



HOLY CROSS R.C. CHURCH

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THE PASTORAL STAFF

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6 to 8 PM - Tuesday and Wednesday
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Saturday

Schedule of Services

MASSES - MSZE ŚWIĘTE:

Weekdays:

Monday: 7:30 AM Polish
Tuesday to Friday: 7:30 AM Polish
8:30 AM English

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 6:30 PM Polish

Wednesday: 6:30 PM English

Saturday Morning: 7:30 AM Polish

Saturday Eve: 5:00 PM English
6:30 PM Polish

Sundays: 8:00, 11:00 AM & 6:30 PM Polish
9:30 AM & 12:30 PM English

Confessions - Spowiedź

Saturdays: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM & at 6:00 PM - 6:30PM

First Friday: 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Devotions - Nabożeństwa

Tuesday - Our Lady of Czestochowa, after 6:30 PM Mass.

First Thursday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after 6:30 PM Mass.

First Friday - Sacred Heart of Jesus after 6:30 PM Mass.

First Saturday - Marian Devotions after 6:30 PM Mass.

Third Sunday of the Month -

Divine Mercy after 6:30 PM Mass.

October, May and Lent have special devotions -
announced in the bulletin.

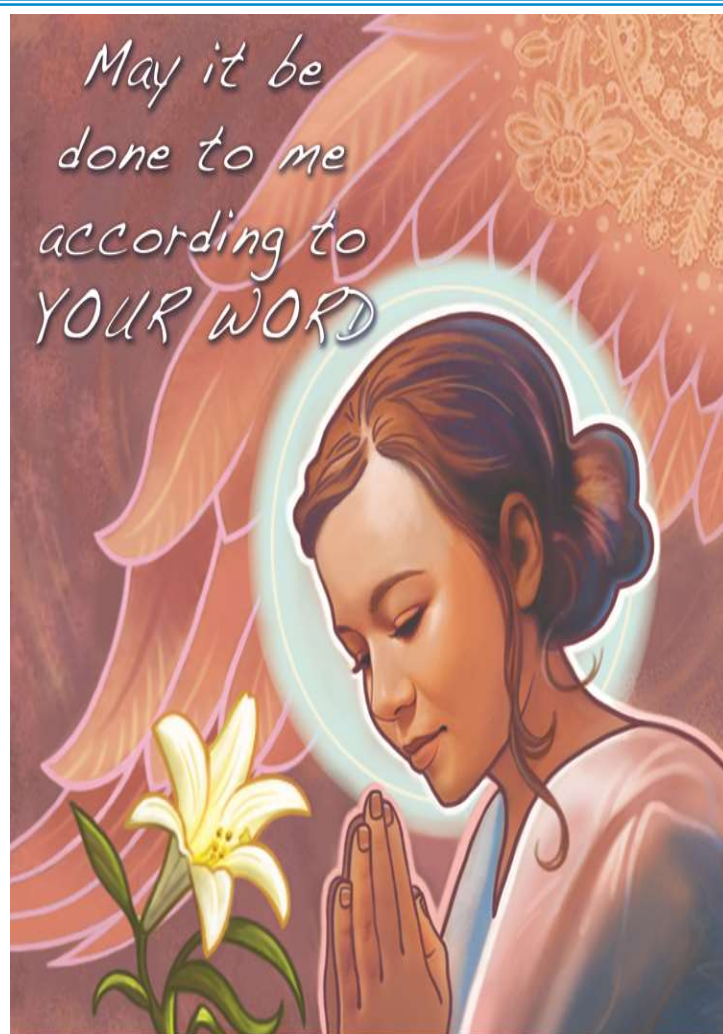
Baptism: Second Sunday of every month

11:00 Polish & 12:30 English

All Baptisms by appointment only.

Marriages - by appointment only -
6 months in advance

Every member should be properly registered.
No marriages or Baptisms may be performed unless
one is registered. Church Law requires this.



