

# OUR LADY OF OSTRABRAMA

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## CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST - MASS

Weekdays: 8:30 am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Saturday Evenings: 5:30 pm

Sundays: 8:00 am, 9:30 am (Polish), 11:00 am

Holy Days Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Day: 8:30 am; 7:00 pm (Polish)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm or at other times by appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Each Sunday during Mass at 11:00 am. Call earlier to the Rectory to make an appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Marriages are to be scheduled at least six months in advance by interview with a parish priest. Pre-Cana conferences are required (online trainings are invalid).

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** During Mass at 8:30 am on First Saturday of the Month.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Please call the Rectory to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to be brought to the home.

## DEVOTIONS:

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Last Thursday of the month 7pm; First Friday, 9:00 am;

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Monday after Mass at 8:30 am



# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
cried out in a loud voice and said,  
“Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:41-42

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, December 18th

8:30am+

5:30pm +God's Blessings for Bill Goggins & family

### SUNDAY, December 19th

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am +John & Gary Zukoski

9:30am(Polish) O Błogosławieństwo dla Emilia i Krzysztofa

11am (Family Mass) +For the Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

### MONDAY, December 20th

8:30am +Ann Baydala from Sue & John Stype

**Confessions 9am-8pm**

### TUESDAY, December 21st

8:30am +For Parishioners & Benefactors

### WEDNESDAY, December 22nd

**NO Mass**

### THURSDAY, December 23rd

8:30am +John & Gary Zukoski

### FRIDAY, December 24th

8:30am +

### VIGIL of the NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00pm +Eugene Chituk

5:30pm

Midnight Mass



### SATURDAY, December 25th

#### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00am +Christmas Novena; Cynthia Steposky

9:30am (Polish) Christmas Novena

11am Christmas Novena

5:30pm +Christmas Novena

### SUNDAY, December 26th

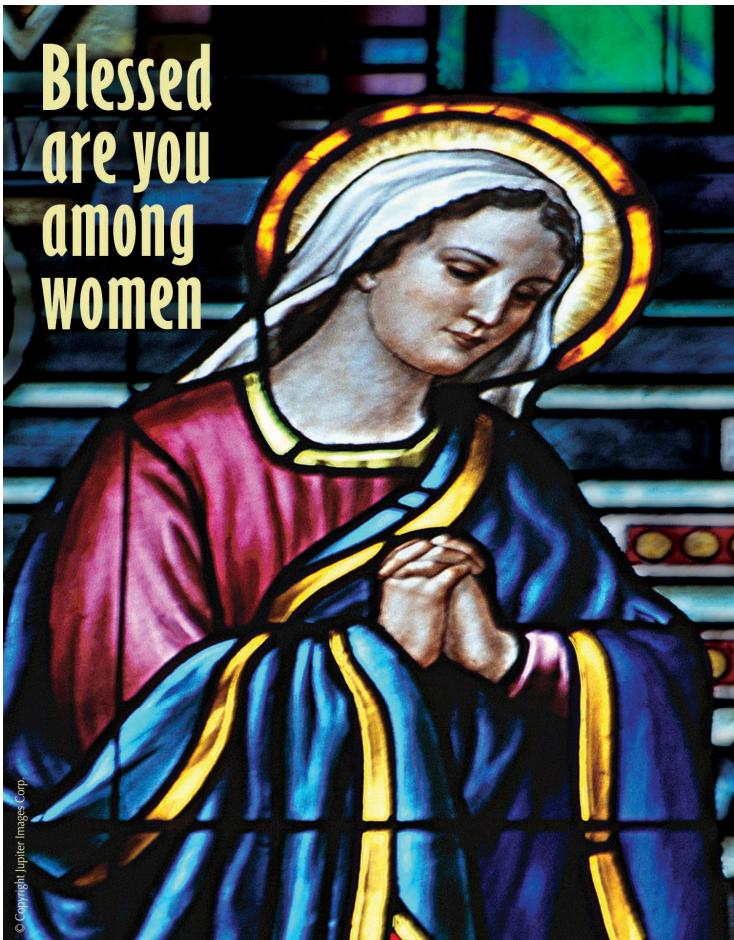
#### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:00am + Christmas Novena

9:30am (Polish) Christmas Novena

11am (Family Mass) +Christmas Novena; For Parishioners & Benefactors

**2022 Mass Book of Intentions Is available!**



### TODAY'S READINGS

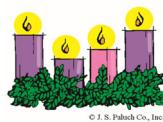
**First Reading** — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

**Gospel** — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

### Reflection question:



How can I make known to others the Incarnation of Christ?

