

ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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January 28, 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Roman Koziol

Eternal rest grant him, Lord

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus heads to the synagogue. Since he was allowed to speak and can teach openly there, it means that he was considered a teacher. The order of the meeting in the synagogue is disrupted by the behavior of a possessed man. However, Jesus tells the evil spirit to leave the poor man, and thus puts himself above the office of teacher. With his power, he proves that he is more than a teacher, that he is the Son of God. What is astonishing in this whole incident is the fact that there are not the participants of the synagogue meeting listening to Jesus, but the evil spirit who professes faith that Jesus is the Holy One of God, the Son of God. For St. Mark, the author of this Gospel, this event is the first miracle performed by Jesus. Whenever we stand close to God, profess faith in Jesus and listen to His words, miracles happen to us in our everyday lives. Let us discover in God's word strength in our weaknesses for a change of hearts.

RENOVATION FUND

Today, the second collection will be collected for the Renovation Fund. We thank everyone for the donations.

THE WORLD LEPER DAY

It is the last Sunday of January, which is the World Leper Day. This is an opportunity to pray for those suffering from this terrible disease, for all those who come to their aid, and for all the sick, abandoned and excluded.

DEVOTIONS

This week is the Thursday before the first Friday, and the first Saturday of the month. On Thursday, during the evening service, we will pray for those who have left everything to follow the Lord's voice, and for those who hear this voice, so that they are not afraid to follow it.

MISSIONARY GROUP MEETING

Next Wednesday, January 31, after the evening Holy Mass, there will be a meeting of the missionary group at our parish. Teresa Wiecko is currently responsible for the group. Missions are not only evangelization in exotic mission countries, but also our

everyday religious life, so every Christian is a missionary. We invite you to deepen your awareness of this aspect of the Church's life through common prayer, meetings and material support of missionaries.

ROSARY MYSTERIES EXCHANGE

Roses of the Living Rosary will exchange their mysteries on Sunday, February 4, before 11 am Mass.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

On Friday, February 2, we will celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which in Polish tradition is called the feast of Our Lady of Candlemas. Holy Masses will be celebrated in our church at 8 am, 11 am and 7 pm. At the beginning of each Mass there will be a candle blessing ceremony, so please bring the candles with you. Let them become a sign of the presence of Christ - the Light of the world; let us light them, as the old Polish tradition says, in moments of fear and danger, to constantly remind ourselves of this presence and God's providence. Confession will take place one hour before the evening Holy Mass, because it is the first Friday of the month, opportunity to adore the Blessed Sacrament from 3 pm.

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

On February 2, we celebrate World Day of Consecrated Life. Therefore, let us surround ourselves with our prayers with all those who, by taking monastic vows or other obligations, want to completely devote their lives to God, living according to the evangelical counsels: chastity, poverty and obedience. Offerings made on this holiday will be intended to support contemplative religious communities in our homeland.

SAINT BLAISE

On Saturday, February 3, on the liturgical day of St. Blaise, whom we honor as an intercessor in throat diseases, we will celebrate the morning Mass according to the form about this Saint, at the end of which we will bless the candles and give a special blessing through his intercession. It is also the first Saturday of the month, so we invite you to a service to Our Lady at 6 pm.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This year the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 14 at 9:30 am. Bishop Robert Kasun will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, May 19 at the Holy Masse at 9:30 in English and at 1 pm in Polish.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The automatic opening of the church doors for disabled people has been broken for a long time. We spent many months looking for options and parts to repair the unit that was installed 24 years ago. We ended up having to install a new handicapped door opener at a cost of \$2,980.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will take place on seven consecutive Mondays, from February 5 to March 18, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Meetings will take place at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish and are in-person. Attendance is mandatory at all sessions. To register, go to www.kolbe.ca and click on Liturgy and Sacraments and then Marriage. Next course will be offered in October 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SURVIVAL RETREAT