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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023

Mass Intentions For The Week



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SATURDAY December 23 **SOBOTA** 23 grudnia

- 5 PM † Leokadia, Kazimierz & Michał Ferenc
 6:30 PM † Elizabeth Kozinska
 † Kazimierz Bis (Rocz)
 † Antoni Kubas
 † Ewa Sawicka (Rocz)
 • Prośba o Boże Bł. dla Alicji z okazji urodzin

SUNDAY December 24 **NIEDZIELA** 24 grudnia

- 8:00 • Prośba o zdrowie, opiekę Matki Bożej i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Jadwigi Asman z okazji 95 urodzin
 9:30 • Asking for God's Blessings for Patrick
 11:00 † Deceased Members of the Wnorowski, Śliwowski, Krysiak, Zalewski, & Kulesza families
 12:30 † Henry, Anna, John, Gregory, Sabina, Marzena Dojlidko

CHRISTMAS EVE WIGILIA

- 8:30 PM • Asking for God's Blessings for Joanna Victoria Weglicki
 10:00 PM • Prośba o Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Rodziny Bujak
 12:00 AM † Janina Kantorowska (Rocz)

MONDAY December 25 **PONIEDZIAŁEK** 25 grudnia

CHRISTMAS DAY BOŻE NARODZENIE

- 8:00 † Stanisław i Adam Tkaczyk
 9:30 † For the Rydel & Wiśniewski Families
 11:00 † Janina i Czesław Sieniccy, Bogusław Orent, i Mieczysław i Roman Burzyński
 12:30 † Janusz Bielawski & Wacława Bielawska

Please note: There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day

TUESDAY December 26 **WTOREK** 26 grudnia

**SAINT STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR
ŚWIĘTEGO SZCZEPANA MĘCZENNIKA**

- 7:30 • Msza Dzięczynna z prośbą o Boże Bł. potrzebne łaski dla Zenona i Teresy Osewskich z okazji 50 rocznicy ślubu
 8:30 † Krystyna Mazzaglia
 11:00 † Eugeniusz i Waldemar Kirejczyk
 6:30 PM † Leszek Malinowski (Rocz)

WEDNESDAY December 27 **ŚRODA** 27 grudnia

- 7:30 † Jerzy Matysiewski
 8:30 For the People of the Parish
 6:30 PM † Władysław Serowik (Annv)

THURSDAY December 28 **CZWARTEK** 28 grudnia

- 7:30 † Mieczysław Szozda
 8:30 • Asking for God's Blessings, good mental & physical health, luck in finding a good job in Florida for Mitchell Mikrut
 6:30 PM † Marianna Krzysiak (Rocz)

FRIDAY December 29 **PIĄTEK** 29 grudnia

- 7:30 † Franciszek Czochoński
 8:30 • Asking for God's Blessings, good mental & physical health, luck in finding a good job in Florida for Mitchell Mikrut
 6:30 PM † Andrzej Ciborowski

SATURDAY December 30 **SOBOTA** 30 grudnia

- 7:30 † Edward Sayle (Rocz)
 5 PM † Walter Jarzynka (Annv)
 6:30 PM • Msza Dzięczynna za otrzymane łaski z prośbą o zdrowie i Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Adrianny i Marka
 • Msza Dzięczynna z prośbą o Boże Bł., opiekę Matki Bożej i dary Ducha Świętego dla Justyny i Sławka z okazji 22 Rocznicy ślubu
 † Józef Zakrzewski (Rocz)

SUNDAY December 31 **NIEDZIELA** 31 grudnia

- 8:00 † Lucyna Klim
 9:30 † Bronisława & Ferdynand Liguz
 11:00 † Stanisława (Rocz) i Bronisław Kowalczyk
 12:30 † Ryszard Niedbala
 6:30 PM For the People of the Parish

DONATIONS


SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp this week will burn in memory of Adam & Stanisław Tkaczyk.

ALTAR CANDLES

The Altar Candles are in memory of Krystyna Mazzaglia donated by T.R. Ciborowski.

BREAD AND WINE

This week's bread and wine is in memory of Deceased members of Kozłowski, Pilasiewicz, Neubauer and Woods Families donated by George and Jolanta Neubauer.



K+M+B KOLEDA 2024



CHRISTMAS HOUSE BLESSINGS (KOLEDA)

PLEASE NOTE: In the packet of collection envelopes the Koleda card is printed on a **yellow card**. Please indicate whether or not you want your home blessed during the Christmas season.

The card should be returned in the collection basket.

If you do not receive envelopes, please, use the yellow cards in back of the Church. We want to maintain the Polish custom of KOLEDA and we want to plan a pastoral visit well by calling each of the inviting families in advance. It will also be possible to participate in the Holy Mass on the designated days of January 2024. Everyone will receive a prayer card for the house blessing, holy water and chalk to mark the door of your homes as a sign that you have accepted Christ, who is the light of the world.

