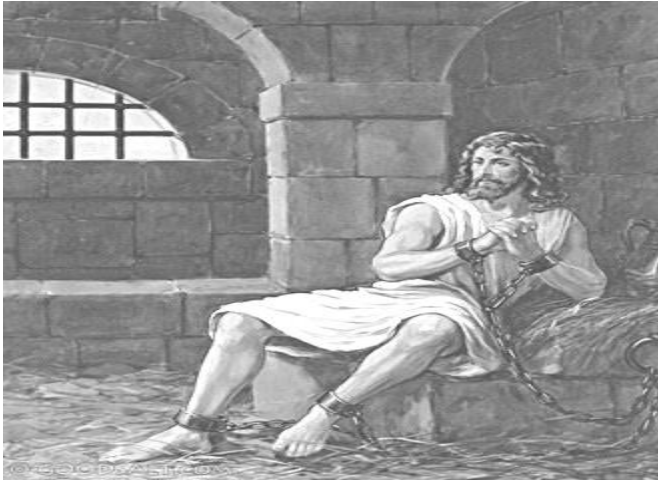


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**Advent 3**  
**December 11, 2022**

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**PRAY FOR UKRAINE**



## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, December 11, 2022

#### **Advent 3**

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M. +**Sophie Bondi** Int. Richard & Susan Shilling +**Doris Coddington** Int. Frederic Chopin and Annunciation Bell Choirs;  
+**Dorothy Gibala** Int. Ted & Jan Gibala

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

### Monday, December 12, 2022

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 P.M.

### Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Frederic Chopin Choir Rehearsal

1:00 P.M.

### Thursday, December 15, 2022

Parish Council Meeting

7:00 P.M.

### Saturday, December 17, 2022

Church Christmas Decorating

9:00 A.M.

### Sunday, December 18, 2022

Holy Mass

#### **Advent 4**

9:00 A.M.

+**Raymond Kostovnt** Int. Dolores Zoretich +**Mildred Kotulsky**  
Int. Frances Palko

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

#### **Christmas Flowers**

Christmas flower envelopes are available in the Narthex. Take one and remember your loved one by purchasing a poinsettia this year in their memory as we beautify the altars and narthex this Christmas season.



**Church Christmas Decorating next Saturday at 9:00 A.M.  
Help is needed.**

**Living Tree**

A new has been added on the Living Tree in living memory of Rita Gdovic by her husband Dennis Gdovic

### **Angel Tree**

All gifts must be received today for distribution. We thank Janice and Rosemary Pociask in handling the parish Angel Tree program.

**Oplatki Christmas Wafers** are available in the Parish Vestibule. All donations this year will go to our parish choirs for the purchase of music, since their Coffee Hour fundraiser has been eliminated due to the lack of after Mass fellowship.



### **Amazon**

#### **Smile**

When purchasing Christmas gifts or any purchases throughout the year, click on the Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-1800642>  
By doing this, our parish receives a financial donation from your purchase.

### **Parish Fair Share**

The 2023 Parish Envelopes are in the Church Narthex.

Mandatory Offerings

General Church Fund \$100.00

Diocesan Development \$40.00

6% Fund \$25.00

Parish Fair Share Offering: Minimum \$300.00 per adult member. Keep in mind that our parish Fair Share Offering includes all envelopes which remain in our parish. If there is no envelope with your name, contact the parish office and one will be issued. Adult membership are those 18 years and working; College students are exempt until graduation. Children are encouraged to make stewardship offering and are exempt from the Fair Share Adult requirements. God does love a cheerful giver.

Always check out our website [www.hfnpcc.org](http://www.hfnpcc.org) for schedules and events and our Facebook Page: Holy Family National Catholic Church for updates and information

### **Advent Home Penitential Liturgy**

Hear, O Lord, my prayer: and let my cry come to You. Turn not away Your face from me: in the day when I am in trouble, incline

Your ear to me. In that day soever I shall call upon You, hear me speedily. For my days are vanished like smoke: and my bones are grown dry like fuel for the fire. I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered: because I forgot to eat my bread. Through the voice of my groaning, my bone has cleaved to my flesh. I am become like to a pelican of the wilderness: I am like a night raven in the house. I have watched and am become as a sparrow all alone on the housetop. All day long my enemies reproached me: and they that praised me did swear against me. For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping. Because of Your anger and indignation: for having lifted me up You have thrown me down. My days have declined like a shadow, and I am withered like grass. But You, O Lord, endures forever: and Your memorial to all generations. You shall arise and have mercy on Sion: for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come. For the stones thereof have pleased your servants: and they shall have pity on the earth thereof. And the Gentiles shall fear Your Name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth Your glory. For the Lord has built up Sion: and He shall be seen in His glory. He had regard to the prayer of the humble: and He has not despised their petition. Let these things be written to another generation: and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord: Because He has looked forth from His high sanctuary: from heaven the Lord has looked upon the earth. That He might hear the groans of them that are in fetters: that He might release the children of the slain: That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion: and His praise in Jerusalem. When the people assemble, and kings, to serve the Lord. He answered him in the way of His strength: Declare unto me the fewness of my days. Call me not away in the midst of my days: Your years are into generation and generation. In the beginning, O Lord, You founded the earth; and the heavens are the works of Your hands. They shall perish but You remain: and all of them shall grow old like a garment: And as a vesture You shall change them, and they shall be changed. But You are always the selfsame, and Your years shall not fail. The children of Your servants shall continue; and their seed shall be directed forever. **Psalm 101**

Dear Lord, stir up your power and watch over us. Save us from the harmful dangers of our sins. We ask this through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord who live and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

*The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.*


Isaiah gives us more details about the work of the Messiah, and Paul invites us to continue to be patient until the Lord's Coming. What is slightly different is the voice of John the Baptist this week: last week in Matthew 3 he was proclaiming with utter confidence that "someone is coming". Now, in Matthew 11, he asks Jesus from prison: "Is it you?" For us, as we listen to these scriptures, we are being offered something very particular – the prophecies of Isaiah (and indeed the prophet John the Baptist) are pinned down firmly and securely in the person of Jesus, Son of Mary – in fact, Jesus himself, in his reply to John says as much: "I am the Messiah that Isaiah prophesied." Again we are invited to hold the images of the prophecies in our minds until Christmas, when we can look on the child in the manger and say "We know who this is: it is the promised Messiah – God who comes to save us!"

***Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait  
for someone else?***

Prayer

0 merciful God, I thank you that you did not summon me out of this world burdened with mortal sins, but that you prevailed upon me to repent and change my life. Assist me, 0 God in the performance of this important task, that my confession may truly be the means of cleansing myself of sin and the beginning of a new spiritual life. Before you, 0 God, I desire to make a confession of all my sins, but I realize that I cannot do this of myself; therefore, I invoke Your divine help. 0 Holy Spirit, enlighten my mind with heavenly light that I may see all my sins. Kindle my heart with true contrition that I may sorrow sincerely over my sins, and confess them with deep humility before my God, my confessor and my Church.

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THE CHURCH HAS BEEN WAITING FOR OVER 2,000 YEARS. THAT'S A LONG TIME.



JESUS CREATED A PEOPLE WHO WAIT AND SERVE.



ARE YOU SAYING THAT LIKE IT'S A GOOD THING?

