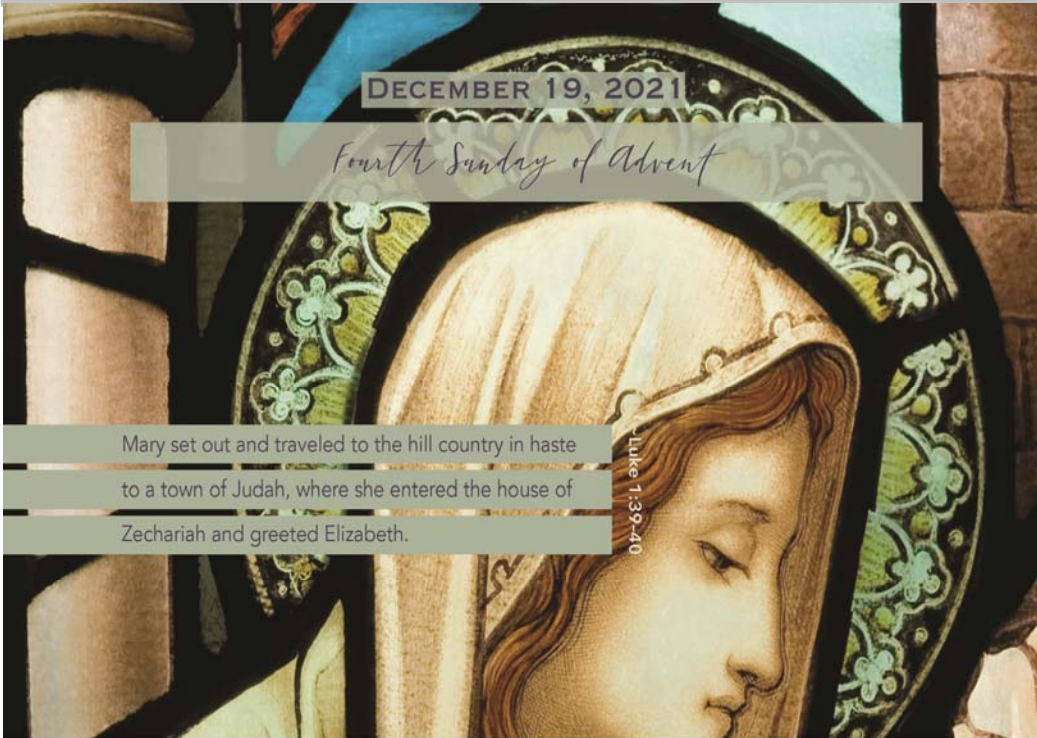




# St. Hedwig's Church

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DECEMBER 19, 2021

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39-40

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### DAILY MASSES:

7:00 AM (English)  
8:00 AM (Polish)

### SATURDAY EVENING MASS:

5:00 PM (English)

### SUNDAY MASSES:

7:00 AM (English)  
8:00 AM (Polish)  
9:30 AM (English)  
11:00 AM (Polish)  
12:30 PM (English)  
6:30 PM (English)

### EVE OF HOLY DAYS:

7:00 PM (English)

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7:00 AM (English)  
8:00 AM (Polish)  
9:00 AM (English)  
5:00 PM (English)  
7:30 PM (Polish)

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays: 4:00-5:00 PM  
Holy Days: Confessions before every Mass

**BAPTISMS:** Make arrangements at least 6 weeks ahead of time. Baptisms are held every Sunday at 11:00 AM (Polish) and 12:30 PM (English)

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements to be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. No Marriages on Sunday after 5:00 PM & on Saturdays after 3:30 PM

**PASTOR** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PASTOR EMERITUS** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DEACON** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SECRETARY** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**LECTORS' MINISTRY** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Barbara Luger** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Carol Peise** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Zbigniew Maćkowiak** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

### Monday-Friday:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (secretary)  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (priest on duty)

### Saturday:

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (secretary)

**Sunday:** Office is closed

# MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021

05:00 pm +Stephen J. Gunn by Sofield/Amato Family

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

07:00 am For Parishioners  
08:00 am +William O'Driscoll od Córki Hannah  
08:00 am +Stefan Brzozowski od Córki z Rodziną  
09:30 am +Phyllis Chapwick by Matthew Kołodziej  
11:00 am +Anna Danuta Zalkowska od Syna  
11:00 am +Ted Gerwatowski od Chóru Parafialnego  
12:30 pm For the Kirby Family by Family  
06:30 pm +James and Rosemarie Gorman by Children

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

07:00 am +Melvin Duch by Duch/Olszewski Family  
08:00 am +Za dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące  
08:00 am O zdrowie i błogosławieństwo Boże dla Anetki w Dniu Urodzin od Rodziców

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and doctor of the Church

07:00 am +Florence Komminos by Family  
08:00 am +Władysława Skalska od Siostry z Rodziną  
08:00 am +Helena Bystrowicz od Krystyny i Tadeusza Michalik

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2021

07:00 am +Gloria D'Silva by Daughter Linda  
08:00 am +Jan Kwaśnik od Dorotki i Kazimierza Madaliński  
08:00 am +Elżbieta Leśniewska od Syna z Rodziną

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2021

St. John of Kanty, Priest

07:00 am +Candida Pagliaro by Family  
08:00 am +Leonardo Cacharani od Syna z Rodziną

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

07:00 am For Parishioners  
08:00 am +Franciszek i +Józef Kurzyna od Rodziny  
05:00 pm (ENG) +Franciszka and Kazimierz Rożek by Son  
10:00 pm (ENG) For Parishioners  
12:00 am (POL) +Antoni i Aniela Kropiewnicki od Córki z Rodziną  
12:00 am (POL) W Specialnej Intencji dla Artura  
12:00 am Italian Mass in Parish Hall

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, CHRISTMAS**

07:00 am +Florence Duch by Duch/Olszewski Family  
07:00 am +John Fehling by Wife Jean  
08:00 am +Krzysztof Kozubski od Rodziny  
09:30 am +Galasieski and Miastkowski Families  
11:00 am +Franciszka i Adam Grodzki od Syna z Rodziną  
12:30 pm +Józef i Julia Kaczor od Syna z Żoną i Wnukami

NO EVENING MASS

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

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

07:00 am +Mildred Wilkinson  
08:00 am O uzdrowienie Ani, Intencja od Rodziców  
08:00 am +Maria Kościcka (4 Rocznicą) od Córki z Mężem i Dziećmi  
09:30 am +Clotilde J. Salazar by Alice Villegas  
11:00 am +Łucja i Stanisław Wszółek od Córki z Rodziną  
11:00 am +Wanda i Ryszard Pasierbiewicz  
12:30 pm For Parishioners  
06:30 pm For Parishioners

**FIRST FRIDAY:** 9:00 AM Mass in English and 7:30 PM Mass in Polish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Exposition, Adoration & Blessing. Confession 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

**FIRST SATURDAY:** 7:30 AM Holy Rosary in Polish, 9:00 AM Mass in English with Exposition, Adoration & Blessing

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:** Saturday at 8:20 AM in Polish, at 4:50 PM in English

**NOVENA TO GOD THE FATHER:** Every first Sunday of the month after 12:30 PM Mass

**FATIMA DEVOTIONS:** Every 13th of the month at 7:00 PM from May to October

**GORZKIE ŻAŁE/LAMENTATIONS:** Lent, every Sunday at 3:00 PM

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Lent, Wednesday in English at 7:30 PM, Thursday in Italian at 8:00 PM, Friday at 7:30 PM in Polish

**LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** May, Monday through Friday at 7:30 in Polish

**HOLY ROSARY:** First Friday after 9:00 AM Mass in English, at 7:00 PM in Polish, First Saturday at 7:30 AM in Polish. Rosary in English: Second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Church. Additionally October, Monday through Friday at 7:30 PM in Polish.

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY:** First Friday after 9:00 AM Mass in English, First Saturday after 8:00 AM Mass in Polish

## LIST KSIĘDZA PROBOSZCZA

*Drodzy Parafianie i Przyjaciele,*

Chciałbym poświęcić chwilę, aby podziękować Wam wszystkim. Jestem bardzo wdzięczny za to, jak ofiarnie służyliście w minionym roku Kościołowi Św. Jadwigi. Czy prowadząc grupy religijne, przygotowując ołtarz do Mszy Świętej, wspierając niezbędne remonty czy renowacje czy uczestnicząc czynnie we Mszy Świętej lub wykonując jedno z niezliczonych innych (zwykle niewidocznych) zadań, dzięki którym nasza społeczność działa. Dziękuję bardzo za wszystko, co robicie!