The dates of the KOLEDA Masses will be announced in the parish bulletin.



ODWIEDZINY DUSZPASTERSKIE – KOLEDA

W zestawie kopert, które Państwo otrzymaliście, znajduje się **żółta kartka**.

Proszę uprzejmie odpowiedzieć na pytania:

- czy życzy Państwo, by jeden z księży w okresie Bożego Narodzenia przyszedł pobłogosławić wasz dom?
 - o jakiej porze dnia – po południu czy wieczorem?

Proszę koniecznie podać nazwisko, adres i numer telefonu. Osoby, które nie otrzymują kopert, mogą skorzystać z żółtych kartek wyłożonych z tyłu kościoła. Pragniemy podtrzymać polski zwyczaj kolędowania i zechcemy wizytę duszpasterską dobrze zaplanować dzwoniąc wcześniej do każdej z zapraszających rodzin. Będzie także możliwość uczestnictwa we Mszy Świętej w wyznaczone dni stycznia 2024. Wówczas otrzymacie modlitwy błogosławieństwa domu, wodę święconą oraz kredę na oznaczenie drzwi waszych domów na znak, że przyjął Chrystusa, który jest światłością świata.

Terminy Mszy Świętych Kolędowych zostaną podane w biuletynie parafialnym.



Christmas 2023

“For a Child is born to us; a Son is given to us; and the government is upon His shoulder. And His Name will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:5

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Christmas Season proclaims to the world the ineffable mystery of the coming of our Savior. Our thoughts fly to the poor Manger in Bethlehem, to the warm comforts of our family home and to the parish church where we received baptism. As the organ music swells and caroling voices fill the night, the salvific mystery echoes throughout the earth, calling upon us to welcome the Lord, as the shepherds once did in Bethlehem.

We greet Him with the greatest joy and the heartfelt wishes which we share with each other.

On this occasion, we wish you a joyous and blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year 2024. As priests of our parish, we will commend to God all these sincere wishes, as we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass this Christmas in your intention.

With pastoral blessings,

Most Reverend Witold Mroziwski, J.C.D., D.D.

Pastor

Reverend Canon Andrzej Salwowski

Parish Administrator



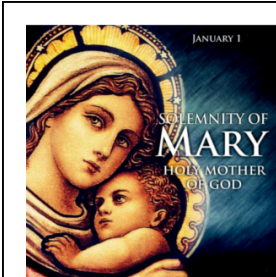
We wish to thank
Papavero Funeral Home
for providing us
with the beautiful calendars.



**Tuesday,
December 26, 2023
Feast of Saint Stephen,
The First Martyr**

Masses will be celebrated
as follows:

7:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:30 PM
in Polish
8:30 AM - English



**MONDAY,
JANUARY 1, 2024
SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE MOTHER OF GOD**
On this day we honor
Mary's Motherhood.

E-GIVING IS HERE!
Have you signed up yet with Faith Direct or
another e-giving service? It benefits both you and
our Parish. Enrollment is friendly, safe, and
trouble free, AND you can change your intended
giving anytime that you wish. To sign up go to the
icon on our website, www.holycross-queens.org
and follow the instructions.
WE NEED YOUR HELP, NOW!

