

November 14, 2020

Dear St. Christopher Parishioners,

Today is the day we set aside to express thanks for all that is in our lives. Even when things are not going so well, there is so much to be thankful for. The power of thankfulness and gratefulness can get us through the snares of success, prosperity, and ease, as well as the pitfalls of lack, disappointment, and pain.

There is a saying, **“He who has not tasted the bitter cannot appreciate the sweet.”** There is some truth to that. Difficult times can sometimes be seen as a blessing when viewed through the lens of hindsight.

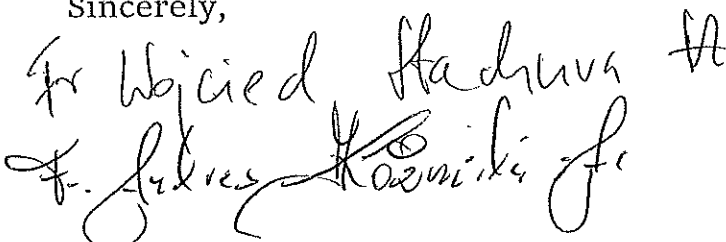
Today, because we know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself, we can take a few minutes to think about our lives and be thankful for his amazing gifts to us. If we make a **“Gratitude List,”** we might be surprised by the length of our lists. Everything God has done by adding us to his family, by sending Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Word of God to us, was for our benefit. And since Christ purchased our lives for God, our determination is to share his truth because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, **“I believed in God, so I spoke.”** So, speak today, and every day, about the hope we share. We have been chosen to function with others in the church, so as God’s grace reaches more and more people through us, there will be greater thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. Let us take on this task together.

God provides us with true blessings and abundance. We have joy and laughter; we have courage in the face of fear, hope where there is doubt, comfort when we have tears and sadness. God is with us in all things.

Pray for our community as we seek to strengthen and grow in Christ. Pray for the staff and leaders who work to make ministry meaningful. Pray for all the people who serve and provide the financial resources for ministry to take place. Pray for our church as we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer. Give thanks to the Lord always with a grateful heart. We are thankful for you and our church. We are thankful for all that God is doing among us as we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us into the future.

Sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Fr. Wojciech Stachura' followed by a small cross symbol. The second signature is 'Fr. Andrzej Kozminski' followed by a small cross symbol. The handwriting is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Fr. Wojciech Stachura and Fr. Andrzej Kozminski

Christmas Mass Times



Please join us at *St. Christopher* for the celebration of the birth of our Lord during the following times:

Christmas Eve December 24, 2020

* 4pm*

* 6pm*

* 8pm*

* 12am- Polish Mass*

Christmas Day December 25, 2020

* 10am*

* 12pm- English Mass*

May the new born Christ bless our community
and your family