

ST. CASIMIR’S PARISH

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Sr. Weronika Maronska MChR

December 6, 2020

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Ian Thomas WATKINS & Joanna Marie PITEK

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 through the Parish TV www.kazimierz.org and YouTube. Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm and Rosary at 4pm & 5pm daily.

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

We thank all 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, on November 23rd, we must restricted 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 is 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

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!

DECEMBER 8th – SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a patron feast of the Missionary Oblates will be celebrated on December 8th. We wish our parish Oblates: Fr. Janusz Blazejak, Fr. Jan Sadowski, Fr. Kazimierz Kozicki and Fr. Ludwik Stryczek, good health, blessings, and eagerness to serve Christ in the Church and community.

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

December 13th, at our parish, we will continue our devotion of Fatima. The service will begin at 6 p.m. with the Rosary. Program: Rosary of Fatima & Holy Mass. We invite you to pray.

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 DURING PANDEMIC

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 a penitent privacy. The curtains are thoroughly disinfected after confessions end. 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.

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We inform you about possibility of ordering Mass intentions at the Oblate Missions in the parish office.

We thank you for ordering the Gregorian Masses. Anyone who wants to order Gregorian Mass is asked to contact the parish office.

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.

GREGORIAN MASS - 01.12-30.12

For + Czesław Kluska – daughter Alicja with family
For + Stanislaw Bobel – Bobel family

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday (29.11) - \$3,800

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6th

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

MONDAY, December 7th – St. Ambrose, bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:00 1. For health & God’s blessing for son Jozef & Halina with children - own

2. For + Andrzej Grodzinski – sister Elzbieta with family

19:00 For Lectors & Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion

TUESDAY, December 8th – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 1. For + parents Helena & Czeslaw – Fr. Kazimierz

2. In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing & light of the Holy Spirit for Ania & Artur - mother

19:00 For + Waleria & Blazej Blazejewicz & deceased from Blazejewicz & Marszalek family – granddaughter

WEDNESDAY, December 9th

8:00 1. For + Grazyna & Bronislaw Nalepa & souls in purgatory

2. For + Stanislaw & Janina Szybowski - friend

19:00 For + Wanda & Wladyslaw Fiedukiewicz – daughter

THURSDAY, December 10th – Our Lady of Loretto

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

2. For + parents Maria & Stanislaw Jasinski, siblings Janina, Stanislaw, Jozef, Wladyslawa, Bronislaw & deceased from the family – daughter-in-law with family

19:00 For + Ryszard & Jacek – daughter & sisters with family

FRIDAY, December 11th – St. Damasus I, Pope

8:00 1. For + parents Aniela & Jan & son Wojciech - Kamila

2. For + Zofia Szewczyk – cousin Basia with family

19:00 1. For + Eugeniusz Ofiara – family

2. For God’s blessing & care for children – mother

SATURDAY, December 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 1. For peace in the family & come back to Christian life for children

2. For + Zbigniew Wiwala - Barbara

19:00 1. Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary asking for stronger faith, hope & love for Malgorzata – Rafal

2. For + Stanislaw & Basia Glica – Szydlowski family

3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 13th

8:00 For the members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society

9:30 For + Franciszek Konopka – wife with family

11:00 For Parishioners

13:00 For + Wladyslaw Zubyk – daughter with family

18:00 Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

19:00 For + Lucja Girtler – son Jan with family