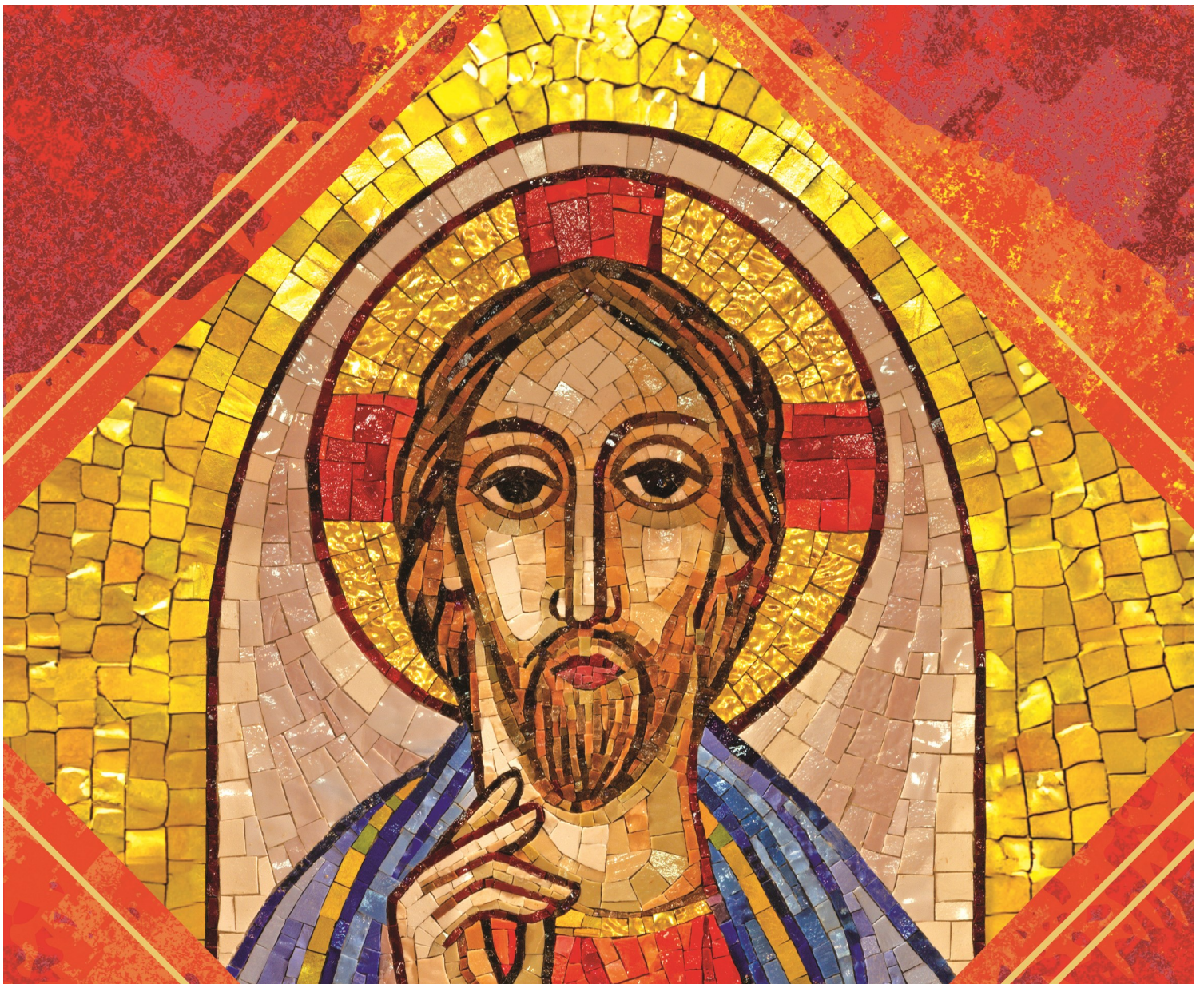


DECEMBER 3, 2023 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS PARISH



**TRANSFORMING SPIRITS, HEARTS & MINDS**

PARAFIA BŁOGOSŁAWIONEGO CARLO ACUTIS

PARROQUIA DEL BEATO CARLO ACUTIS

## Weekly Mass Schedule

### Saturday Mass

5:00 p.m. - English (SH)

### Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m. - Polish (SH)

9:45 a.m. - English (SJB)

11:00 a.m. - English (SH)

12:30 p.m. - Spanish (SH) Nov 1 - April 31  
and then (SJB) May 1 - October 31

### Daily Mass

8:00 a.m. Monday - Tuesday; Thursday - Saturday (SH)

**8:30 a.m. Wednesday (SJB)**

## Devotion Schedule

### Anointing of the Sick

After the 8:00 a.m. Mass - First FRIDAY of the Month

### Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. – Monday through Saturday  
(please call the Parish Office for an Appointment)

### Holy Hour - (En Español)

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. – Tuesday

### Circulo de Oracion - (En Español)

Reflection, Prayer and Singing / *Reflexión, Oración y Canto*

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. - Friday

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. - Tuesday

### Novena to St. Peregrine

*Novena to the patron saint for persons suffering from cancer, AIDS or other chronic illnesses.*

8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. - First Wednesday of the Month

### Litany of the Sacred Heart

7:45 a.m.-8:00 a.m. - First Friday of the Month

### Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:45 a.m.-9:00 a.m. - Saturday

### DOLMA – Rosary and Our Lady of Manaog Novena

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. - First Saturday of the Month

### Rosario y Consagración a Nuestra Virgen De Guadalupe

12:30 p.m. - Primer Domingo



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## Fr. Tom

Dear Parishioners,

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." In these timeless words, we find guidance for our own spiritual journey.

Picture a man traveling abroad, entrusting his servants with specific duties, and urging the gatekeeper to be vigilant. It's a metaphor for our lives. Each of us, in our unique roles, has been given responsibilities. Let us approach our tasks with diligence, recognizing the significance of the work assigned to us.

As we navigate the tapestry of our days, we are called to be watchful, not merely in a passive sense but with an active awareness. The Lord of the house may come in the evening, at midnight, at cockcrow, or in the morning. His arrival is unpredictable, and our readiness should match this unpredictability.

Consider the gatekeeper stationed at the entrance, always attentive, always ready. Similarly, let us be gatekeepers of our hearts, ensuring that we are awake to the spiritual moments that unfold, irrespective of the time. May we not be caught off guard, slumbering when blessings and grace arrive unexpectedly.

So, as we embark on this Sunday and the days beyond, let us carry the essence of Jesus' message with us: "Watch!" Embrace each moment with anticipation, be present in your endeavors, and remain open to the divine presence in the ordinary and extraordinary facets of life.

May our collective vigilance be a beacon of light, illuminating the path to grace and deepening our connection with the divine. Amen.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

Scan The QR Code and  
find all the Readings for  
the Week



## BCAP SACRAMENTS

### RECONCILIATION

4:15 p.m. Saturday - SH

7:30 a.m. Weekdays - SH

\*also by appointment

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

8:00 a.m. First Friday - SH

Please call the Parish Office to receive this sacrament of healing if a family member is ill or preparing for surgery.

### MARRIAGE

Congrats! Please contact the Parish Office six months prior to the wedding date. Please remember that at least one of the persons should be a registered, active parishioner for four months or more.

### BAPTISM

We are excited to meet you. If you would like to baptize your child, Please contact the Parish Office at 773-486-1660 or go to the forms page on our website

## MISSION STATEMENT

We are a multicultural, intergenerational Catholic parish community of people on the journey to learning about, celebrating, serving and proclaiming our faith in the Risen Jesus.



## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception/ Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción

Friday, December 8th

**8:30 a.m.** - SJB (Celebrated with the School)  
**7 p.m.** - SH (Bilingual Readings & Music)

A Holy Day of Obligation



### Music Ministry Update

Dear Friends, in our continuing journey together as a “unified” parish, the Parish has decided to change our hymnals so that both churches are using the same book. Starting this weekend, the *First Sunday of Advent*, December 2/3, at the **ENGLISH** Masses, we will be switching to the “*Breaking Bread Missal*”.

The Gather Hymnals at SJB, originally published in 2004, do not have the current translation of the Roman Missal, plus they are really showing their age, and have basically come to the end of their life cycle. We thank ALL who generously made a donation in support of purchasing these hymnals so long ago. The Gather Hymnals have served us well, but it’s time to move forward.

## Blessed Carlo Acutis Parish “Sr. Diane Marie’s Toy Closet”

We know that this can be a difficult time of year for some, and so we would like to help make Christmas a bit brighter for your little ones!

Therefore, Sister Diane Marie’s  
Christmas Toy Closet  
will be open **SOON!**



PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TODAY and SIGNING UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER:



## Advent Potluck

*Celebrating Advent Family Traditions*

**Sunday, December 3**

**5PM**

**St. John Berchmans Church Hall**

Join our faith community to celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent, and share family traditions.

