

Polish Christmas

traditions, my memories, Mexican undertones
and other peculiarities

Staszek

with the help of family and friends

CS party, December 14, 2020
Henrietta NY

wafer
opłatek



shared by all before Christmas Eve supper (wigilia)

wafer sharing

łamanie opłatka



each pair breaks 2 small pieces, total $n * (n - 1)$ pieces,
the politics of selective sharing may start for $n > 20$

scoop of hay under tablecloth

sianko pod obrusem



make it more like a manger

leave an empty seat

for unexpected visitor, traveler, or hungry



red beet soup with wild mushroom ravioli

barszcz z uszkami



the start of a 12-course meat-less supper

fish



fish is not meat

other stuff



kutia

dessert from seeds and honey



Nativity scene from Cracow

szopka krakowska



does not look like a manger

nativity scene, Mexico

el nacimiento



something similar can be found in most Mexican homes

nativity scene, clay

otro nacimiento, barro



nativity play

jasełka



carolers, death, devil and bison

kolędnicy, śmierć, diabeł i żubr



singing carols around the village

Golec Brothers Orkiestra

the carolers a few years later

from the concert at Jasna Góra in Częstochowa

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d60N9t6d2vA>

unwrapping gifts



just guys



male half of a recent great Xmas celebration

Three Kings

on their way from the East to Bethlehem



they often pass through Poland

write 'KMB + year' on your doors

to welcome the Three Kings



Kacper, Melhior, Baltazar

Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar

Christus Mansionem Benedicat

Polish

English

Latin

Three Kings



crowd greeting the traveling Kings in Warsaw in 2019

Santa in Cancun

the reindeer had drowned



shortage of reindeer in Mexico is obvious

El Burrito Sabanero

little donkey from savanna

very popular in all Latin America

un villancico venezolano

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pa0PVkEfJio>