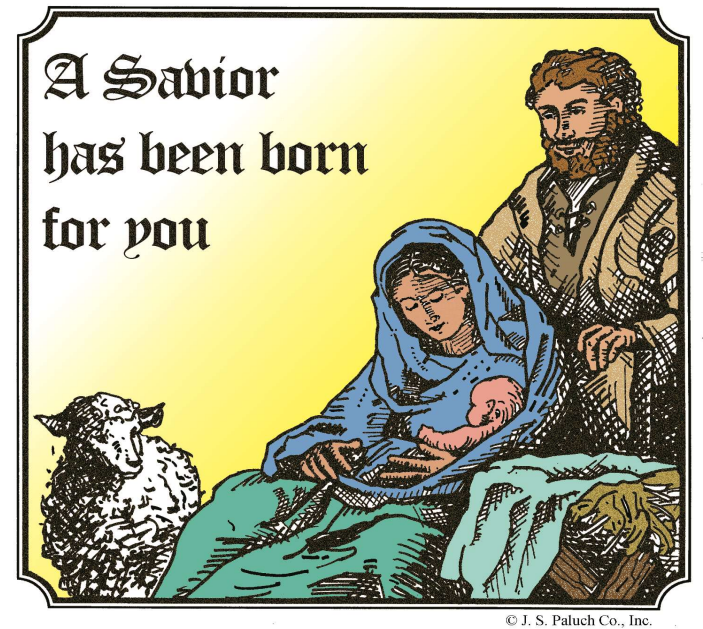
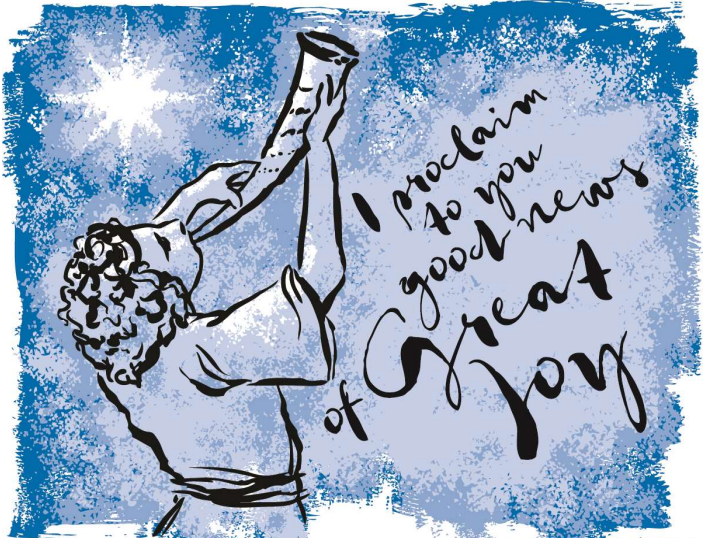
Please note that our Parish Rectory Office
will be closed on Christmas Day,
December 25th on Tuesday, December 26th.
Merry Christmas!!!




The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal campaign is underway. Our goal for this year has been set at \$56,665. So far, 130 families have pledged \$44,307 toward our goal.

We still need \$12,358 to meet our goal.

Our generosity makes a big difference. By supporting the works of our Diocese and the mission of the Church through a commitment to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, we will inspire others in our parish and our diocese to join them as we answer God's call to love and to serve our neighbors.





Ogłoszenia duszpasterskie

*Składamy serdeczne podziękowania
Domu Pogrzebowemu Papavero za
ofiarowane kalendarze.*



**We wtorek 26 GRUDNIA,
2023.**

przypada uroczystość
**ŚWIĘTEGO SZCZEPANA
MĘCZENNIKA**

Msze św. będą odprawiane w
następującym porządku:
godz. 7:30, 11:00 i 18:30 w jęz.
polskim
godz. 8:30 w jęz. angielskim



**1 STYCZNIA, 2024
UROCZYSTOŚĆ MARYI
BOŻEJ RODZICIELKI**

W pierwszy dzień **2024 r.**
przypada Uroczystość
Świętej
Bożej Rodzicielki.

Msze święte odprawiane będą według porządku
niedzielnego. **ZAPRASZAMY.**

THE TABLET
Catholic News and Opinion

*Zapraszamy do czytania prasy katolickiej.
Przy wyjściu z kościoła można otrzymać
najnowszy egzemplarz diecezjalnego
tygodnika TABLET.*

UWAGA

Z uwagi na przerwę świąteczną,
Kancelaria Parafialna będzie nieczynna
w poniedziałek, 25 grudnia
oraz we wtorek 26 grudnia.



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2023**

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Zachęcamy do
zachowania tradycji
wspierania
działalności
charytatywnej
prowadzonej przez
diecezję
brooklyńską w

ramach Dorocznego Apelu Katolickiego. Przez
swoją ofiarność możemy wyjść naprzeciw
wszystkim potrzebom, przed którymi stoi cała
nasza diecezja. W tym roku, na apel nasza
parafia ma zebrać \$56,665. Dotychczas 130
ofiarodawców zadeklarowało \$44,307.
Złożono już ofiarę w wysokości \$43,907.
Dziękujemy wszystkim ofiarodawcom.

