

ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Leonarda OLAK

Eternal rest grant her, 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 & 8 am, 11 am, 1 pm & 7 pm in Polish through the Parish TV www.kazimierz.org and YouTube.

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

God rewards man for showing mercy to others, because He wants mercy from us, not sacrifice. Therefore, it works through others that even difficult stories become an occasion to glorify God's mercy. We should show mercy to everyone, even to our enemies. Because then we turn out to be overcomers who overcome with the power of love and mercy. This is what Christ teaches us to repay with good for evil and with love for hatred. By repaying good for evil, we put a barrier to evil, which, through the will to revenge, tries to reach our heart to take over it. In addition, our good deeds and forgiveness can be an impetus for someone to turn away from the path of evil. Let us listen carefully to the word of God, remembering that we are His beloved children.

LENT

Lent this year will begin on Wednesday, March 2. On this day, there will be no devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Multiple Intentions Mass. The Masses will be celebrated at 8am, 10:30 am and 7pm. On Ash Wednesday, before each Mass, there will be an opportunity for confession in the parish hall.

MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASSES

Next Multiple Intentions Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 16 at 7pm. Intentions can be booked in the parish office only.

THE FEAST OF ST. CASIMIR

The parish feast of St. Casimir's will be held on Friday, March 4. We invite you to a special Mass at 11:00 am with the participation of many priests, chaired by the Provincial of Missionary Oblates, Alfred Grzempa. The faithful, who will attend a Holy Mass in the

church, can obtain a plenary indulgence under ordinary conditions, i.e. the state of sanctifying grace, receiving Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions given by the Holy Father.

THE ADOPTION OF THE CONCEIVED CHILD

The adoption of a conceived child will take place on Friday, March 25, during the evening Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Currently, confession takes place every Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

ELIMINATION OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Last week, the Ontario Prime Minister announced that most provincial Covid-19 restrictions will be eliminated in two phases in the coming weeks. The first phase of the easing of restrictions began last Thursday, and the second phase will start on Tuesday, March 1. This means that parish groups can already use the parish hall for meetings, however masks are obligatory for all meeting participants. The limit of participants at the present time is a maximum of 50. In church, we have our mouth and nose covered with a mask. If the church is full, we go to the parish hall to participate in the Holy Mass. Please also keep your distance and disinfect your hands when entering the church. We would also like to remind you that we go to Holy Communion in procession; we all leave the pews so as not to rub against each other. Holy Communion we only accept on hand.

THE LORD'S DAY

Our sequence of further answers to an important question from the realm of faith. Today we answer the following questions: **Can fears of catching covid in the church justify missing Sunday Mass?** They may or may not. One should distinguish between ordinary laziness, justified by fear, and the fear resulting from belonging to, for example, the so-called risk groups, such as the elderly or those taking various immunosuppressive drugs [drugs that reduce the strength of the immune system]. In addition, you also need to take into account the current number of infections in the country, especially the occurrence of the so-called waves where the risk of infection actually increases. A person, who, because of well-founded fear of covid contamination, fails to attend Sunday Mass, does not commit a grave sin.

If I did not attend Sunday Mass due to illness, should I come to church during the week for the one that was abandoned? Of course, it is not necessary to "catch up" for a missed Mass. Sickness is a legitimate dismissal, and skipping Sunday Mass therefore does not cause sin. It happens, however, that believers feel the need to go to the Eucharist during the week in exchange for the "abandoned" one. It shows Christian zeal and a deep relationship with Christ, but it is not a duty.

Is skipping the Sunday Mass a grave sin? According to the teaching of the Church, voluntary, without cause, non-participation in the Sunday Mass is a grave sin. This is what the Catechism of the Catholic Church writes about it in Art. 2181: "the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on the days prescribed, unless they are justified for an important reason (eg sickness, baby care) or have received a dispensation from their own shepherd. Those who voluntarily neglect this duty commit a

grave sin." In order to be able to receive Communion at the next Mass, the faithful must reconcile with Christ in the sacrament of penance, that is, go to confession.