All are welcome!

Please bring a dish  
(homemade or store bought)  
to share that is traditional to  
your family or simply your  
favorite potluck dish.



Join the SJB School, and Blessed Carlo Acutis faith community to celebrate the *First Sunday of Advent* on **December 3rd from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** in the SJB Church Hall.

Questions or interested in helping? Contact Joyana Dvorak at [joyana@gmail.com](mailto:joyana@gmail.com) or 773-213-3163.

# MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYER REQUESTS <sup>5</sup>

## BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 2: Saturday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** † Glen F. Rylko  
† Rev. Patrick Rylko, C.R.  
H&B Barbara Kuc  
H&B Deacon Daniel Cabrera (Birthday Blessing)

**5:00 PM** † Harriet E. Nega  
† Rosita Evangelista  
† Vidal de Guzman  
† Dr. Antonio Bautista & Family  
New Vocations into the Priesthood

### Sunday, December 3: First Sunday in Advent

**8:30 AM** † Samuel Ornelas & Deceased Relatives  
New Vocations into the Priesthood

**9:45 AM** † Bishop Kevin Birmingham  
Maria Radjevic (Birthday Blessing)  
New Vocations into the Priesthood

**11:00 AM** † Moises & Josephine Paulin  
† Susie Armendariz  
† Fay Luna  
† Frank S. Frydrych  
† John Pasko  
† Antionette Krerowicz & All Her Living & Deceased Relatives & Friends  
H&B Fernando Aguilar  
H&B Tita Vazquez  
H&B Salome Aguilar  
New Vocations into the Priesthood

**12:30 PM** H&B Deacon Daniel Cabrera (Birthday Blessing)  
† Maria Timotea Centeno (1 año de fallecida)  
† Santiago Ramos (2 año de fallecido)  
† Salvador Montanez (1 año de fallecido)  
Nuevas Vocaciones al Sacerdocio

### Monday, December 4: First Week of Advent

**8:00 AM** Living & Deceased Members-Purgatorial Society

### Tuesday, December 5: First Week of Advent

**8:00 AM** Beatification of the Founders of the C.R.

### Wednesday, December 6: First Week of Advent

**8:30 AM** † Catherine & Leonard Dembkowski

### Thursday, December 7: Memorial of Saint Ambrose

**8:00 AM** † Joseph Boruch

### Friday, December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**8:00 AM** Intentions to St. Peregrine

**7:00 PM** † All Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, December 9: Saturday First Week of Advent

**8:00 AM** Parishioners of Blessed Carlo Acutis Parish

**5:00 PM** † Harriet E. Nega  
† Kasmer Duckunue  
† Catherine & Leonard Dembkowski  
† Deceased Members-Blazejewski Family

### Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

**8:30 AM** † Samuel Ornelas & Deceased Relatives  
H&B Rodzine Bogacz, Dubiel

**9:45 AM** † Bishop Kevin Birmingham  
Alexandra Klaus (Birthday Blessing)

**11:00 AM** † Moises & Josephine Paulin  
† William Armendariz  
† Carol Gburek  
† Andrea Pozdol  
† Lorraine Gianfrancesco  
† Bette & Dwight Snider  
† Sr. M. Regina Jaszewski, CSFN  
† Antionette Krerowicz & All Her Living & Deceased Relatives & Friends

**12:30 PM** Feligreses de la Parroquia del Beato Carlo Acutis

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jazzmyne Aguilar  
Apolonio Alarcon  
Antonio Alcantara  
Frances Alequin  
Transito Alvarez  
Tallulah Andresen  
Robert Bauer  
Manglio Bonilla  
Daniel Brady  
Terry Brady  
Joan Brzeski  
Junior Burgos  
Alejandro Carmona  
Genaro Cortes  
Sally Cox  
Antonio de Vera  
Cyndi DeLira  
Nancy, Brian & Jimmy Denges  
Carolyn S. Duckunue  
Barbara Durbin  
Rachel Mauricio Elizar  
Teresa Ellison  
Sarah Ellison  
Margaret Flisiak  
Ana Flores  
Celeste Galeij  
John Graff  
Natividad Galeana  
Charlene Herda  
Sophie Hernan  
Nancy Idaszak  
Eleanor Jura

