

ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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May 16, 2021

Ascension of the Lord

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Krzysztof NOGAS

Maria MULAK

Eternal rest grant them, Lord

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Forty days after Christ's Resurrection, the Catholic Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord. The history of the liturgy has known this celebration since the 4th century. It is worth emphasizing that the Lord Jesus ascended to heaven not alone, but took with Him all the souls of saints from the abyss. During the separation from the body before his resurrection, he visited them in the abyss and announced their imminent salvation. Today he is keeping his promise and triumphantly bringing them to heaven. This day is therefore an important event for all humanity. In heaven, human souls take the place of rebel angels, so that their glorified bodies can also enter the glory at the end of the world. For the event we are celebrating today, we use the term "ascension" because Christ ascended to heaven by His own power. The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus makes us realize that the glorified Christ, staying with God, is simultaneously with us all days, until the end of the world. He lives in the Church and is constantly present during each Eucharist. Accepting this truth helps us to be thankful and sanctify our daily lives.

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.

MAY DEVOTION

The month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Join us as we pray the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Litany) from Monday to Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday after the 11 a.m. Mass. This week we will continue the Novena to the Holy Spirit before the Solemnity of Pentecost. Let us pray that God will renew our gifts and charisms in each of us.

WEEK OF LAUDATO SI' 2021

Week of Laudato si' 2021 will take place from May 16 to 24. It will be the crowning achievement of the special Anniversary Year of Laudato si' and a celebration of the great progress made by the entire Church on her path to ecological conversion. Laudato si' 2021 will also be a time to reflect on what the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us and to plan with the hope of acting for the future. The Vatican Dicastery announced Laudato si' week for Integral Human Development.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The children, who complete the two-week preparation course for First Holy Communion in July in Polish, can receive their First Communion immediately no matter what day. If the parents choose the Sunday Mass, only one child may receive First Holy Communion during this Mass. Parents can choose whatever date for their child to receive Holy Communion. Due to sanitary restrictions, it is impossible for all children to receive their First Holy Communion at the same time.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Despite the closed churches for public Masses, we are with you and we feel your presence in the church. During this time of great trial of our faith, we invite you every day to our church for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the end of the pandemic, from 3pm to 6pm from Monday to Saturday. We must remember that only 10 people can be in the church. If we see that there are 10 people, we have to wait or come later.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION & 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 3 p.m. to 4 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.

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.

SHARE LIFE

As Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, he told his disciples: "Remain here, and stay awake with me." This simple command, recounted in the Gospel of Matthew, captures so much of what it means to be a disciple. It also illustrates how you and I are called to respond to the suffering around us, which has felt so overwhelming since the pandemic began.

When a person in distress calls any one of the 40+ agencies funded by your gift to ShareLife, the first thing they want to know is, "Does this person care about me?" Apart from the specific help they are seeking, they want to know they aren't alone – that they matter. Sharon Mayne Devine, the director of Catholic Family

Services Peel-Dufferin, says Jesus' words in the garden inspire her agency's work. The circumstances of her clients, such as victims of domestic violence, are difficult to bear. However, she is committed to "staying awake" in that moment. "When people feel witnessed and seen," she says, "their hope goes up. They believe they can go on." Will you, too, stay awake? As the pandemic continues, we may grow tired of thinking about those in need. Nevertheless, our community agencies on the front lines cannot continue their vital work without you. Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

The next Share Life Sundays are June 19/20 and October 2/3.

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.

FAREWELL TO FATHER JAN SADOWSKI

Fr. Jan Sadowski, our senior, moved to the Copernicus Lodge. In this situation, it is impossible that the intentions that were accepted by Fr. Jan could be celebrated in the parish. These intentions will be celebrated by Father Jan at the Copernicus Lodge. We thank Fr. John for many years of help and wish him God's graces and the protection of Mary Immaculate. God bless.

THANKS AND GRATITUDE...

We would like to thank you for all the donations made in the past weeks. We remind you, especially now that the churches are closed again, that we make Sunday offerings in the treasury at the back of the church or at the pulpit on Sunday, when we receive Holy Communion. We may also make offerings by tossing envelopes in the mailbox at the office, bringing them to the office, or mailing them to the parish address. May good God reward with His blessing your generosity and responsibility for the maintenance of the parish.

MASS INTENSIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

For + Janina, Bronislaw & Jan Fijalek, Mirosława & Ryszard Dabrowski, Jozef Bładzinski, Krystyna Palicka, Grazyna Okunek, Zyta Pawel, Antoni Angelik, Mieczyslaw Mieczkowski, Maria, Tadeusz Tyczynski & Danuta Majoch
In thanksgiving for care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Malgosia, Bogdan & Krzysztof – own
For + Irena Grodecka – daughter with family

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 16th

- 8:00 For + Jaroslaw Lezon – wife & son
9:30 For + Reinhold & Hildegard Plonka & Rita Michalczyk – Jagiello family
11:00 For the members of the Divine Mercy Society
13:00 For + parents Maria & Jozef Gaworecki & Zofia & Wladyslaw Braczek – children & grandchildren

MONDAY, May 17th

- 8:00 1. For + Julia Mazepa – Aldona Sadowski
2. For + Wiktoria Lotycz – Halina (Fr. Jan will celebrate Mass at the Copernicus Lodge)

18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 For + Aleksandra & Tomasz Dlugosz - family

TUESDAY, May 18th – St. John I, pope & martyr

- 8:00 1. In thanksgiving for St. John Paul II on his 101th birthday anniversary – Toronto-Warsaw Friendship Committee
2. For + Wiktoria Lotycz – Halina (Fr. Jan at the Copernicus Lodge)

18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 For the beatification of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński – Knights of Columbus

WEDNESDAY, May 19th

- 8:00 1. For + Jozef & Franciszek Kupinski – daughter
2. For + Wiktoria Lotycz – Halina (Fr. Jan at the Copernicus Lodge)

18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 Multiple Intentions Mass

THURSDAY, May 20th – St. Bernardine of Siena, priest

- 8:00 1. For + Wladyslaw Zubyk – daughter Alicja with family
2. For health & God's blessing for Marek, Marlena & Aviana - mother (Fr. Jan at the Copernicus Lodge)

18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 For + Andrzej & Mieczyslaw Kulak – daughter with family

FRIDAY, May 21st – St. Eugene de Mazenod, bishop

- 8:00 1. In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & needed graces in the Wojtyla family - own
2. For + Jozef Wojtyla – wife with family (Fr. Jan at the Copernicus Lodge)

18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 For health & God's blessing for Emilia & Edward Widelka – children with grandchildren

SATURDAY, May 22nd – St. Rita of Cassia, religious

- 8:00 1. For + Wladyslaw
2. For health & God's blessing for Anetka, Pascal, Lauren & Kaitlyn - mother
18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
19:00 For + Leokadia & Stanislaw Duplaga – daughters Irena & Maria

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 23rd

- 8:00 For the members of Sodality Society
9:30 For God's blessing in the Juchniewicz family - own
11:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Zdzisława & Boleslaw Zawarynski on 50th wedding anniversary - own
13:00 For + Leokadia & Eugeniusz Banaszek & Stanisława & Jarek Modlinski - family