W tym sezonie będziemy świętować Nadzieję, Pokój, Miłość i Radość; Modłę się, aby wszystkie te cztery elementy wypełniły Wasze życie pod każdym względem w te Święta Bożego Narodzenia i później. W te Święta Bożego Narodzenia, jak we wszystkich poprzednich latach, świętujemy „Immanuela” (Bóg z nami). Bez obecności Chrystusa wśród nas bylibyśmy zgubieni. Dzięki Bożej obecności działającej w nas jesteśmy uzdrowieni, przemienieni, pojednani i uzdrowieni.

Modłę się o wspaniałe Święta Bożego Narodzenia.

*Ks. Piotr Rozek, Wasz Proboszcz*



## LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

*Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

I would like to take a moment to thank you all. I am very grateful for how dedicated you have served the Church of St. Hedwig. Whether by leading religious groups, preparing the altar for the Holy Mass, supporting the necessary renovations or renovations, or actively participating in the Holy Mass, or by performing one of the countless other (usually invisible) tasks that keep our community going. Thank you so much for everything you do!

This season we will celebrate Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; I pray that all these four elements will fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. I am grateful to God. This Christmas, as in all previous years, we celebrate "Immanuel" (God with us). Without Christ's presence among us, we would be lost. Thanks to God's presence working in us, we are healed, transformed, reconciled and healed.

I am praying for a wonderful Christmas.

*Rev. Piotr Rozek, Your Pastor*



## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**December 12, 2021**

*The amount of this collection will be posted  
in future bulletins*

*God Bless for your donations*

### **Pray for the Sick, the Elderly and the Homebound**

Christine Brown, Lily Simon, Zarina Liwag, Sandra Jean Pierre, Fernand Arty, Baby Sigler, Alina Romanczuk, Rosemarie Hermann, Joe Emerson, Dan Mahoney, Vincenza Virdone, Mary Ann Keegan, Michael Watts, Neida Ramos, Connie Dziomba, Gordon Schaefering, Theresa Gerzak oraz Curtis, Elzbieta Turon, Donna Ragan, Merit Rizzuto, Lucy Catalano, Anita Durane and Morgan DellaCrosse.



# FOURTH Sunday OF *Advent*

DECEMBER 19, 2021

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Luke 1:39-40

## INCARNATION AND PASCHAL MYSTERY

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

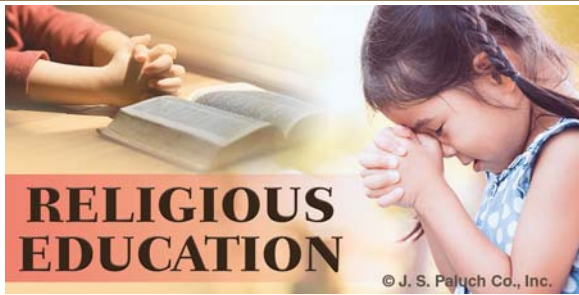
All of today's scriptures seem to declare Christmas's “comfort and joy.” Micah declares that, as small as Bethlehem is, the child born there will bring peace that “shall reach to the ends of the earth.” Hebrews proclaims that, despite pain and suffering, the “offering of the body of Jesus Christ” saves 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?

## TODAY'S READINGS

Micah 5:1-4a  
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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### ST. HEDWIG'S FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Faith Formation classes are held on Thursdays:  
Grades 1-5 from 5:00 - 6:00pm  
Grades 6-8 from 6:15 - 7:15pm

More info on the website  
Director of Faith Formation  
Christopher Gospodarzec  
631-875-8413

### AVAILABLE CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

As you may know, we now have Father Peter operating three parishes. Because of the schedule of confessions being limited, we decided to extend the invitation to all parishioners to participate in confession in either one of these churches, depending on your schedule.

**6:30 P.M. -8.30 P.M.**

Monday, December 20, St. Hyacinth Church in Glen Head  
Tuesday, December 21, St. Ladislaus Church in Hempstead  
Wednesday, December 2, St. Hedwig's Church in Floral Park

Confessions in both English and Polish.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH



*Eternal rest grant unto Her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon Her. Amen.*

### ROSARY IN ENGLISH

The schedule for the Rosary in English is as follows:

**Wednesday, December 22, 2021**

Prayer begins at 7:00 pm in the Church

We invite all to come and participate as we pray and ask our Blessed Mother Mary for her intercession.

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

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.



*Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.*

— Luke 1:42