człowieczego, przychodzącego na obłoku z wielką mocą i chwałą”. Dla uczniów Jezusa nie będzie to dzień lęku, ale ufności. Aby przyjąć postawę ufności w dniu ostatecznym wymaga to przygotowania i przemiany naszego życia. Dlatego w Adwencie musimy wcielić w życie zalecenie samego Jezusa: „Uważajcie na siebie, aby wasze serca nie były ociężałe. Czuwajcie więc i módlcie się w każdym czasie, abyście mogli uniknąć tego wszystkiego, co ma nastąpić, i stanąć przed Synem Człowieczym.”

Przyjście Boga do nas jest wielkim wydarzeniem. Dlatego samo oczekiwanie na Pana Jezusa zakłada naszą gotowość na spotkanie z Nim. Temu ma służyć nasza czujność i prośba słowami Psalmisty: „Daj mi poznać, Twoje drogi, Panie, naucz mnie chodzić Twoimi ścieżkami.” Podejmijmy pracę nad budzeniem czujności serca, porządkowaniem swoich pragnień, złych przyzwyczajajeń czy przewrotnych myśli, nad eliminowaniem zaniedbań. Niech pomocą w otwarciu na kolejne łaski, jakie Bóg przygotował dla nas, staną się: medytacja tekstów biblijnych, adwentowe medytacje nad Słowem Bożym, ćwiczenia duchowe oraz dobrze przygotowana spowiedź.

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Wygrana 20/20 Clubu – 28/29 Listopada: Olga Freiwald

Taca z 21/22 listopada: \$ 1,364.00 Serdecznie dziękujemy za hojność.

Mass Schedule Sat. Nov.28th 5:00 P.M. + Aniela i Paweł Stańczak, req. by Maciąg Family

Sun. Nov. 29th 9:00 A.M. + Piotr Jandura

10:30 A.M. + Helena i Kazimierz Baran, zam. Córka

Mon. Nov. 30th No Mass

Tue Dec 1st 7:30 AM For God's blessings for W. Family

Wed. Dec. 2nd 7:30 A.M. + Stanisław Fugas, zam. Żona z Rodziną

Thu Dec. 3rd 7:30 A.M. + William Bednar, req. by Family; 2) Sean Moloney, by Kelley Family

Fri. Dec. 4th 7:30 A.M. + Stanisław Fugas, zam. Żona z Rodziną

Sat. Dec 5th 5:00 P.M. + Dan Bell, req. Paula & Mark

Sun. Dec 6th 9:00 A.M. + Piotr Jandura

10:30 A.M. + Bogdan Cieurko, od Rodziny

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