Nick Jurado  
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Monika Kloniecka  
Antionette Krerowicz  
Ryan Krug  
Dolores Kryszak  
Doreen Maneely  
Hailey Marose  
Crystal Mohetano  
Joseph Murphy  
Karel O'Brien  
Danny Olivero  
Salomea Olszewska  
Joseph Price  
Linda Riske  
Angela Rivera  
Hertha Runowski  
Eleanor Rylko  
Reynaldo Sanchez  
Jackie Schuman  
Angie Schuman  
Mary Anne Sedey  
Berenice Sosnowski  
Verena Tonnesen  
Nichole Vilches  
Joseph Wyse  
Patricio A. Yanez Guerra  
Gail, Jason & Family

# WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT, CAMP IS IN!

We are looking into options with some of our enrichment programs to host camps at SJB when we have early dismissal day! Would you be interested? Fill out the survey below indicating your interest and preferences.

Fill out the survey:



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**PADRE TOM**

¡Estimados feligreses,

"¡Vigilad! ¡Estad alerta! Pues no sabéis cuándo llegará el momento". En estas palabras eternas encontramos la guía para nuestra propia jornada espiritual.

Imagínense a un hombre que viaja al extranjero, confiando los deberes específicos a sus sirvientes, encargando al portero a estar alerta. Es una metáfora de nuestras vidas. A cada uno de nosotros, en nuestros roles únicos, se nos han asignado responsabilidades. Abordemos nuestras tareas con diligencia, reconociendo la importancia del trabajo que se nos ha asignado.

Mientras navegamos por el tapiz de nuestros días, estamos llamados a estar atentos, no simplemente en un sentido pasivo, sino con una conciencia activa. El Señor de la casa puede venir por la tarde, a medianoche, al canto del gallo o por la mañana. Su llegada es impredecible y nuestra preparación debería estar a la altura de esa imprevisibilidad.

Pensemos en el portero situado en la entrada, siempre atento, siempre dispuesto. De manera similar, seamos guardianes de nuestros corazones, asegurándonos de que estemos despiertos en los momentos espirituales que se desarrollan a pesar de todo. Que no nos sorprendan con la guardia baja, adormecidos, cuando las bendiciones y la gracia lleguen inesperadamente.

Entonces, al embarcarnos en este domingo y en los días venideros, llevemos con nosotros la esencia del mensaje de Jesús: "¡Vigilen!" Abarquen cada momento con anticipación, estén presentes en sus esfuerzos y permanezcan accesibles a la presencia divina en las facetas ordinarias y extraordinarias de la vida.

Que nuestra vigilancia colectiva sea un faro de luz, que ilumine el camino hacia la gracia y profundice nuestra conexión con lo divino. Amén.

Paz,  
P. Tom

**Ks. Tom**

Drodzy Parafianie,

"Bądź czujny! Bądź czujny! Nie wiesz, kiedy nadejdzie czas". W tych ponadczasowych słowach znajdujemy wskazówki dla naszej własnej duchowej podróży.

Wyobraźmy sobie człowieka podróżującego za granicę, powierzającego swoim sługom określone obowiązki i wzywającego strażnika do zachowania czujności. To metafora naszego życia. Każdy z nas, w swoich unikalnych rolach, otrzymał obowiązki. Podejdźmy do naszych zadań z należytą starannością, uznając znaczenie powierzonej nam pracy.

Poruszając się po gobelinie naszych dni, jesteśmy wezwani do czujności, nie tylko w sensie biernym, ale z aktywną świadomością. Pan domu może przyjść wieczorem, północy, lub rano. Jego przybycie jest nieprzewidywalne, a nasza gotowość powinna odpowiadać tej nieprzewidywalności.

Weźmy pod uwagę stróża stacjonującego przy wejściu, zawsze uważnego i zawsze gotowego. Podobnie, bądźmy strażnikami naszych serc, upewniając się, że jesteśmy przebudzeni na duchowe chwile, które się rozwijają, niezależnie od czasu. Obyśmy nie dali się zaskoczyć, drzemiąc, gdy błogosławieństwa i łaska nadejdą niespodziewanie.

Tak więc, wyruszając w tę niedzielę i kolejne dni, nieśmy ze sobą istotę przesłania Jezusa: "Czuwajcie!". Przyjmujemy każdą chwilę z oczekiwaniem, bądźmy obecni w swoich przedsięwzięciach i pozostajmy otwarci na boską obecność w zwyczajnych i nadzwyczajnych aspektach życia.

Niech nasza zbiorowa czujność będzie latarnią światła, oświetlającą drogę do łaski i pogłębiającą naszą więź z boskością. Amen.

Pokój,  
Ks. Tom