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February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Lucjan Grela

Eternal rest grant him, Lord

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

The character of Noah from today's first reading was described in the events of biblical prehistory. This period does not refer to Israel, but to human history in general. The danger of the flood was averted by Noah's test of obedience and trust. This attitude met with the favor of God, who established the first covenant with humanity. Moreover, in the Gospel Jesus cries "The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand." The words of conversion were to prepare people for the eternal covenant. It is Jesus' voluntary sacrifice on the cross. Thus, God established the fourth and final covenant of love with people. We too are invited to await the coming of the kingdom of God with a converted heart. In an attitude of obedience and trust, let us want to listen to the word of God.

LENT

Gazing at the Crucified Savior, who renounced everything for us and sacrificed his life, let us with willing hearts undertake the effort of voluntary mortification during Lent as compensation for our sins and those of our neighbors. Let us make good resolutions, let us refrain from participating in loud entertainment, from drinking alcoholic beverages or smoking cigarettes, in order to make up to God for our sins. Let us not forget that Lent is a time of seriousness, prayer and penance. So do not let it be disturbed by loud meetings or entertainment events deliberately organized at this time, especially for children and teenagers.

LENTEN SOBRIETY CAMPAIGN

Let us open ourselves more courageously and radically to the Lenten sobriety campaign. The Church calls us to pray individually and collectively for sobriety and abstinence during this penitential period. Let there be no more people and families among us who suffer from the addiction of drinking, nicotine or drug addiction.

RENOVATION FUND

Next Sunday, February 25, the second collection will be collected for the Renovation Fund. We thank everyone for the donation.

EXCHANGE OF THE ROSARY MYSTERIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

On Sunday, February 25, after the Holy Mass at 1:00 pm, we invite all children and youth to exchange the Mysteries of the Rosary.

MULTIPLE INTENSIONS MASSES & MASS INTENSIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

On Wednesday, we invite you to the Service to Our Lady of Perpetual Help followed by the Multiple Intentions Mass. We encourage you to take advantage of these Masses, intentions and donations are given at the office. We encourage you to take part in the Multiple Intentions Masses, in this way our intentions are quickly fulfilled. We would also like to inform you that intentions donated for missions are celebrated very quickly by various priests or sometimes in our parish.

STATION OF THE CROSS & LENTEN LAMENTATION

Participating in Passion services and meditating on the Passion of the Lord will help us experience Lent more deeply and fruitfully. We invite you every Sunday to reflect on the Passion of the Lord - Lenten Lamentations. The service starts at 6:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross is celebrated every Friday at 6:30 pm. We invite you to pray together and reflect on the Passion of the Lord.

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

This Saturday, February 24, we invite you to meet Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament after the evening Mass. This year, these will be meetings 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. Come and invite others!

AD GENTES SUNDAY

Next Sunday - the second Sunday of Lent, is AD GENTES SUNDAY - a day of prayer for missions and missionaries.

THANKS AND GRATITUDE...

We would like to thank everyone who helped organize the dinner at the end of the carnival last Sunday. We would like to thank the sponsors: Mega City – Dorota and Krzysztof Jakubowski; Andrzej Kozibroda, Jozef Sekowski, Stefania Wojtowicz, Stasia Galka, Anna Hyc and volunteers: Malgorzata Slecza, Oksana, Krystyna Kruk, Anna Hyc, Bozena Borowski, Lucyna Laczek, Stefania Wojtowicz, Irena Gorska, Lucyna Stachulak, Teresa Wiecko, Anna Music, Krystyna Fabis, Agata Bembenek and Stenia Baran, who was responsible for organizing the lunch on behalf of the parish. Thanks to the great efforts of volunteers and sponsors, the

proceeds from the lunch were \$2,324. The money is intended for the purchase of a new refrigerator for the parish kitchen, as the current refrigerator is over a dozen years old and keeps breaking down. Cost of a new commercial refrigerator at Costco: Stainless Steel Commercial Dual Swing Door Fridge, \$5,899 + taxes.

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 + Modesto „Joe” Serianni – Borkowski family
For + Felicja & Piotr Bera – daughters with families
In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for grandchildren - grandmother
For God's care for Andrzej – mother

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

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 + Zdzislaw Opoka (11th anniversary) – children

18:10 Lenten Lamentation

19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Katarzyna & Piotr Pliszka & their family - own

MONDAY, February 19

8:00 For + Leszek Dziuba – Danuta Gamienik

19:00 For Maria & Jan & Jadwiga & Jan - daughter

TUESDAY, February 20

8:00 For health & God's blessing for Paul Mann – wife Anna

19:00 For + Stefania & Jan Fijal – daughter Janina Wicik with family

WEDNESDAY, February 21

8:00 For health & God's blessing for Dominik Mann - parents

18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

19:00 Multiple Intension Mass

THURSDAY, February 22 – Feat of the Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle

8:00 For + Kazimierz Borowski – wife with family

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

FRIDAY, February 23

8:00 For + Janina & Jozef Juchniewicz – daughter with family

18:30 Way of the Cross

19:00 For + Wladyslawa & Tadeusz Idzik – son with family

SATURDAY, February 24

8:00 1. For + Felicja & Lech Grzegorski & deceased from the family- daughter

2. For Helena Grohot – husband & children

19:00 For + Henryk Mazur (anniversary) - daughter

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 25

8:00 For + religious sister Leonarda Mergut – brother with family

9:30 For + Maria & Karol Iglar, Antonona & Bronislaw Hyc, Danuta & Wladyslaw Majka - children

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + Stanislaw Stawicki & deceased from Stawicki & Kotarski families – daughter with family

18:00 Lenten Lamentation

19:00 For + parents Jozef & Maria Kaczor, siblings Stanislaw & Irena, Tadeusz & Helena, Emilia & Olgierd, Jozef, Eweryst & Stanislaw. Rev. Kazimierz & daughter-in-law Anna – daughter & sister with family