

ST. CASIMIR’S PARISH

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November 29, 2020

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Stanley PAKULSKI

*Eternal rest grant him, Lord*

WHAT DOES ADVENT MEAN?

The word advent comes from the Latin “adventus” which means “coming”. For Romans this word meant the official arriving of Caesar. For Christians “advent” is a time when we joyfully await the coming of the Lord. Advent liturgical readings show the characters of the Old and New Testament through whose lives and activities, God announced and prepared the world for the coming of His Son; for example: Mary, John the Baptist and Isaac. Advent is a joyful time of preparation for the arrival of Christ through penance and purification. The Catholic Church encourages her faithful to take part in Advent retreats and to take advantage of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

THE MASSES & DEVOTIONS THROUGH THE PARISH TV

The Masses at the St. Casimir’s Parish are celebrated daily at 8 am and 7 pm; on Sundays 9:30 am in English & 11 am, 1 pm and 7 pm in Polish are available through the Parish TV [www.kazimierz.org](http://www.kazimierz.org) and YouTube. Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 5pm and Rosary at 4pm & 5pm daily.

CAPACITY LIMIT ANNOUCEMENT FOR PARISHES IN LOCKDOWN – MOVING TO 10 PEOPLE CAPACITY

We want to thank all the parishioners of St. Casimir’s Parish for your ongoing support during this period of great uncertainty. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at Mass since we re-opened in June. We are especially grateful to the volunteers who have helped ensure our church is a safe place to gather – they have done incredible work!

As you know, the number of new COVID-19 cases in the Greater Toronto Area have increased significantly in recent days and, at present, Toronto and Peel Regions are in the “Lockdown Stage” as announced by the Province of Ontario. In addition, Premier Ford announced on Friday, November 20, 2020 special emergency measures that need to be taken in our area.

For this reason, as of Monday, November 23rd, we must restrict attendance inside the church to 10 people, including priests. Sadly, due to these measures Cardinal Collins has announced, that public Masses must be temporarily cancelled. Priests will continue to celebrate private Mass daily for the intentions of parishioners.

Our church will remain open for private prayer and for the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation wherever possible. **The confession will be available in our parish in Advent, on Sundays, from 3:00 – 5:00 PM in the parish hall.** Please keep in mind that only 10 people, including priest, can be at any time in the parish hall. Also every day the church will be open to the public for a private prayer from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Again, please keep in mind that only 10 people are allowed inside the church.

Funerals can take place with the service in the funeral home only and baptisms will now be restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry (priest, organist, etc.).

While we recognize it is not a substitute for attending Mass in person, I encourage you to view online/ livestream Masses from our church at [www.kazimierz.org](http://www.kazimierz.org)

Also, all meetings in the parish will be postponed. Our staff will also be working; however, we encourage you to contact us by phone only.

We recognize these measures are extremely challenging. I am also so incredibly grateful for the efforts of our heroic volunteers who have been faithfully welcoming parishioners and cleaning the church between services, ensuring that we can operate safely and responsibly.

So many of the faithful rely on the reception of the sacraments and our churches to find solace, peace, and support during this pandemic. Despite these new restrictions, we will make every effort to continue our outreach to you.

The pandemic has also had a negative impact on the parish financial health. The offertory revenue from March to November declined by 40% as compared to 2019. We thank all those who have continued their contributions to the parish even though many of you cannot attend in person. You can drop your donation at the parish, send it by mail or use a credit card, using link on our web page: donate now, making sure that you choose from the list St. Casimir’s Parish.

We will continue to update you as the situation evolves. We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. May God continue to bless you now and always!

MEMORIAL MASS

November is a time of reflection on life and death. This great mystery, which is the transition from the earthly journey to eternal life, fills us many times with sadness and even fear. The Risen Christ comforts us, assuring us that a more beautiful life in the Father's House awaits us behind the gate of death. Today November 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. a special Mass will be celebrated for those who died from our families in the past year. After the Mass there will be a rosary for the deceased.

DEVOTIONS

This week is the first Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the month. The first Thursday - we pray for a

vocation to priesthood and religious life. The first Saturday of the month - a day dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On the first Friday of the month, devotion will start at 6:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC FAMILY CLINIC

A Catholic Family Clinic is being established at our parish. The clinic will provide free help with marital, family and upbringing problems. The meetings are individual and will be held twice a month, on Thursdays. The meetings will be led by dr. Waldemar Paliga. To arrange an individual meeting, please call the parish office. Let us remember that although, from the human point of view, some things seem impossible to fix or change, but nothing is impossible for God !!!