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

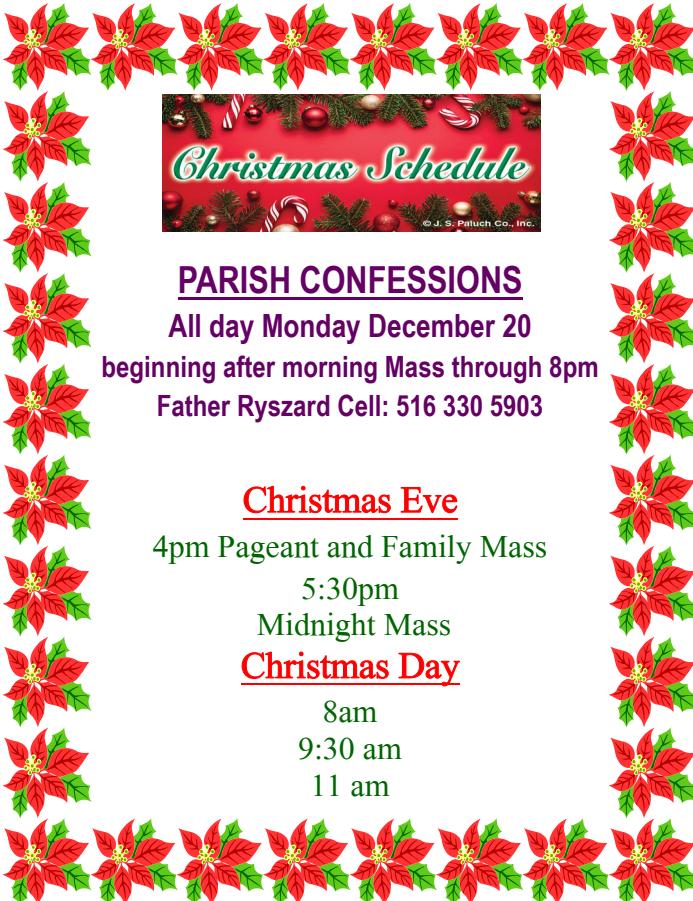
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Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,  
your grace into our hearts,  
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son  
was made known by the message of an Angel,  
may by his Passion and Cross  
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. AMEN



## CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Featuring William Roslak  
Our Lady of Ostrabrama  
Sunday, December 19 7pm



### PARISH CONFESSIONS

All day Monday December 20  
beginning after morning Mass through 8pm  
Father Ryszard Cell: 516 330 5903

### Christmas Eve

4pm Pageant and Family Mass  
5:30pm  
Midnight Mass  
Christmas Day  
8am  
9:30 am  
11 am

# JOY TO THE WORLD!!



***“O sublime humility! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble himself like this for our salvation.” - St Francis of Assisi***

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

For years, Catholic spiritual writers have drawn our attention to the Christmas liturgy's subtle—and not-so-subtle—linking of Christ's incarnation with his paschal mystery. In the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke, there are countless intimations of the Passion and cross. The saints of the Christmas octave, dubbed

“*comites Christi*,” Christ's companions in suffering, form a royal honor guard of martyrs and others who bore witness at great personal sacrifice to the Child we hail as “Prince of Peace,” while the wood of the manger evokes the wood of the cross. But these days, sadly, in the wake of seemingly endless mass shootings at schools, we need no reminders of how close in real life are the cradle and the cross. May our hearts find, if not answers, at least comfort in the prophet Micah's reminder that, from the pain of a woman's labor came forth the Child who is our incarnate peace.

**COMFORT AND SALVATION**—All of today's scriptures seem to declare Christmas's “comfort and joy.” Micah declares that, as small as Bethlehem is, the child born there will bring peace that “shall reach to the ends of the earth.” Hebrews proclaims that, despite pain and suffering, the “offering of the body of Jesus Christ” saves us all. In today's Gospel, bearing the Christ Child within her, Mary, barely more than a child herself, immediately, unselfishly sets aside her own preoccupations—and as a betrothed but as yet unmarried mother-to-be, how many they must have been—to travel in haste, over dangerous terrain, a four-day journey (the scholars say) from Nazareth to Ain-Karem, to the home of Elizabeth and Zechariah.

**BLESSED**—Then, just as David leapt and danced before the ancient Ark of the Covenant that bore precious signs of God's abiding presence, so John leaps in his mother Elizabeth's womb as Mary arrives, a living ark bearing God's living presence. Elizabeth joyfully greets Mary in words that we pray daily in the “Hail Mary”: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” Why Mary is so “blessed” Elizabeth then explains: “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” Likewise, we may dare hope to be “blessed” for “believing that what was spoken” to us “by the Lord”—Jesus' promise of mercy—will be fulfilled as we share God's mercy with everyone. For by reason of our baptism and, more immediately and repeatedly, because of our participation in the Eucharist, we too bear within ourselves the living Christ. To whom, or to what situation, do we need to bear Christ this Christmas? Indeed, throughout the year, how selflessly do we set our own concerns aside? How eagerly—“in haste”—do we, disregarding difficulties, traverse whatever dangerous terrain needs conquering to be of service to another?

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