MARRIAGE JUBILEES

Celebration of Marriage Jubilees will take place on Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Mass. Couples who wish to take part in this celebration are asked to contact the parish office.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The income tax receipts for 2021 has already been sent to our parishioners. Parishioners who made offerings by credit card will receive a separate tax receipts. God bless you for your generosity!

OFFERATORY ENVELOPES FOR CURRENT & NEW USERS FOR 2022

We thank all those who support our parish using weekly envelopes. We ask new parishioners, all those not using envelopes, to consider using weekly envelopes. Please ask for your set at the parish office. **Parishioners who did not pick up their envelopes for 2022 are asked to do as soon as possible at the parish office. Envelopes that were not collected will be passed onto other parishioners. We also ask not to use envelopes from the previous years.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2022

Mass intentions for 2022 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.

LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday March 5 or Tuesday March 15 Time: 9:00a.m. -3:30p.m. Cost: \$40.00 Lunch included. Where: Queen of Apostles, 1617 Blyth Road, Mississauga 905-278-5229, or, office@qoa.ca

Father Ron Rolheiser Lenten Retreat. Time: Friday 7:00p.m. – Sunday 2:00p.m. Cost: \$450.00 per person, or, \$700.00 per couple Where: Queen of Apostles, 1617 Blyth Road. Mississauga 905-278-5229, or, office@qoa.ca

MASS INTENTIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

In thanksgiving asking for health, God's blessing & care of Mother of God for Marzena Campbell on her birthday – Peczar family
For + Anna & Jozef Bembenek – Ipatia Condogouri
For + cousin Danusia & her parents – Armatys family
For + Genowefa & Mieczyslaw Lewicki – daughter with family
For + Wiktoria & Jan Armatys – son with family
For + Michal Parwicki – wife with family

GREGORIAN MASS

01.02 – 02.03 For + Anna Beben – Bozena Rupik
01.02 – 02.03 For + Agnieszka Leszczynska – mother Bozena
15.02 – 17.03 For + Czeslaw Boksa – Maria Boksa with family

MASS INTENTIONS AND DEVOTIONS

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 20

8:00 For the members of the Divine Mercy Society
9:30 For + Jan & Katarzyna Rogalski – Zofia Rogalska
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For + Krystyna Fabicka-Zambrowicz & deceased from the Fabicki & Pomeraniec families
19:00 For + Henryk Mazur (anniversary) – daughter with family

MONDAY, February 21 – St. Peter Damian, bishop & martyr

8:00 For + Jozefa Lacz – members of the Holy Rosary Society
19:00 For God's blessing for granddaughter Zofia on her 1st birthday & for grandson Sebastian – grandparents

TUESDAY, February 22 – Feat of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00 For + Krystyna, Stefania Danielski & Stenia Kolowska – Willamowicz family
19:00 For + grandparents from both sides Wrona & Micek – Jozef Wrona with family

WEDNESDAY, February 23 – St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr

8:00 1. For + Miroslaw Czupielowski – wife & daughter
2. For + Jan & Maria Lisowski – grandson with family
19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Jadwiga Zaleski on her 92nd birthday – children

THURSDAY, February 24

8:00 For + Stanislaw & Malgorzata Sudol – grandson with family
19:00 For + Wladyslaw & Jadwiga Klimas & Aniela & Wawrzyniec Kluska – granddaughter

FRIDAY, February 25

8:00 1. For + religious sister Leonarda Mergut – brother with family
2. For + Zofia Knaf (Fr. Janusz celebrates in the chapel)
19:00 For + Jolanta Bojanowska – sister with family

SATURDAY, February 26

8:00 1. For souls in purgatory
2. For + parents Felicja & Lech Grzegorski & deceased from family & friends
19:00 For deceased from the Stepien family – Halina & Jozef Stepien with family

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 27

8:00 For + Marzena & Wojciech Lacwik – mother & brother
9:30 For parishioners
11:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Teresa & Zbigniew on their 30th wedding anniversary & their daughters Kasia & Ania - own
13:00 For health & God's blessing for Halina & Jozef Stepien & their children with families - own
19:00 For + Halina Lapinska – daughter Elzbieta with family