MASS INTENSIONS FOR 2021

Mass intentions for 2021 may be requested in the parish office. We remind all parishioners that each family may request up to four Mass intentions per year, of which only one can be celebrated on a Sunday. **Intensions can be requested in person only at the parish office.**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILATION

In these special circumstances, we invite you not to be afraid of taking advantage of the sacrament of penance and reconciliation, because we all need to draw from the infinite source of God's Mercy! At the same time, we provide possible security measures: between the penitent and the priest there is insulation, a plastic curtain that does not let the air pass through and at the same time gives the penitent a sense of privacy. After each morning and evening confession, the curtain is thoroughly disinfected. We invite you to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation much earlier and not wait for the last moment before Christmas. We would like to remind you that it is not possible to confess by phone or the Internet. According to the document of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, "there are no sacraments" in the virtual space. Confession, also in the present conditions, is possible only through individual and direct contact with the confessor, in compliance with all the recommendations of the Public Health. Confession takes place in the parish hall on Sundays from 3pm to 5pm.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2021

**Donation Envelopes for 2021** may be picked up in the parish office. The parishioners, who until now have numbers above number **544** has received the new numbers. **We ask kindly to write down on the envelope your offering in the \$ place and not to use the envelopes from the previous years.** Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. The tax receipt will be sent in February 2021.

CHRISTMAS OPLATEK & SUNDAY MISSAL 2021

Christmas Oplatek and New Saint Joseph Sunday Missal, Prayer book and Hymnal for 2021 are available at the parish office during the office hours Tuesday to Friday 9am-12pm and 1pm to 5pm; Saturdays 9am to 12pm. Price \$5.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday (22.11) - \$5,980  
Renovation - \$1,505

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

8:00 1. For + parents Maria & Andrzej Bugaj - family

9:30 For + Edna Kedzior & ++ from the Sajdak & Kobak families – daughters with families

11:00 For the deceased in this liturgical year

13:00 For + + sisters Aniela Chwalik & Barbara Fornalska & ++ from the Ziolkowski, Chwalik, Bialkiewicz & Bielecki families & for the souls in purgatory – Tekla

18:30 Rosary for the faithful departed

19:00 In thanksgiving asking for the needed graces for son Andrzej on his birthday & daughter-in-law Katarzyna on her name day - mother

MONDAY, November 30<sup>th</sup> – St. Andrew, Apostle

8:00 1. For + Megan Magda – Maria & Zbyszek Posluszny

2. For parishioners

18:30 Rosary for the faithful departed

19:00 For + Martin – Jozefa Wrona

TUESDAY, December 1<sup>st</sup>

8:00 1. For + Brygida & Jozef Matuszko – Stepien family

2. For + Ryszard Plewa - Paulina

19:00 For + Antonina & Kazimierz Zawadzki – children & grandchildren

WEDNESDAY, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 1. In thanksgiving asking for further graces through intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Oscar on his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday

2. For + Rev. Marek Zielinski – sisters with families

18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

19:00 Multiple Intensions Mass

THURSDAY, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – St. Francis Xavier, priest

8:00 1. For a successful birth, care of the Blessed Virgin Mary and needed graces for Jadwiga

2. For + Jadwiga & Henryk Fol - daughter

18:30 Devotion of the first Thursday of the month

For + Maria Zulawnik – Ola & Janusz

FRIDAY, November 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Barbara, virgin & martyr

8:00 1. For care of the Blessed Virgin Mary & needed graces for Katarzyna

2. In thanksgiving asking for further graces - Maria

18:30 Devotion of the first Friday of the month

19:00 For + Barbara Pierog – W.W. Jankowski

SATURDAY, December 5<sup>th</sup> – St. Sabas, priest

8:00 1. For + Megan Magda - parents

2. For + Ludwika & Jan Szczechowicz – daughter Malgorzata with family

18:00 Devotion of the first Saturday of the month

19:00 1. For + Wladyslawa & Jan Przybycien – daughter Stasia Rawski

2. In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing for Wladyslaw on his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday – children with families

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00 For the members of the Holy Rosary Society

9:30 For + son Michal Kic, parents Wladyslawa & Feliks & brother Henryk Czarnecki – parents, daughter & sister with family

11:00 For Parishioners

13:00 For + husband Stanislaw & daughter Sonia Lis – wife & mother

19:00 For + Edward Montowski – daughter with family