Z uwagi na rosnącą ilość zachorowań na
COVID, grypę i choroby układu
oddechowego RSV oraz w trosce o
bezpieczeństwo naszych parafian,
zachęcamy wszystkich, którzy pragną
przyjąć komunię świętą do ust, o
podchodzenie na koniec udzielania komunii
świętej.

Dziękujemy za zrozumienie.





Boże Narodzenie 2023

„Albowiem Dziecię nam się narodziło, Syn został nam dany, na Jego barkach spoczęła władza. Nazwano Go imieniem: Przedziwny Doradca, Bóg Mocny, Odwieczny Ojciec, Księżę Pokoju.” - Izajasza 9:5

Umiłowani Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

Czas Świąt Bożego Narodzenie niesie ze sobą tajemnicę przychodzącego do nas Zbawiciela. Przenosi myśli do Betlejem do ubogiej stajenki, pod dach rodzinnego domu, do kościoła, w którym zostaliśmy ochrzczeni. Wraz z brzmieniem organowej muzyki i śpiewem kolęd niesie się echem po całej ziemi. Każe nam, tak jak kiedyś pasterzom, powitać Pana.

Witamy go z weselem, radością i życzeniami, które nawzajem sobie składamy.

Z tej okazji życzymy radosnych i błogosławionych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia oraz szczęśliwego Nowego Roku 2024. W świątecznych Mszach świętych polecamy Bogu każdego z Was i Wasze intencje.

Z pasterskim błogosławieństwem,

Ksiądz Biskup Dr Witold Mroziewski

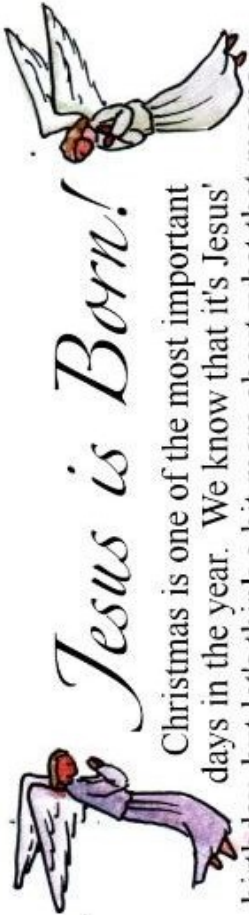
Proboszcz

Ksiądz Kanonik Andrzej Salwowski

Administrator

The Kids' Bulletin

*Christmas Day
December 25th, 2023*



Jesus is Born!

Christmas is one of the most important days in the year. We know that it's Jesus' birthday, but let's think a bit more about what that means...

Who is Jesus? He is God. He is also a real man. When Adam and Eve sinned they lost the privilege of going to Heaven. Now people needed to pay back for their sins, but no sacrifice they could make could ever be big enough. Only a perfect man could make a perfect sacrifice. And because God loved us so much He became a man to die for us!



