

## ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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**January 7, 2024**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

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

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

Monika Tuzel

Janusz Lada

Jadwiga Rosinska

Alfreda Jachyra

Halina Walewski

Józefa Molas

Jean Wyruch

*Eternal rest grant them, Lord*

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Today we celebrate the feast of Three Wise Men, the epiphany of the Lord. More than five hundred years before the birth of Christ, the prophet Isaiah announces the return of the Jews from the exile in Babylon. Along with the call for Jerusalem to shout for joy, the prophet utters the prophecy: "And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising." Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled when the wise men from the East headed towards Jerusalem to find the announced Messiah. All nations other than Israel are hidden in the figures of the pagan sages. What attracts attention in the Gospel is not so much the position of the magicians, but rather their gesture - they worship God together, something Herod would never have done. The sages teach us that we are great when we are able to bow to our Creator. Encouraged by the word of God, like visitors from the East, let us worship the Lord. Epiphany Day is the celebration of God's Revelation to the world. 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 manisonem 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.

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Tomorrow, Monday, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord ends the liturgical season of the Nativity of the Lord. However, we will extend the period of singing Christmas carols, in accordance with the old Polish tradition, until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. They will appear in the "repertoire" of our songs during the liturgy.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Today at 2:30 p.m. there will be a parish Christmas Dinner. Unfortunately, there are no more tickets available.

**THE OBLATE FATHERS RETREAT**

This week, our Oblate fathers from across Canada are gathering for our annual retreat, which will be held at the Mississauga Retreat House. Therefore, there will be no evening Mass from Monday to Friday inclusive in our parish. Father Slawek will celebrate Holy Masses every day at 8:00 a.m.

**DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

This Saturday, January 13, we invite you to the Fatima service at 6 pm. We bring battery-powered lanterns. Fatima services are Marian services held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the month. This day is not accidental, because Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children, Saint. Jacinta, Saint Francis and Lucia, for 6 months from May 13, 1917 to October 13, 1917, Our Lady revealed three secrets to the children (commonly called the Secrets of Fatima). She also addressed the children with a request and message: "Pray the rosary every day." "I want you to continue to pray the rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, to ask for peace in the world and for an end to the war, because only She can obtain these graces."

**FAREWELL TO FR. SLAWEK**

After 6 months of stay and great work in our parish, Fr. Slawek Dworek returns to Poland next Friday, January 12. He will work as a spiritual father at the Major Seminary. We are grateful to him for his beautiful service in our parish and we thank him sincerely. God bless. In the next few days, Father Jerzy Kotowski will arrive from Poland and will help us over the next few months.

**THE HEATING IN THE CHURCH**

The heating in the church is permanently set to 18 degrees Celsius. Of course, our church is a huge concrete space that is difficult to heat well, especially when the doors are often opened. For the period from November 11 to December 10, we paid \$1,946.33 for heating the church, and we paid \$3,174.87 for the entire system, i.e. both

parish halls, the Polish school premises, the office and the rectory.

**RADIO MARYJA CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The Radio Maryja Family Christmas Wafer Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at the St. John Paul II Centre in Mississauga. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am in the parish of St. Maksymilian Kolbe, Banquet at the Polish Cultural Center at 1:00 p.m., 4260 Cawthra Road, Mississauga, Ontario, L4Z 1V8. Tickets are available at the Health from Nature Inc. store, 47 Roncesvalles Ave. (416) 532-9805.

**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. Students will return to the regular classes on Saturday, January 13, 2024.

**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.

**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 + Zdzislaw Liszega

For God's blessing for Zofia

For God's blessing for Jacek

For God's blessing & needed graces for Wiktoria

For God's blessing & needed graces for Pawel

For God's blessing & needed graces for Waldemar



**MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS**

**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

**MONDAY, January 8 – Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 For + Halina Slotwinska - friends

19:00 There is no Mass

**TUESDAY, January 9**

8:00 For the souls in purgatory

19:00 There is no Mass

**WEDNESDAY, January 10**

8:00 For the Robert's intension

19:00 There is no Mass

**THURSDAY, January 11**

8:00 In the God's known intension

19:00 There is no Mass

**FRIDAY, January 12**

8:00 For the souls in purgatory

19:00 There is no Mass

**SATURDAY, January 13**

8:00 For + Tadeusz Powezka i Jozefa Zdyb - Zofia

18:00 Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

19:00 For + Karol Mysliwiec, Dominik Brzyzek, Eugeniusz Iglar, Jozef & Malgorzata Pawlik – Anna

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, January 14**

8:00 For the members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society

9:30 Richard Skomra – Stan, David & John

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + Anna Bembenek – son Grzegorz

19:00 For + Maria & Franciszek Posluszny & Krystyna Sobczynska – son & brother with family