

## ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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**December 31, 2023**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

**Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.**

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, establishing for the first time in the diocese of Québec, a Saint from France. Francis Montmorency Laval in 1684 who obtained the appropriate permissions from the Pope. On this day, let us remember to pray for our families so that they can draw inspiration and model from the Holy Family. Let us also ask for new and holy families in our country and around the world, so that many domestic churches will be created that will transform every society and civilization into a Christian one. There will be a blessing for children and youth after Holy Mass at 1:00 p.m.

### THE NEW YEAR

Tomorrow, in God's name, we begin the Year of the Lord 2024; We entrust this time, unknown to us, to the Good God through His hands and those of our Mother, Mary. We would like to ask Her to obtain for us all God's gifts and graces, as well as God's blessing. On the threshold of this New Year, we wish all our parishioners and dear guests health, an abundance of God's graces, all goodness and prosperity in personal lives, love in families, and above all, peace in the whole world, in our country and in all human hearts. Let the eternal Word, who becomes Flesh for us and lives among us in the Eucharist, fill human hearts abundantly with faith and hope, and let Our Lady of Bethlehem, who gave the world the Incarnate Word, guide us along the paths of light and trust in God's Love throughout the New Year 2024. Still once for the New Year we wish everyone "God bless you".

### RENOVATION FUND

Today, the second collection will be collected for the Renovation Fund. The envelopes are in the early offering envelopes and at the back of the church. We thank everyone for the donation.

### HOLY MASS ON THE NEW YEAR

Today, Holy Mass the evening one is from the New Year, not from Sunday. However, on New Year's Day, Holy Masses will be celebrated as every Sunday. We would like to remind you

that participation in the Holy Mass on New Year's Day is mandatory.

### THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

On New Year's Day, we also celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Peace. May prayer for peace in the world, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East, prayer for peace among us and in our families accompany us every day. We hear and see that mutual hatred and hostility still reigns, and that there are wars going on that bring material and spiritual devastation. Apart from prayer, let us try to spread mutual forgiveness, reconciliation, harmony, kindness and love everywhere around us...

### DEVOTIONS

This week is the first Wednesday, the first Thursday, the first Friday and the first Saturday of the month. On Wednesday, devotion to Our Lady of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Multiple Intentions Mass at 19:00; on Thursday, prayers for those called and for vocations; on Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private adoration in the church at 3 pm ending with devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and an opportunity to receive the sacrament of penance and reconciliation; on the first Saturday, there is a rosary of reparation before the evening Eucharist at 6 pm.

### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Next Sunday, the Church will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, commonly known as Feast of the Three Kings. It is one of the oldest holidays in Christianity. Epiphany Day is the celebration of God's Revelation to the world. It was celebrated already in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century in memory of St. John Paul II described in the Gospel. Matthew, the tribute that the Three Kings and the Three Wise Men from the East paid to Baby Jesus. On this day, incense and chalk are blessed in the Church. The inscription K + M + B + current year is interpreted in various ways: Casper, Melchior, Balthazar (names of the wise men) or Christus manisionem benedicat (May Christ bless the dwelling). Christians mark the doorposts of their homes with consecrated chalk, ask Christ for a blessing, and publicly confess their faith.

### ROSARY MYSTERIES EXCHANGE

**Roses of the Living Rosary** will exchange their mysteries on Sunday, January 7, before 11:00 a.m. Mass.

### POLISH SCHOOL & CATECHESIS

We kindly inform you that the Polish School of St. Casimir and catechesis has a Christmas break until January 6, 2024 inclusive. On Saturday, January 13, 2024, students return to regular classes.

### SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024

**Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2024** may be picked up at the back of the church; they are arranged in alphabetical order. Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to

receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. The tax receipt will be sent in February 2024.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER "OPLATEK"

The Parish Council invites you to the "Oplatek" Christmas dinner on Sunday, January 7 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the parish office. Children under 12 receive a free ticket. A dinner prepared by our ladies will be served. Stefania Baran is responsible for the event. It will also be a time to sing carols together.

### THANKS & GRATITUDE...

Dear Parishioners, In January I will finish my stay in the parish of St. Casimir in Toronto. Time passes inexorably quickly. I thank God the Most High for the gift of staying among you for several months. For me it was an experience of living faith, the life of the Church Community on Canadian soil. By the decision of Fr. Provincial Marek Ochlak, I have been sent to serve in Poland as the spiritual father of the missionary seminary of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Obra. I am returning to Poland on January 12. I will spend my last Sunday with you on January 7. I give great thanks to God and each of you. First, I thank my brothers in priestly and religious life; to Father Janusz Blazejak, Father Kazimierz Kozicki and Father Zbyszek Halemba for the gift of life in a brotherly community, for the kind reception and for the gift of being together for several months. Thank you, Sister Weronika, for the gift of cooperation in life and pastoral service. Thank you to everyone I saw almost every day in church and to those whom I was able to serve through sacramental services. I thank God very much for every meeting and I pray that the good Lord will protect you and your families. Wishing you a blessed Christmas and New Year 2024, with respect and devotion in Jesus and Mary! Father Slawomir Dworek OMI

### 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.

### GREGORIAN MASS

For + Jozefa Miazga – daughter with family



### MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

**Sunday, December 31**

8:00 For health & God's blessing in the Lesiuk, Piatkowski & Panek families - own  
9:30 For + Lucja Zabkowska & Anna Mruklik - Boguslawa  
11:00 For parishioners  
13:00 For health & God's blessing Kinga & Bazyl & grandson Leonard - parents  
19:00 For + Jozef Czul (3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary) – Kamil

**MONDAY, January 1 – The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

8:00 For + Mieczyslaw Krolewicz – wife & daughters  
9:30 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Krystyna & Zdzislaw Idzik family - own  
11:00 For parishioners  
13:00 For + Mieczyslaw Zambrowicz – son with family  
19:00 For deceased lectors & extraordinary ministers of the Holy Communion

**TUESDAY, January 2 – Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church**

8:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Julia & Wiktoria on their birthday - parents  
19:00 For + Krzysztof Sciuk - Joanna

**WEDNESDAY, January 3**

8:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Mergut family – own  
18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
19:00 Multiple Intentions Mass

**THURSDAY, January 4**

8:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Renata & Jacek Klimczak on their 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary – own  
18:30 Devotion of the first Thursday of the month  
19:00 For + Jadwiga Gromysz – Bogumila

**FRIDAY, January 5**

8:00 For + Wanda, Wladyslaw & Ray Kuszelewski – children, & brothers & sister with families  
18:30 Devotion of the first Friday of the month  
19:00 For + Irena Labik (12<sup>th</sup> anniversary) – mother & siblings with families

**SATURDAY, January 6**

8:00 For God's blessing & peace in the Ziolkowski family & in the world for the New Year  
18:00 Devotion of the first Saturday of the month  
19:00 For + Maria & Marian Zawol, Ireneusz, Krzysztof & Janina Czerniawki – Zawol family

**Epiphany of the Lord**

**Sunday, January 7**

8:00 For the members of the Holy Rosary Society  
9:30 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Artur Brzezinski & his family on his 55<sup>th</sup> birthday - mother  
11:00 For parishioners  
13:00 For + Tadeusz Biel – Stanislaw & Helena Radzinski  
19:00 For + Anna & Jozef Hebda – son with family