Oblate Youth Canada is organizing an amazing Youth Survival March Break Retreat. IT is open for youth ages 13 – 18 and runs from March 11 – 15. The survival retreat will be held at Camp Samac in Oshawa. The cost is \$230 for first sibling, less for next siblings. For sign up please email OBLATEYOUTHCANADA@GMAIL.COM

OLDER YOUTH SURVIVAL RETREAT

Oblate Youth Canada is organizing a weekend Survival Retreat. It is open for youth ages 18 – 30 and runs from March 15 – 17. The Survival Retreat will be held at Camp Samac in Oshawa. The cost is \$150. For sign up please email OBLATEYOUTHCANADA@GMAIL.COM

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 receipts will be sent in February 2024.

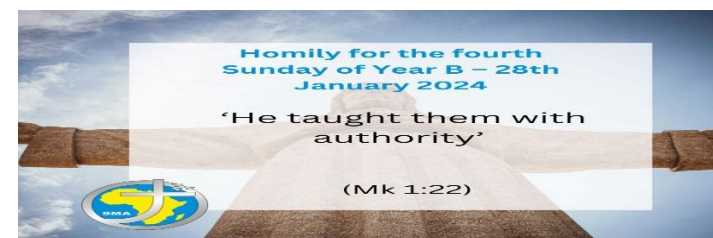
MASS INTENSIONS

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 health, God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Kazimierz Szydowski – Irena
For + Krystyna Idzik x7 – husband, children & grandchildren
For the God's known intension x3
For + Krystyna Idzik x2 – Janina & Stanislaw Kula
For + Monika Tuzel – Kazimiera Pruchnicka with family
For + Danuta Kaczmarek – Jasia
For + Marta Musial – Jasia
For + Henryk Skibinki – Wojciechowski family
For + Henryk Skibinski x10 – lectors & extraordinary ministers of the Holy Communion
For + Genowefa Kaleta x3 – Czajkowski family
For + Adolf & Janina, Stanislaw & Stanislaw x3



MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 28

8:00 For God's blessing for the members & their children of the St. Casimir Rosary Rose
9:30 For God's blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Angelica Borowski on her birthday - grandmother
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For + Romuald Wisniewski - daughter
19:00 For + Teresa Opalinski (2nd anniversary) – Joanna Opalinski with family

MONDAY, January 29

8:00 For + Aleksandra, Jozef & Marian Tutas – granddaughter Monika
19:00 For + Franciszek & Katarzyna Kulig – son Konstanty

TUESDAY, January 30

8:00 For + Edmund Leszczynski & deceased from the Leszczynski family – son-in-law with family
19:00 For + deceased from the Pelic & Szkolut families - family

WEDNESDAY, January 31 – St. John Bosko, priest

8:00 For + Helena (anniversary) & Czeslaw Kozicki– o. Kazimierz
19:00 For + Dorota & Witold Krupowicz, parents Jan & Anna, brothers Czeslaw & Jan Firlejczyk - family

THURSDAY, February 1

8:00 For + In thanksgiving asking for God's care & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Jennifer, Michelle, Elizabeth & Daniel – grandmother
18:30 The first Thursday of the month
19:00 For deceased from the Stepien family - Bozena

FRIDAY, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 For + Walerian & Stanislaw Deputat – Stefania Baran with family
11:00 For health & God's blessing for Jozef Stepien with family – Stefania Kolpak
18:30 The first Friday of the month
19:00 For + Jan Kaczor – wife & children with families

SATURDAY, February 3 – St. Blaise

8:00 For + Anna & Wojciech Kopec – daughter with family
18:00 The first Saturday of the month
19:00 For + Maria, Jan & Stanislaw Blicharski – wide & grandchildren

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 4

8:00 For the members of the Holy Rosary Society
9:30 For + Maria Strycharz – son, daughter & family
11:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Jadwiga & Tadeusz Cichon on their 60th wedding anniversary – children & grandchildren
13:00 For God's blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Jan Kolpak on his birthday - mother
19:00 For deceased from the Bielenda family - Bronislawa