

ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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February 21, 2021
1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

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. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy starts at 3pm and Rosary at 4pm & 5pm daily.

LENT

Today is the First Sunday of Lent, a new period in the liturgical year indicated by the purple colour of liturgical vestments. It is a holy time of penance and transformation. Through prayer and meditation on the Passion of the Lord, we are also preparing for a fruitful experience of the joyful day of Christ's Resurrection. During Lent, the Precepts of the Catholic Church oblige us to refrain from participating in various forms of entertainment (e.g. parties) and command us to receive the sacraments of Easter Reconciliation and Holy Communion. As we look upon the Crucified Savior, who has renounced everything and sacrificed his life for us, let us make an effort of voluntary penance as a restitution for our sins. Let's make meaningful resolutions and refrain from participating in extravagant pastimes (sometime intentionally organized for our children and youth), from drinking alcoholic beverages, and smoking cigarettes, in order to compensate God for our sins of drunkenness, promiscuity, foul language, dishonesty, and lack of humility.

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. 16th, running through until Holy Week (March 30th). 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.

OPENING OF CHURCHES

If the number of cases of the virus decreases, there is a great chance that the churches will be opened within days under the same conditions as before, i.e. 30% of the building's capacity. Churches opened in the Durham, Simcoe, and Orangeville regions last week.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Immediately after the opening of churches in Toronto, we begin preparing children for First Communion and Confirmation; therefore, all children must be registered by February 23 at the latest.

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 23rd, with a target date of February 28th 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 12th 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

THANKS AND GRATITUDE

Sister Weronika sincerely thanks for your memory and birthday wishes.

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. **Intentions 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 MISSIONS

For + Wadyslaw Kuszelewski – Anna & Piotr Miasik with family

For + Wadyslaw Kuszelewski – Marianna Krupicz

For + Wadyslaw Kuszelewski – Tadeusz & Ewa Krupicz with 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 - (14.02) - \$3,800

Collection for the works of the Oblate Missions - \$2,200

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

1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 21st

8:00 1. For the members of the Divine Mercy Society
2. For + Stanislaw Niewinski – Jerry Rygiel
9:30 For + Wieslaw Boksa (8th 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

MONDAY, February 22nd – The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

8:00 1. For + Wojciech Knapczyk – wife Zofia
2. In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing in Debosz family - mother

19:00 For + Kazimierz Borowski – wife with family

TUESDAY, February 23rd St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr

8:00 1. For + Lucja Zobkowska – Boguslawa & Wieslaw
2. For + Andrzej & Janina Gal – daughter Barbara

19:00 For health & God's blessing for Jadwiga Zalewska on her birthday - children

WEDNESDAY, February 24th

8:00 1. For + Olga & Wincenty Wawrow – children with families
2. In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for daughter Emilia Tolak on her birthday – mother & Marta

18:30 Novena to St. Joseph

19:00 For missions, missionaries & friends of the Oblate missions

THURSDAY, February 25th

8:00 1. For + Stefania & Jozef Rydzewski – Helena Rusinek
2. For + Religious Sister Leonarda Merkut – brother with family

19:00 In thanksgiving for Poland & Canada & asking to stop abortion & euthanasia all over the world

FRIDAY, February 26th

8:00 1. For health & God's blessing for Kinga & her family - grandmother
2. For + Waldemar Sidorowicz - family

18:30 The Way of the Cross

19:00 For + Stanislaw & deceased from Stawicki family – daughter with family

SATURDAY, February 27th

8:00 1. For + Jan & Wiktoria, Stanislaw & Lucja, Jozef & Maria, Anna & Andrzej, Kazimierz & Leonora, Adama, Zbigniewai Eugeniusza – son with family
2. For + Jadwiga Solotko – daughter Barbara

19:00 For + Kazimierz Borowski & Tadeusz Kupinski – Milewski family

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 28th

8:00 For the members of the Marian Sodality Society
9:30 For + Halina Lapinska (3rd anniversary) – daughter

11:00 For Parishioners

13:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & light of the Holy Spirit for Natalia on her birthday – parents & sisters

18:15 Lamentations

19:00 In thanksgiving asking for love, peace & needed graces in family - Anna