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**SUNDAY MASSES:**

**SATURDAY**

5:00 pm - OLC (Pl)  
5:00 pm - St. Mary (En)  
5:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

**SUNDAY**

8:00 am - OLC (En)  
10:00 am - OLC (Pl)  
10:00 am - St. Mary (It)  
10:00 am St. Patrick (En)  
12:00 pm - St. Mary (En)  
12:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

**First Sunday of Advent**

**December 1, 2024**

**Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2;**

**Luke 21.25-28, 34-36**

Today, as we start a new liturgical year, we renew our zeal and our personal struggle with our sights set on sanctity, ours and that of everybody else. The Church itself calls on us to do so, reminding us in today's Gospel, of the need to be always at the ready, always "in love with" our Lord: "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise..." (Lk 21:34).

We mustn't overlook a very important detail for those who are in love: this attitude of being alert —of being ready— cannot be intermittent, but has to become a permanent way of life. This is why, our Lord says to us: "Be vigilant at all times and pray..." At all times! this is the right measure of love. Fidelity is not made on the basis of "sometimes yes, sometimes no". It is, therefore, very important that the pace of our pious and spiritual formation be regular (day by day and week by week). If only we could live every day of our life with a new "first time" mentality; if only, every morning —when waking up— we would manage to say: —Today, I'm born again (thanks be to God!); today, I'm Christened again; today, I'm making my First Communion again; today, I'm getting married again... To persevere cheerfully, one has to "restart all over again", to renew oneself.

In this life we're not here forever. There will come a day when "the powers of the heavens will be shaken" (Lk 21:26). Good reason to be alert! But, in Advent, the Church gives us a lovely basis for joyous preparation: certainly, one day men "will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." (Lk 21:27), but meanwhile, God arrives on Earth meekly and with discretion; as a new-born child, to the point that "Christ could be seen, wrapped in swaddling clothes, in a feeding trough" Only an alert spirit could discover in this Infant the magnitude of God's love and salvation.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**MONDAY**

7:00 pm - St. Mary (En)

**TUESDAY**

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)  
7:00 pm - St. Patrick (En)

**WEDNESDAY**

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En)  
7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

**THURSDAY**

9:00 am - St. Patrick (En)  
7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)

**FRIDAY**

7:00 pm - OLC (Pl)  
7:00 pm - St. Mary (It)

**SATURDAY**

9:00 am - OLC (Pl)  
*1st Saturday of the month*

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**ADORATION  
CHAPEL**

Monday to Friday  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
beside St. Mary Church

**CONFESSIONS**

**OL CZESTOCHOWA**

Saturday at 4:00 pm  
& before weekly Mass

**ST. MARY**

Saturdays at 4:00 pm  
& before weekly Mass

**ST. PATRICK**

Tuesday at 6:00 pm  
Saturday at 4:00 pm

## ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

December 2 to December 8, 2024	December 9 to December 15, 2024
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3</b> <i>Mary of Perpetual Help</i> <b>7:00pm</b> Int.of Fr.Gabriel- 46 anniversary of ordination <i>Novena Mass</i> † Judy Reese † Jerzy Majewski † Mark Mutton † Stephan Masterson	<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10</b> <i>Mary of Perpetual Help</i> <b>7:00pm</b> Int.of Diane Pepe <i>Novena Mass</i> † Don & Eric Power † Wendlin Bratzel † Joseph Rac † Jadwiga, Tadeusz Gabriel
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4</b> <b>9:00am</b> † Carmine, Ezio, Rina GENTILE † Ruth Legault	<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11</b> <b>9:00am</b> † Chuck, Marie, Beverly Bourgeois † Shirley Krulick
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5</b> <b>9:00am</b> Int.of Furtado Family (living & dec'd.) † Stephen Kuhn	<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12</b> <i>Lady of Guadalupe</i> <b>9:00am</b> † DeWit Family † Maxwell Hebbourn
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7</b> <i>2 Sunday of Advent</i> <b>5:00 pm</b> <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i>	<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14</b> <i>3 Sunday of Advent</i> <b>5:00pm</b> <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i>
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8</b> <i>2 Sunday of Advent</i> <b>10:00 am</b> <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i> † Katherine Blake	<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15</b> <i>3 Sunday of Advent</i> <b>10:00am</b> <i>Intentions of Parishioners of St. Patrick</i> † Katherine Blake

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

### SEASON OF ADVENT - New Liturgical Year

Happy Advent! This Season of waiting and preparation is just what we need to get ready to welcome the Lord at Christmas. Yet Advent can so quickly become filled with parties, gift buying and card writing as well as fears concerning difficult family situations. So how can we better embrace this season & the grace God has in store for us?

Advent has twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is the name given to the season of 24 days leading up to Christmas. The word "Advent" - means - **coming, arrival, expectation.**

### ADVENT - PENANCE SERVICE

*Prepare the way of the Lord; make the path straight!*  
 Special **Penance Service** for our parish family:  
 at St. Mary's Church: Dec. 14 & St. Patrick: Dec. 21

### JUBILEE 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope"

On January 21, 2024, Pope Francis announced a Year of Prayer ahead of 2025 Jubilee, calling on the faithful "to pray more fervently, to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God". The official opening of the Jubilee Year will take place on January 2025. The Year of Prayer, is dedicated "to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world." (Pope Francis)

### COFFE SUNDAY - December 1

This Sunday, December 1 you are all invited to St.Pat's Parish Hall for a coffee and cake. Let's celebrate Father Gabriel's 46th Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood. Come and meet our new parishioners!

### 2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

**The sets of envelopes** for the year 2025 are ready for pick up this weekend at the church. Sets - in alphabetical order. Please check your name and address before taking set home. **(they are to be used in the New Year)**

**Catholic Calendars** for 2025 for our parishioners with no charge, sponsored by Donohue Funeral Home.

**2025 Sunday Missals** - available at the church, \$5.00.

**New parishioners** - please fill out the registration form and return into collection basket. We encourage everyone to support the church financially - offertory sets available

### CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST. PATRICK

For your information, the Christmas Schedule Masses:  
**Christmas Eve: Tuesday, Dec. 24: 5:00pm & 8:00pm**  
**Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25: 10:00am**

### YOUTH ACTION CENTER

We have been supporting the Youth Action Center for many years. Help brighten the lives of many of London's street youth who may otherwise be forgotten at Christmas. Take a star, there is a suggested gift item on the back of the star, return the unwrapped gift by **Sunday, Dec. 15.**