

## ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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February 14, 2021

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUE DECEASED

Wadyslaw KUSZELEWSKI

Antoni STACHULAK

*Eternal rest grant them, Lord*

#### 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](http://www.kazimierz.org) and YouTube. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy starts at 3pm and Rosary at 4pm & 5pm daily.

#### FAMILY DAY

Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> has been marked as a family day in the province of Ontario. We wish everyone a lot of rest and joy in the family circle.

#### MEMORIAL OF ST. VALENTINE

February 14 - MEMORIAL of ST. Valentine's Day is an occasion to thank God for the love he gives us, for those who love us and for whom we have strong feelings. It is also an opportunity to ask the Creator through the intercession of St. Valentine for help in choosing a life partner. Let us also remember that through St. Valentine you can ask for help and intercession for all psychiatric illnesses.

#### THE PASTOR REFLECTION FOR LENT

This Wednesday we are starting the holy and beneficial Lenten season. The external sign of our entering the path of penance and conversion will be to sprinkle ashes on our heads and to take up various forms of mortification. Ashes reminds us that everything earthly came into being from the dust of the earth and will turn to dust again. Lent is a time of penance, fasting, sacrifice, prayer and conversion, to prepare our hearts for a fruitful experience of the joyful celebrations of the Lord's Resurrection. The Church commandment obliges us, during the Lenten Penance, to refrain from participating in dances and to go to confession and receive Holy Communion on Easter. We encourage everyone to make an inward commitment to renounce Christ. What will you give up for

Lent? Maybe cigarettes, alcohol, time on internet, or maybe you decide to be better, kinder. Alternatively, maybe you give up sweets, gossip, watching TV. Choose one thing for you to know that you are going through Lent. Make it for crucified Christ.

#### LENT – A TIME OF GRACE

Wednesday, February 17, we will begin the period of Lent, which is the time preceding the greatest and most important Christian holidays - the Lord's Resurrection. Let us use this time as best as possible, because it is a time of special grace. No matter what the limitations of the virus will be, let us try to experience this Lent, even more consciously and be fully committed to ourselves. Lent covers forty days from Ash Wednesday to the beginning of the liturgy of Holy Thursday; Sundays are not included in these forty days. Certain traditions are associated with the period of Lent like sprinkling ashes on heads of the faithful as a sign of the beginning of penance and fasting; religious services, such as: Way of the Cross or Lamentations; the custom of making a retreat; works of mercy e.g. alms. The ceremony of sprinkling the heads with ashes was introduced into the church liturgy around the 6<sup>th</sup> century.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, marks the beginning of the Lenten Season in the Catholic Church. It is a day on which we bow our heads humbly before God and begin our 40-day preparation to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. On that day, Catholics are obliged to fast (at most eating one full meal and two light meals) and abstain from meat. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated in Polish at 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. via Parish TV. The offering envelopes are in the *Sunday Offerings Envelopes* and at the back of the church.

The liturgy of sprinkling the heads with ashes will take place between 9am and 10am, 12pm and 1pm and 4pm and 6pm in the church. Please remember that only 10 people can enter the church. There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that day.

#### LENTEN LAMENTATION & WAY OF THE CROSS

We invite everyone to our traditional Polish Lenten devotions: the Lenten Lamentations will be held every Sunday at 6:15 p.m. and the Way of the Cross-every Friday at 6:30 p.m. follow by the Mass at 7:00 p.m. in Polish. Christians, who devoutly participate in the Way of the Cross, are granted a plenary indulgence.

#### VIRTUAL LENTEN RETREAT IN ENGLISH

Catholic Moment is running a retreat series for individual retreatants via zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm starting Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, running through until Holy Week (March 30<sup>th</sup>). Each session is 30-minutes long. The cost for the 7-session retreat series is \$10/person; however, with a coupon code for parishioners to access the entire retreat series at \$5/person at checkout, please use the code: **STMAXKOLBE**

You can register for this retreat series at <https://www.catholicmoment.ca/events> Once registered, the retreat materials and the zoom link will be sent on a weekly basis.

#### INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

We are in the process of preparing the income tax receipts for the previous year. It is expected that mailing will occur by February

23<sup>rd</sup>, with a target date of February 28<sup>th</sup> for all of parishioners to receive their tax receipts in hand.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

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!

