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February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

The synonym of the word "leper" is "excluded." The name leprosy covered all serious changes on human skin. The Book of Leviticus contains the provisions of the Law, which was extremely restrictive towards people suffering from this disease. Strict compliance with the regulations was aimed at ensuring sanitary hygiene in society and preventing the spread of the epidemic. In the society of that time, a person suffering from leprosy was already dead during his lifetime, because his sentence was separation from others. Jesus in the Gospel breaks this logic. He does not argue with the provisions of the Law, but rediscovers the value and dignity of a leper. Jesus not only allows the sick person to approach him, but also touches him and heals him. It restores man's long-buried hope. Let the liturgy of the word reassure us in the hope that God brings us.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Today we celebrate World Day of the Sick. The parish celebration of the Day of the Sick with Holy Mass, during which we will administer the sacrament of the sick, will take place during the Lenten retreat, on Tuesday, March 12.

DINNER FOR THE END OF CARNIVAL

Today, at the end of the carnival, we invite you for dinner in the parish hall; you can eat tripe prepared by our ladies, dumplings in mushroom sauce, as well as donuts, bread, etc. We cordially invite you.

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

February 13, at our parish, we will continue our devotion of Fatima. The service will begin at 6 p.m. with the Rosary followed by the Holy Mass at 7 p.m. We invite you to pray!

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the forty-day period of Paschal preparation - the period of Lent. We will celebrate Holy Masses with the sprinkling of ashes on our heads as a sign of penance at 8 am, 11 am and 7 pm. We encourage you to participate in large numbers and to enter and fully engage in this holy time. On Ash Wednesday, there will be a collection and Lenten almsgiving.

STRICT FASTING

Ash Wednesday is a day of strict fasting, which obliges the faithful between 18 and 60 years of age, in addition to abstaining from meat on this day, to one full meal and two modest meals during the day. Older and slightly younger people (over 14 years of age) are obliged to abstain from meat on this day, but they can have full meals on other days. Moreover, we are also obliged to fast on Good Friday. We would also like to remind you that on all Fridays of the year we are obliged to abstain from meat. Let us remember that the beginning of the Lenten period is the so-called "forbidden time", a penitential period in the Church. So let us refrain from loud parties, weddings and discos.

STATION OF THE CROSS & LENTEN LAMENTATION

We will begin the Stations of the Cross services on Fridays at 6:30 pm, to which we invite all parishioners. Starting next Sunday, the first Sunday of Lent, we will sing Bitter Lamentations and listen to the teachings of the Passion at 6:10 pm.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin their final stage of preparation by receiving a special cross at 9:30 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of Lent, February 18. We ask all parishioners to pray in their intention as well as for the children preparing for their First Holy Communion.

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.

MEETING WITH JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We invite you to Meet Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every last Saturday of the month. This year, it will be a meeting focused on prayer, as Pope Francis asked for when announcing the year of prayer. We will listen to a catechesis on prayer together, pray with the Word of God, praise God with song and hug Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, individually receiving His blessing. The next meeting will be on Saturday, February 24 at 8 pm. Come and invite others!

CHOPIN SALON AT THE POLISH CULTURAL CENTRE

The Canadian Chopin Society invites you to a Chopin Salon on Sunday February 25, 4:00 pm at the Polish Cultural Centre in Mississauga. The event marks the launch of the countdown towards the Sixth Canadian Chopin Piano Competition in January 2025. Dr. Janet Lopinski will share insights into the creative genius of this beloved Polish composer, with performances by outstanding Canadian Chopin Competition laureates Leonard Gilbert and Eric Guo. After winning the first prize at the prestigious International Chopin Piano Competition on Period Instruments in October, Eric Guo has emerged as a rising international star. We invite you to join us to celebrate the musical legacy of Fryderyk Chopin.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Catholic Women's Conference, Saturday March 23, 2024 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 His Eminence Cardinal Collins. Conference will start at 10:00 a.m. with topics: *A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare* – Kathleen Beckman, evangelist, Retreat Director, Radio Host, Author; *Becoming a Co-creator with God* – *Discover Your Mission* – Carissa Douglas; *Creating a Space for Prayer* – Anna Boyagoda; *Why Minister to moms?* Dorothy Pilarski; **Special Guest Speaker, Tammy Peterson, wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson.** Get inspired, Meet Like-Minded Women, Discover Your Mission! Early bird \$65 (before Feb. 14) Light lunch included. Free parking. For more information visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or call (416) 907-1042.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2023

Parishioners who use the envelope should have already received a tax receipt for donations made in 2023. The year covers the period from January 1 to December 31. Donations made in January 2024, even in envelopes from the previous year, will be included in 2024. God bless all those who feel responsible for the maintenance and functioning of the church, which is our home. Thanks to you, our church and parish will serve the next generations for many years to come.