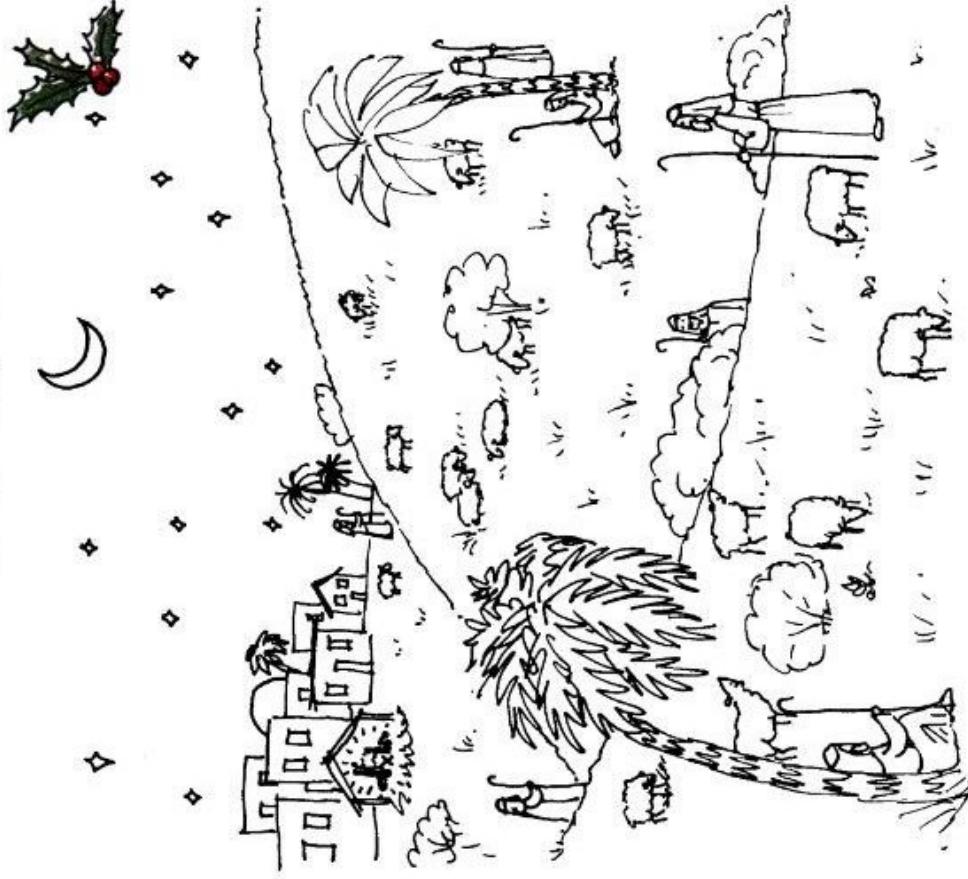
Now think about God, Who made Himself a little baby, coming down to our world. He had a poor mother and foster father, and He was born in a little barn, far away from their home. The first people who came to visit were the rough men who lived in the fields, looking after their sheep.

God loved us so much that He made Himself into a poor baby. Doesn't that just make you want to love Him more? Today or in the next few days, spend some time looking at a creche (a nativity scene) and think about Baby Jesus and how much God loves us.



Answer to front page: there are seven shepherds hiding in the picture.
Answer to inside page: the numbers are in this order: 4, 7, 5, 1, 2, 3, 6.

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During the night of the first Christmas, the shepherds were out in the fields watching their sheep before the angels came to tell them that the Saviour was born.



Can you find all the shepherds in this picture?
How many are there?
You can colour in the picture too!

Who did What?

Write the number of the person beside what they did in the Christmas Story.

1. Saint Joseph
— Announced the joyful news of the Saviour's birth

2. Our Lady
— Commanded that everyone register in their hometown

3. The Shepherds
— Did not have room for the man and his wife

4. The Angels
— Took his wife to Bethlehem

5. The Innkeeper
— Pondered all these things in her heart

6. Baby Jesus
— Went to find the newborn Saviour

7. The Emperor
— Came to save the people from their sins



SAINT JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS

ST. JOSEPH WAS A HOLY MAN WHO BELIEVED IN GOD AND FOLLOWED HIS LAWS. HE WAS ENGAGED TO MARY WHEN HE FOUND OUT SHE WAS PREGNANT.

I guess I should break up with her quietly...

BUT AN ANGEL CAME TO HIM AND TOLD HIM TO NOT BE AFRAID- THE BABY WAS THE SON OF GOD.

Don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife!

AT THAT TIME THE EMPEROR ORDERED EVERYONE TO REGISTER IN THEIR HOMETOWN.

I want a record of all the people in my lands.

SO JOSEPH TOOK MARY AND TRAVELLED TO BETHLEHEM.

BUT WHEN THEY GOT THERE THE INNS WERE FULL.

Sorry, we're full.

FINALLY THEY FOUND A STABLE WITH ANIMALS WHERE THEY COULD STAY.

There's room in here anyway.

THAT NIGHT THE BABY WAS BORN. ST. JOSEPH NAMED HIM JESUS, AS THE ANGEL HAD TOLD HIM TO. SHEPHERDS CAME TO WORSHIP THE NEW BABY.

GOD CHOSE SAINT JOSEPH, A GOOD AND HUMBLE MAN, TO BE THE PROTECTOR OF HIS SON JESUS AND JESUS' MOTHER, MARY. IT WASN'T AN EASY JOB- THEY HAD TO TRAVEL FAR ON FOOT AND STAY IN A STABLE WITH ANIMALS, BUT SAINT JOSEPH WAS HAPPY TO SUFFER FOR LOVE OF GOD. ARE YOU?



Świąteczne Malowanie





Merry Christmas from ART-onia

