

ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Julia KARPIEL

Eternal rest grant her, Lord

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Next Wednesday we begin the holy and salutary time of Lent. The external sign of our entering the path of penance and conversion will be sprinkling our heads with ashes and undertaking various forms of mortification. The ashes remind us that everything earthly was made from the dust of the earth and will return to dust again. Lent is a time of penance, fasting, sacrifices, prayers and it is to serve our conversion, it is to prepare our hearts for the fruitful experience of the joyful feast of the Resurrection of the Lord. The church commandment obliges us during Lent penance to refrain from participating in games and to go to confession and Holy Communion. Easter. We encourage everyone to make an inner commitment to renunciation for Christ. What will you give up for Lent for Christ? Maybe from smoking cigarettes, from drinking alcohol, from wasting time on the Internet, or maybe you decide to be better, kinder to your wife, husband or in-laws. Alternatively, maybe you will give up sweets, gossip, TV abuse, etc. Choose at least one thing to let you know that you are experiencing Lent. Do it for Christ crucified.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses in our church on Ash Wednesday in Polish will be held at 8.00 am, 10.30 am and 7.00 pm. There will be a collection on Ash Wednesday - Lenten Alms. The envelopes are in the annual kits and at the back of the church.

STRICT FASTING ON ASH WEDNESDAY

On Ash Wednesday, there is a strict fasting, which consists in abstaining from meat dishes, and abstinence, which consists in limiting food. On this day, we can eat three meals, but only one of them is full. Abstinence from meat dishes is obligatory for everyone from the age of 14, with no upper age limit, and quantitative fasting from 18 to 60 years of age. However, the Church encourages those who are not obliged to fast to be introduced to the practice of fasting. According to the church's commandments, the time of Lent is also a period of penance;

therefore as believers, we do not organize grand events and do not take part in such meetings.

LENTEN CAMPAIGN OF SOBRIETY

With greater courage and radicalness, let us also open ourselves to the Lenten campaign of sobriety. The Church calls us to individual and community prayer for sobriety and abstinence during this penitential period. Let there be no more people and families among us who suffer from drunkenness, nicotinic or drug addiction.

WAY OF THE CROSS

We invite you to the service of the Way of the Cross, which is celebrated every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross for children will be held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. For participation in the Way of the Cross and Bitter Lamentations, you can get a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions.

BITTER LAMENTATIONS

We invite you every Sunday at 6:15 pm for consideration of the Lord's Passion - Bitter Lamentations. This year, Fr. Kazimierz will deliver Passion sermons, reflecting on the last words of Christ on the cross. The Seven Last Words (Sayings) of Jesus on the Cross-are a collection of seven short sentences spoken by Jesus during his crucifixion just before his death. They are found in the four Gospels.

RENOVATION FUND

Next Sunday, the second collection will be collected for the Renovation Fund of our parish. The envelopes are in the annual kits and at the back of the church.

THANKS AND GRATITUDE...

Sister Weronika would like to thank for the birthday wishes, donations and flowers. God bless!

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2022

Parishioners who use the envelope should already receive a tax certificate for donations made in 2022. The year covers the period from January 1 to December 31. Donations made in January 2023, even in envelopes from the previous year, will be included in 2023. God bless all those who feel responsible for the maintenance and functioning of the church, which is our home, in this difficult situation. Thanks to you, our church and parish will serve the next generations for many years.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2023 may be picked up at the back of the church; they are arranged in alphabetical order. If someone did not use envelopes in the past year, they did not automatically receive them. Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year.

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

14th Dynamic Women of Faith Conference, Saturday March 25, 2023 at the Old Mill (Old Mill Subway Station) in Toronto from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration 8:00 a.m.; Opening Mass 9:00 a.m. celebrated by Bishop Robert Kasun. Conference will start at 10:00 a.m. with topics: *The Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady* - Sister Deirdre Byrne; *Healing and Forgiveness* - Dr. Josephine Lombardi; *Journey with Mother Mary* - Diana Filipiak, Kasia Ryba, Sandra Wojcik; Dorothy Pilarski - *Why Minister to moms?* Get inspired, Meet Like-Minded Women, Discover Your Mission! Early bird \$65 (before Feb. 15) Light lunch included. Free parking. For more information visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

PILGRIMAGE TO WILNO

The pilgrimage to Wilno in the Canadian Kaszuby on the Divine Mercy Feast will take place on Saturday, April 15, 2023. A coach bus is being organized from our parish, the tickets cost \$50 and are available in the parish office. We encourage you to participate in the pilgrimage.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

From November 15 to 22, 2023, a pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place. Detailed information can be found on the flyers at the back of the church. The time spent in the Holy Land is the most beautiful encounter with Christ. For more information and reservations, please contact the POLIMEX travel agency, tel. 905-238-6683 ext. 42, Mrs. Violetta Ganowska.

MASS INTENSIONS

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, please contact the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

For + parents Jozef & Katarzyna, sisters & brothers - daughter & sister

For God's blessing, needed graces in sickness & relief from suffering for mother Alfreda Jachyra - children with family

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you.

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 19

8:00 For the members of the Divine Mercy Society

9:30 For + Maria & Joseph Gal - Gal family

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Katarzyna & Piotr Pliszka & their family on their 27th wedding anniversary - own

19:00 For God's blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Peczar family - Pelic family

MONDAY, February 20 - Family Day

8:00 For + Honorata Lejtowska - niece

19:00 For + Anna Baranowska & Czeslaw Toczko - sister & daughter with family

TUESDAY, February 21 - St. Peter Damian, bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 1. For + Wanda Kuszelewski - Tadeusz Krupicz with family

2. For health & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Helena Kaczor - children with families

19:00 For + Stefania, Szymon & Piotr Czajkowski - family

WEDNESDAY, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

8:00 For deceased from the Gal & Zdybal families - Maria Zdybal

10:30 For + Kazimierz Borowski - wife with family

19:00 For + Jan Kaczor & deceased from the Kaczor family - children with families

THURSDAY, February 23 - St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr

8:00 For + Anna & Jozef Iglar

19:00 For + Danuta Zofia Roszak - husband & sons with families

FRIDAY, February 24

8:00 1. In thanksgiving asking for health & God's blessing on the birthday - own

2. For + Helena Grochot (5th anniversary) - husband & children

19:00 For + parents Regina & Franciszek Kilinski & brother Leszek - son & brother with family

SATURDAY, February 25

8:00 1. Apologizing for the sins of abortion, asking for a complete end to abortion in the world

2. For + Kazimierz Borowski & Fryderyk Maslowski - Milewski family

19:00 For + Kazimierz, Maria & Stanislaw Rawski

1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 26

8:00 For + Jozefa Dymek - daughter

9:30 For + Maria Strycharz - son & family

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + Stanislaw Stawicki & deceased from the Stawicki family - daughter with family

19:00 For + Jozefa Sobkowicz (4th anniversary) - daughter with family