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 + Jozef Bembenek – Maria & Zbigniew Posluszny
For + Malgorzata Faltyn – brother Stanislaw with family
For + Alfreda Jachyra – Zofia Napora with family
For + Stanislaw Burek – sister Zofia Napora with family
For + Stanislaw Burek – Maria & Zbigniew Posluszny
For + Henryk Kostka – Kazimierz with family
For + Maria Mieczkowska – Kazimierz with family
For + Janina Skora – Czeslawa with family
For God's blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Piotr & Melisa
For + parents Wanda & Bronislaw & brother Franciszek Pasowicz
In thanksgiving asking for God's care & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Jolanta & Marcin & grandchildren Aleks, Emilia & Melania
In thanksgiving asking for God's care for Agatka, Slawek & grandchildren Julia & Mateusz
In thanksgiving asking for God's care for Jozefa, Lucyna, Andrzej & Edyta
For unborn children especially children at risk of abortion & their parents
In the God's known intension
In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Marzena Campbell on her birthday – Peczar family
For + Jadwiga Zaleski – son Krzysztof
For + Antoni Zaleski (25th anniversary) – children with families
For + Jan & Anna Stefaniszyn – Zaleski family from Toronto

For + Pawel Zaleski – Zaleski family from Toronto
For + Jadwiga Zaleski x2 – Henryk & Elzbieta Podstawka
For + Jadwiga Zaleski – children with families
For + Henryk Skibinski x2 – Zofia Nic
For + Tadeusza Pasciak – Zofia Nick

GREGORIAN MASS 01.03-30.03

For + Monika Tuzel – Palleshi family
For + Zenon Soltysik – daughter with family
For + Mieczyslaw Magda – Maria & Monika Polakowski, Ewa Grzebska & Wieslaw Borkowski

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 11

8:00 For the members of the Holy Name of Jesus
9:30 For + Katherine Presz – son John Anthony Presz
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For deceased from the Buczkowski, Kondziolka & Sacharczuk families – Krystyna Skibinski
19:00 For + Kazimierz Szwarc (7th anniv.) – son with children

MONDAY, February 12

8:00 For health, God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Malgosia – husband & son
19:00 For gifts of the Holy Spirit, health & God's blessing for Jola Gruca & her family – mother

TUESDAY, February 13

8:00 For + Franciszek & Daniela Konopka – wife with family
18:00 Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima
19:00 For + Irena Sieminski on the first anniversary of death – children & grandchildren

WEDNESDAY, February 14 – Ash Wednesday

8:00 For + Stefania & Franciszek Stepien – son with family
11:00 For + Henryk Skibinski – wife, children & grandchildren
19:00 For + Zenona Chmielewska – sister Bogumila

THURSDAY, February 15

8:00 For deceased from the Nowak family - Bronislaw
19:00 For health, gifts of the holy Spirit & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Rafal & Ania with family – parents

FRIDAY, February 16

8:00 For + Wanda, Wladyslaw & Ray Kuszelewski – brothers & sister with families
18:30 Way of the Cross
19:00 For + Danuta Zofia Roszak (2nd anniversary) – husband & sons with families

SATURDAY, February 17

8:00 For + Andrzej Antosz - sister
19:00 For + Krystyna & deceased from the Fabicki & Pomeraniec families – son with family

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 18

8:00 For the members of the Divine Mercy Society
9:30 For + Anna & Jozef Iglar
11:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Stefania Piersiak on her 102nd birthday – family & friends
13:00 For + Zdzislawa Opoka (11th anniversary) – children
18:10 Lenten Lamentation
19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Katarzyna & Piotr Pliszka & their family - own