

ST. CASIMIR’S PARISH

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March 28, 2021  
Palm Sunday

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.  
For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
Rozalia BOGUSLAWSKA

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

PALM SUNDAY

Today's Palm Sunday introduces us to the mystery of Holy Week. Just as the Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem, He comes to everyone today and strengthens us in this difficult time of the pandemic. The palm trees at the entrance to the church are already blessed. We make offerings for palm trees to the treasury box.

Through the liturgy of the Sunday of the Passion, we enter the celebration of Holy Week, which leads us from the spectacular, magnificent triumph of Easter, the triumph of the Resurrection - victory over sin and death. The intellect becomes helpless in the face of faith in an event.

The Holy Triduum of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection is the climax of the liturgical year and Holy Week. It includes the liturgy of the Lord's Supper, celebrated in the evening on Holy Thursday, the Good Friday liturgy of the Passion, and the most solemn and most beautiful of all the liturgies of the Church - the Easter Vigil celebrated after dark on Easter.

THANKS AND GRATITUDE...

We sincerely thank our pastor, Fr. Janusz Blazejak OMI, for the Lenten retreat in Polish. Fr. Janusz, we thank you for proclaiming the Word of God, for your ministry in the confessional, and at the altar. We wish you God’s graces on the path of evangelisation. God bless!

Easter Triduum...

**Holy Thursday:** The Mass of the Lord's Supper is the gateway of the Paschal Triduum, which must be crossed in order to understand the meaning of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. It is celebrated in the evening and has a very sublime tone. All priests who serve in the parish will celebrate it. Before the Liturgy of the Word, we sing Glory to God, a hymn we have not sung for the 40 days of Lent. The performance of this song of praise of God is very important and takes place with the accompaniment of the church organs. On Holy Thursday, we commemorate the establishment of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Mass of the Last Supper will start at 7 p.m. and will be preside by Fr. Alfred Grzempa OMI. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held until 12:00 midnight.

**Good Friday** we remember and live out the passion and death of Christ on the cross. It is a day of penance and strict fasting for the whole Church. It must be noted, however, that it is not a day of mourning, but a celebration of the victorious death of Christ who overcame sin and death by the power of his sacrifice. That is why we talk about the blessed and glorious Passion of the Lord Jesus. On this day, according to ancient tradition, the Church does not celebrate the Eucharist and other sacraments, except for the sacrament of penance and the anointing of the sick. Only the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion is celebrated, which is characterized by seriousness and austerity and emphasized by the church's decoration. The altar is bare, which means that no Holy Mass will be celebrated today. The red color of the liturgical vestments does not indicate Christ's blood and martyrdom as much as his royal dignity and victory achieved by His passion. Liturgy of Lord’s Passion in English will start at 5:00 p.m., in Polish at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Adoration at the Lord’s Tomb will be held until 12:00 midnight. **The Good Friday Collection:** Our mission is to support the Christian Communities of the Holy Land, apostolic and social works and the upkeep of the Holy Sites. Envelopes are in the yearly sets and at the back of the church.

**On Good Friday, we are obliged to observe a strict fast.** This means that we abstain from meat. Adults can have three meals that day: one full and two light meals.

**Holy Saturday** is a day when the Church stands by the tomb of the Savior, in silence and concentration pondering the events of Good Friday – the saving passion and death of Christ. Since the first centuries, Christians refrained from celebrating the sacraments on this day, especially the Eucharist. They did not even gather for community prayer, so as not to disturb the silence and reflection of this special day. Instead, they tried to find time to ponder the magnitude of Christ's love who accepted the cross for human salvation. **Blessing of Easter food baskets** will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the church hall. Easter Vigil Liturgy will start at 7:00 p.m. in Polish and English.

**Easter Sunday:** Resurrection Mass will be at 6:00 am; **Mass in English at 9:30 a.m.** There will be no evening Mass.

**Easter Monday:** Masses in Polish at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from Holy Thursday to Easter Monday inclusive.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

**On Sunday, April 11, we celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy.** The Novena to Divine Mercy will start Friday, April 2 and will end on Saturday, April 10. We pray the Novena privately either in church or at home.

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. Due date for the registration is until end of March.

God bless – Sister Weronika

MARRIAGE JUBILEES

**Celebration of Marriage Jubilees** will take place on Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Mass. Couples who wish to take part in this celebration are asked to contact the parish office.

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 RECONCILATION

Today, confession takes place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the parish hall with many Oblate priests.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday (21.03) - \$6,275.00  
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.

GREGORIAN MASS

01.04 - 30.04 For + Helena Wojciechowska – Irena with family  
15.04 - 15.05 For + Tadeusz Świerzbinski - wife

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

**Palm Sunday**  
**Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
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  
**MONDAY, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 1. For + Waldemar Sidorowicz - family  
2. For + Waldemar Dolecki – brother Edmund  
3. For + Francesca Vietri – Jadwiga Gromysz  
19:00 There is no Mass  
**TUESDAY, March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 1. For + Anthony Presz – son John Anthony Presz  
2. For + Janina Chajewska – Edward with family  
3. For + Eugeniusz Iglar, Karol Mysliwiec, Dominik Brzyzek, Malgorzata & Jozef Pawlik - Anna  
19:00 There is no Mass  
**WEDNESDAY, March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
8:00 1. For + Tadeusz Kordos (23<sup>th</sup> anniversary) – son with family  
2. For + John Dzida – sister & nephew  
3. For the successful birth of a newborn and health for mother & child  
19:00 For + health & God’s blessing for Jacek – grandmother  
**HOLY THURSDAY, April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
19:00 Mass of the Last Supper  
For vocations to priesthood & religious life  
**GOOD FRIDAY, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
8:00 The Way of the Cross  
15:00 The Lord’s Passion in Polish  
17:00 The Lord’s Passion in English  
19:00 The Lord’s Passion in Polish  
Adoration of the Lord’s Tomb until midnight  
**HOLY SATURDAY, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
*Blessing of Easter Baskets in the Parish Hall from 11 am to 4 pm*  
19:00 1. In thanksgiving asking for health & God’s blessing for the F.D. Konopka family – own  
2. For + Franciszek Pekalski - niece  
**Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 For + parents Wiktoria & Henryk Senkowski, Wlodzimierz Uglik & his wife Helena, Krystyna & Ryszard Nosowicz & deceased from the family - Bozena  
8:00 For the members of the Holy Rosary Society  
9:30 For + Brono Majewski & his parents – wife with family  
11:00 For Parishioners  
13:00 In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing for son Bazyl on his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday – parents & sister Kinga  
19:00 There is no Mass  
**EASTER MONDAY, April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30 For health, God’s blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Natalia & Diana – mother  
11:00 For + Anna Wolny & her parents Helena & Stanislaw Gierczak – Ewa & Henryk Gierczak  
19:00 For the Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion