

ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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March 21, 2021

5th Sunday of Lent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Leslaw BRZOZA

Grazyna DUCHNOWSKA

Eternal rest grant them, Lord

OPENING OF CHURCHES

Our churches have been reopened to the faithful, with a capacity of 15%. This means that in our church there may be 95 people in the church, 45 in the parish hall and 20 people in the choir area. Signing up for Holy Mass or any other similar method is not the best solution in our situation. Therefore, we decided that the members of the Parish Committee would admit the faithful to the church on a first-come-first-served basis. Hopefully these restrictions will be removed soon and we can all go to church as we used to. Thank you for understanding.

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 COMES TO THE END

We are slowly coming to the end of Lent. Starting from today, the 5th Sunday, the characteristic of the liturgical period changes. Until now, we witnessed plead for conversion and penance, calling us to take advantage of the grace of forgiveness, offered to us by the merciful God.

From now on, we will be reflecting on the Passion of our Lord; therefore, we encourage everyone to participate in the Way of the Cross, as well as the Lenten Lamentations. We especially encourage all those who had no opportunity to participate thus far.

Traditionally, as of today, we cover all the crosses. Its aim is to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. This should allow us to strengthen our relationship with Jesus and reflect on the meaning of what happened over 2000 years ago.

Next week we will be celebrating Palm Sunday (April 14th) which commemorates Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem.

Palms will be blessed during every Mass. They symbolize the Jerusalem Palms, which were put at Jesus' feet upon his arrival into the Holy City of Jerusalem.

THE PERSONAL PASTOR'S REFLECTION

The call to conversion encourages us to constantly discovery of the beauty and depth of the Eucharist. In Lent, this path leads to the source, which is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are approaching Easter; we are entering a time of more intense reflection on the Passion of our Lord. We veiled the crosses in the temple to unveil them again before our eyes on Good Friday. Let this time be a special time of silence and accompanying Jesus in His suffering and passion.

LENTEN RETREAT IN POLISH

Today, we are starting our parish retreat in Polish. It will be led by the parish Pastor Janusz Blazejak OMI and will run until Wednesday, inclusive, according to the schedule in the Lenten program and on the parish website. This is a special time of grace. Let us do everything possible so that we can participate in all the days of the retreat. Let us take care of our relatives and friends so that they can meet the Word - Jesus Christ. Let us prepare ourselves diligently for holy confession, which we will be available every day during the retreat at 10 am and 6 pm. Let us remember that full participation in the retreat, confession, Holy Communion, lack of attachment to any sin and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father allow us to obtain a plenary indulgence. Let us take advantage of the opportunities offered to us by the Church. Traditionally, at the end of the Lenten Retreat, there will be a collection for the missions in Cameroon, where Fr. Ludwik Stryczek OMI serves and where he will be returning in June. Thank you for your generosity!

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 6:15 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.

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Dear parents,

Unfortunately, due to the long closure of the churches, there is not enough time until the holidays to conduct a program to prepare children for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. The classes preparing children for the First Holy Communion in Polish and Confirmation in English will start on September 11, 2021 and will take place on Saturdays from 9:30 am-11:00 am. For children preparing for First Communion in English, the classes will start on September 14, 2021 and they will be held on Tuesdays from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

There is also a second option to prepare children for First Holy Communion in Polish and in English during the holidays (two groups); preparation within 10 days in the afternoon hours (from July 5 to 16, 2021, Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm). All classes will be conducted with all Covid restrictions, i.e. disinfection, masks and distance.

God bless – Sister Weronika

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Spiritual Adoption is a prayer recited for a period of 9 months. To help stop the anti-life push around the world, we are encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that the one particular but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

To help accomplish this, an individual say the following daily prayer for nine months.

“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby's name] the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.” Spiritual adoption can be taken repeatedly by anyone who is not indifferent to human life. The person is obliged to pray daily (the 10th rosary, the text of the prayer). The solemn promise of undertaking Spiritual Adoption will take place March 25, 2021 after each Mass.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2020

The income tax receipts has been already sent. We sincerely thank you for your generosity, especially during these difficult times when churches are closed. Please contact the parish office if you do not receive your income tax receipt.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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.

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.

BURIAL PLOT FOR SALE AT PARK LAWN CEMETERY

There is already one person buried on one side of the plot, and the other half is for sale. Monument is included in the price (saving of \$6,000.00). The cemetery currently selling single plots for \$16,900 plus tax. Willing to sell everything for \$ 20,000 including transfer fees. The plot is in the cemetery section near Bloor St. W. Please call Krystyna or Teresa for more details (416) 533 2748.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday (14.03) - \$3,940.00

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

5th Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 21st

8:00 For the members of the Devine Mercy Society

9:30 For + Wojciech Kasprzak – Zofia Rogalska

11:00 For Parishioners

13:00 For + Janina & Jozef Kaczor – daughter with family

18:15 Lamentations

19:00 For + Emilia Krzak - family

MONDAY, March 22nd

8:00 1. For + friends and acquaintances – K.H. Skibinski
2. For health, God's blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Jacek Checko & Stanislaw Gruca - mother

19:00 For deceased from the Pelic & Szkolut families - Cecylia

TUESDAY, March 23rd – St. Turibius de Mongrovejo, bishop

8:00 1. For + Antoni & Honorata Poliwka & Wladyslawa Polewka – family

2. For + Danuta Moskwa - husband

19:00 For + Wanda Fiedukiewicz - daughter

WEDNESDAY, March 24th

8:00 1. In thanksgiving asking for health, God's blessing & God's will for Danuta - own

2. For + Ludwik Werner – daughter Danuta with family

19:00 For + health & God's blessing for Jacek – grandmother

THURSDAY, March 25th – The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 1. In thanksgiving for Poland & Canada asking for complete ending of abortion & euthanasia

2. For health & God's blessing for Jasinski family – mother & grandmother

19:00 For + mother Bronislawa Konopka (6th anniversary) – children & grandchildren

FRIDAY, March 26th

8:00 1. For + Wacław Szapucko (24th anniversary) – wife & children

2. For + Jerzy Grodecki – sister Malgorzata with family

18:15 The Way of the Cross

19:00 For + Maria, Julia, Stanislaw & Szczepan Pietrzyk & Irena, Katarzyna & Bartlomiej Chrypewicz - family

SATURDAY, March 27th

8:00 1. For + Helena Galus - husband

2. In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing in the Lenartowicz family - own

3. For + Emil Wojcik – daughter with family

19:00 For + Helena Tynus – sister with family

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28th

8:00 For the members of the Sodality Society

9:30 For + Aleksandra & Tomasz Dlugosz - family

11:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessings for Malgorzata & Franciszek Kowalczyk on their 65th wedding anniversary & for Franciszek on his 90th birthday – own

13:00 For + Franciszek Palinski – wife & daughter with family

18:15 Lamentations

19:00 For + Zofia Szewczyk – Basia with family