Currently, confession takes place every Sunday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the parish hall.

We encourage you to take advantage of the reception of Jesus in Holy Communion at a time when we cannot attend the Holy Mass. Holy Communion is available every Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the church.

#### VIRTUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH LENTEN RETREAT March 6, 2021

Live Virtual 12<sup>th</sup> Dynamic Women of Faith Conference, Saturday March 6, 2021 SPEAKERS: Dr. Carrie Gress – “Exposing the Anti-Mary and Rebuilding Civilization, One Woman at a Time.” Dr. Josephine Lombardi – “Mary, the Original Expert in Humanity.” Dorothy Pilarski – Host. For more information and registration visit [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)

#### MASS INTENSIONS

Mass intentions 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.**

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.

#### MASS INTENSIONS AT THE OBLATE MSSIONS

Pleading plea for saving the marriage of Alexa & Matthew  
For + Wojciech Lukaszik – Stepien family  
For Dr. Klodas – Stepien family  
For + Edward Siuzdak – Stepien family  
For + Antoni Lasek – Stepien family

#### GREGORIAN MASS - 01.02-30.02

For + Raymond Szulc – parents & brother with family  
For + Wladyslaw Pietrzyk – brother with family  
For + Kazimierz Sambor - Danuta

#### SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday (07.02) - \$4,200

We thank you for your financial support. The offerings can be made in the parish office by putting the offering envelopes in the parish mailbox in the wall, sending by mail or making the bank transfer.

#### MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

##### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 For the members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society  
9:30 For + parents & grandparents from the Borkowski & Dudek family – son & daughter with family  
11:00 For Parishioners  
13:00 For + Krystyna & deceased from the Fabicki & Pomeraniec families – son with family  
19:00 For + Henryk Mazur (3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary) – daughter

##### MONDAY, February 15<sup>th</sup> – Family Day

8:00 1. For + Adam & Jozef Wiecko – wife, mother and siblings  
2. For + Karol Chmiel – daughter-in-law  
19:00 For + Wladyslawa & Tadeusz Idzik – son with family

##### TUESDAY, February 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00 1. In thanksgiving asking for gifts of the Holy Spirit for Tadeusz on his birthday & for Angelika – family  
2. For + parents Irena & Walerian Majcherczyk & godparents Jadwiga & Tadeusz Plaszczynski – daughter

##### WEDNESDAY, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday

8:00 1. For + Miroslaw Czupielowski – Nycz family  
2. For + Helena, Stanislaw & Boleslaw Mikus – daughter-in-law & wife  
11:00 For + parents Stefania & Jan Fijal & sister Halina – Janina Wicik with family  
18:30 Novena to St. Joseph  
19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & needed graces for Kasia & Piotr Pliszka on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary - own

##### THURSDAY, February 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00 1. For + Elzbieta Wlodarska on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary – daughter with family  
2. For + Hazi - friend  
19:00 For + Ela Krol, Danuta Moskwa, Wieslaw Zuk & Jozefa Myslicka – colleagues from the Copernicus Lodge

##### FRIDAY, February 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 1. For + Krystyna Nowak (anniversary) - family  
2. For + Irena Labik (9<sup>th</sup> anniversary) – mother & siblings with families  
18:30 The Way of the Cross  
19:00 1. For + Anna & Antoni Karabin - family  
2. For + Felicja & Lech Grzegorski – daughter Danuta

##### SATURDAY, February 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00 1. For + Jadwiga  
2. For + Czeslaw Iwanski (anniversary) - mother  
3. For + Robert (3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary) – Greg Blyskosz  
19:00 For + parents Jan & Stanislaw Grygatowicz, brothers Zenon, Jerzy, Albin, Czeslaw & sister-in-law Alina – Michal with family

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

##### Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00 1. For the members of the Divine Mercy Society  
2. For Parishioners  
9:30 For + Wieslaw Boksa (8<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – wife with family  
11:00 For + Wladyslaw Kuszelewski – Parish Committee  
13:00 In thanksgiving asking for further care & blessing for children, grandchildren & great grandchildren  
18:15 Lamentations  
19:00 For + Szymon, Stefania & Piotr Czajkowski - family