

ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

The motif of mountains is often mentioned in the Holy Scriptures as a place for establishing relationships between God and people. Events on mountain peaks are also a sign of the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the coming of the New. The unfulfilled sacrifice on Mount Moriah foreshadows the completed sacrifice of Jesus on Mount Calvary. Just as Abraham once offered his son as a sacrifice, so God the Father offered his Son for the salvation of the world. Isaac, who was Abraham's son, was to be killed as a sacrifice on the altar. The new Isaac is Jesus, who was killed on the altar of Golgotha. The wood carried on Isaac's shoulders announces Jesus' way of the cross. Between these two events is the Mount of Transfiguration, which, next to Moriah, announces the suffering of Jesus. May the liturgy of the word encourage us to offer our lives to Jesus.

Every year, on the second Sunday of the Paschal preparation period, we reflect on the Gospel pericope about the Transfiguration of Christ on a high mountain. Just like to the chosen disciples, the Lord Jesus wants to show us the splendor of his divinity and tell us who He is in order to strengthen us in faith and on the paths of our life's vocation. Let us not be afraid to trust Him, let Him work in us and through us...

RENOVATION FUND

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

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Today, we welcome in our parish Fr. Prelate Dr. Jerzy Karbownik, parish priest and curator of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Dawn in Skarzysko Kamienna. The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Dawn was established thanks to Fr. Bishop Edward Materski, a native of Vilnius. As a child, Father Bishop went with his parents to the Gate of Dawn and prayed in front of the image of Our Lady. After World War II, knowing that the borders were closed in Lithuania and churches were being turned into museums or warehouses, he was afraid that the same would happen to the Gate of Dawn Sanctuary. He very much wanted the name of the Mother of Mercy to be made famous west of Vilnius, and so the decision was made to build a replica of the Gate of Dawn Sanctuary in Skarzysko-Kamienna.

STATION OF THE CROSS & LENTEN LAMENTATION

Today at 6:00 p.m., we invite you to Lenten Lamentations with a passion sermon, and on Friday to the Stations of the Cross service

at 6:30 p.m. Let us find time to participate in these services, because thanks to them we can more deeply experience the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and better understand His infinite love for each of us.

DEVOTIONS

This week is the first Friday and Saturday of the month. On Friday from at 3:00 p.m., we invite you to adoration of the Lord Jesus in the church, and from 6:00 p.m., there will be an opportunity to go to confession. At the end of the adoration - devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place. On Saturday before the evening Eucharist, at 6:00 p.m. we will celebrate a service of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

THE FEAST OF ST. CASIMIR

We invite you to the St. Casimir's Feast, which this year falls on Monday, March 4. Solemn Holy Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. People who will participate in the Holy Mass in the church, they will be in a state of sanctifying grace, they will receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions given by the Holy Father, they will gain complete indulgence. After the Eucharist, there will also be an opportunity to venerate the relics of St. Casimir.


LENTEN RETREAT

May the Lenten retreat, which we will begin on Saturday, March 9, help us in our efforts to change our lives and prepare well to experience the feast of the Lord's Resurrection. A detailed retreat program has been sent to all parishioners in the Easter mail.

CONFESSION

During Lent, let us arouse in ourselves a sincere desire to purify our hearts in the fountain of God's mercy, which is open to everyone, and which we experience especially in confession. There is an opportunity to confess before every Holy Mass.

SHARE LIFE

 This year's Archdiocese of Toronto **ShareLife** charity will begin on **Sunday, March 17**. ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as a Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Over 40 ShareLife agencies serve tens of thousands of people locally and countless more around the world, regardless of religious affiliation. Share Life offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues; help victims of domestic violence; ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten; deliver food to children in developing countries; form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes. Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need. The envelopes are in the annual sets of envelopes and at the back of the church.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

PILGRIMAGE TO WILNO

Conference of Polish Priests in Eastern Canada is organizing a pilgrimage to Wilno, on the Feast of the Divine Mercy, on Saturday, April 6, 2024. The coach buses have been organized from our parish and from St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish and Radio Maryja; the tickets are available in the parish office. We encourage you to participate in the pilgrimage.

A missionary from Poland will celebrate the Holy Mass.

Program:

11 am – Rosary

11:30 am – Solemn Mass

1 pm – Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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! 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.

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 + Joanna Czwaray – friend

For + Mieczyslaw Ruta – Krystyna with children

For health & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Marysia - 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

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 Lamentations
- 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

MONDAY, February 26

- 8:00 1. In thanksgiving asking for further graces on the birthday – own
2. For the successful operation, health & God's blessing for Marysia – mother (Fr. Janusz in chapel)
- 19:00 For + Emilia, Jan & grandparents from both sides - Janina

TUESDAY, February 27

- 8:00 For + Miroslaw Czupielewski – wife & daughter
- 19:00 For + Halina Lapinska (6th anniv.) – daughter & family

WEDNESDAY, February 28

- 8:00 For + Czeslaw & Wieslaw Blonski & Marek Pszczolkowski – Maria Szuper with children
- 19:00 For + Zofia, Stanislaw & Wieslaw Ostrowski – daughter & sister

THURSDAY, February 29

- 8:00 For + Boleslawa & Henryk Ducki - daughters
- 19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Teresa, Zbigniew & their daughters Kasia & Ania on their wedding anniversary - own

FRIDAY, March 1

- 8:00 1. In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing, faith, love & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Marcin, Nicole, Marta & Jason – parents
2. For + Jozefa Sobkowicz (5th anniversary) – daughter with family

18:30 Way of the Cross

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

SATURDAY, March 2

- 8:00 For health & God's blessing for the Kolpak family – own

18:00 Devotion of the first Saturday of the month

- 19:00 For + Helena & Czeslaw Kozicki – Fr. Kazimierz

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 3

- 8:00 For the members of the Holy Rosary Society
- 9:30 For health & God's blessing for Anna & Paul Mann - own
- 11:00 For the members of the Parish Committee
- 13:00 For + Rosalia & Franciszek Bodzon & deceased from family
- 18:00 Lenten Lamentation
- 19:00 For God's blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Jacek Checko with family & Stanislaw Gruca with family - mother