



December 2017

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI ASSEMBLY No. 2176

Calendar of Events

Friday, December 2
First Friday
Tuesday, December 6
8:00pm
General Meeting St
Casmir
Tuesday, December 25
Christmas
Tuesday, January 2
8:00pm
General Meeting
St Maximilian
Friday, January 5 First
Friday
Friday, February 2
First Friday
Tuesday, February 6
8:00pm
General Meeting St
Casmir
Friday, March 2
First Friday
Tuesday, March 6
8:00pm General
Meeting St Maximilian
Friday, March 30
Good Friday

Have a story, pictures, joke,
event details or prayer
request that you would like to
share with your Brother
Knights? Then please
forward it before our next
Submission Deadline
Nov 27, 2017 Email to:
Joe@zacon.com or contact
Joseph Zielinski at
905-820-3299

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

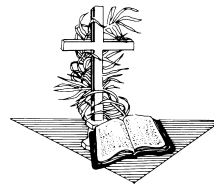


The Advent season is upon us and is a season where we prepare our hearts for the return of Jesus by celebrating his birth in a manger., Christmas is the second most important feast in the Christian calendar. For many people, the foremost thing on their minds are the trees, the decorations, special music, food, friends and relatives and gifts. But to us Catholics, the real focus is the birth Saviour and Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are coming to the end of the first half of our fraternal year. We worked hard and now it is our turn to relax and enjoy the festivities with our families and our friends. It is up to us to keep Christ in Christmas and enjoy ourselves at New Year festivities. To all Sir Knights and their families my best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year.

Vivat Jesus

**Jozef
Cybulski**





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2017-2018 EXECUTIVE

Faithful Navigator	Jozef Cybulski
Faithful Admiral	Boguslaw Jackowski
Faithful Friar	Rev Janusz Blazajak
Faithful Captain	Manuel Madina
Faithful Pilot	Louis Scaglione
Faithful Scribe	Jacek Szelag
Faithful Comptroller	Mieczyslaw Gniotek
Faithful Purser	Bill Buzny
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Jan Matyka
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Joseph Zielinski
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Andrzej Skwarko
Faithful Trustee 3 Years	Jan Nicki
Faithful Trustee 2 Years	Roman Solski
Faithful Trustee 1 Year	Paul Pallesich
Commander	Jan Matyka
Assistant Commander	Wojciech Ciesielka
Assistant Commander	Jan Nicki
Assistant Commander	Roman Solski
Assistant Commander	Joseph Sobura
Assistant Commander	Benedykt Poczekaj

From The Pulpit



On the first Sunday of Advent, we as a Church enter a precious period of in- betweenness. It is a time of expectancy and longing, bated breath and watchful waiting. It is a time that calls us to explicitly reflect on the peculiarity of our position: our Lord has already come and we wait for him to come again. We return to the stories leading up to his birth each year, knowing that we are living in a kind of "already/not yet." We know our beloved and still we yearn to see his face. In the Gospel today we are called to be watchful: "You do not know when the time will come"; "Beware, keep alert"; "Keep awake." These insistent passages call us to be attentive in our every moment. When we are alert, we become attuned to the vibrancy of all that surrounds us; any movement could signal the arrival of the Lord. It's a delightful kind of anticipation. The 18th - century Jesuit writer Jean Pierre de Crusade invites us, in our anticipation, into what he calls "the sacramentality of the present moment." What if every moment were one in which we might meet our God? What might we notice? How might we act? Let us pray for the grace to be receptive to God in every moment.

Kate McGee, Toronto ON

Fr. Janusz



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Happy Birthday Brothers



December

08 Jerzy Zbroszczyk
11 Gabriel Kaminski
16 Michal Dubik
27 Peter M Klimek
31 Walter V Kaye

January

01 Jozef Studzinski
01 Wieslaw Zuk
02 Jozef Pietraszko
02 Leon Plona
04 Tad Frysztacki
05 Joseph Romandel
05 Rev Joseph Morawski
06 Rev C. Krystkowiak
08 Andrzej Mazur
10 Jan Gasztold
10 Rev Maciej Pajak
11 Zbigniew Rybinski
16 Jozef Kupiec
17 Anthony Smyj
17 Stanley Stepniak
18 Piotr Turowski
20 Rev Adam Bobola
22 Henryk Dziadel
22 Jerry Gaus
22 Marek Ruta
23 Joseph Zielinski
28 Rev Jan Burczyk
31 Eugene Boryszko



Brother Bill Buzny is our Fraternal Director, if there are any Sir Knights or family members that are sick or in distress he should be contacted at 416-246-1718. Our Assembly will make the appropriate gesture if we know the situation.

Fraternally,
Brother Bill Buzny



Advent:

For us Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message



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of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent Season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'¹

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

As Blessed John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: "Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait'. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today's reading to the Romans: 'Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from

sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Rm 13:11).

We must start our journey to ascend to the mountain of the Lord, to be illuminated by His Words of peace and to allow Him to indicate the path to tread. (cf. Is 2:1-5). Moreover, we must change our conduct abandoning the works of darkness and put on the 'armor of light' and so seek only to do God's work and to abandon the deeds of the flesh. (cf. Rm 13:12-14). Jesus, through the story in the parable, outlines the Christian life style that must not be distracted and indifferent but must be vigilant and recognize even the smallest sign of the Lord's coming because we don't know the hour in which He will arrive. (cf. Mt 24:39-44)

1 Pope Benedict XVI, Celebration of First Vespers of Advent, Vatican Basilica, December 2006

On the First Sunday of Advent, the traditional opening prayer (or Collect) prayed: "Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come." With this request to God to "stir up" His might, this day was traditionally called Stir-Up Sunday. Many families create a traditional plum pudding or fruit cake or some other recipe that all the family and guests can "stir-up." This activity of stirring-up the ingredients symbolizes our hearts that must be stirred in preparation for Christ's birth.

Merry Christmas



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Happy New Year

