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February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Krystyna Klemensowicz

Waldemar Młodziński

Jadwiga Zaleski

Eternal rest grant them, Lord

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

When something ails us, we seek help and help from a doctor. To a lesser extent, we seek support from Jesus, in whose "wounds is our health." God's omnipotence is revealed in the fact that He is able to restore a person's health to both soul and body. Therefore, Simon and Andrew invite Jesus to their home to heal Simon's mother-in-law. Similarly, the crowd in the Gospel brought their sick before Jesus, who "healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons." Man's poverty is illness and suffering, while happiness is health and prosperity. Like Jesus' contemporaries, we also want prosperity and health for our families and ourselves. Refreshed by the liturgy of the word, let us direct our thoughts to Jesus who brings healing.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE WORKS OF THE OBLATE MISSIONS

Today, we will have a second collection for the works of Oblate Missions. Our Fathers work in 65 countries around the world. Our missionaries' activity started over 170 years ago. In recent years, our Fathers went to the new mission stations in Vietnam, Africa, Belarus, Ukraine and Russia; in many cases, there has been a need to build everything from scratch (in both the spiritual and material). The envelopes are in the Sunday offerings sets and at the back of our church. God bless you for your generosity!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Sister Weronika celebrates her birthday and nameday, on this occasion we wish her the best birthday wishes, the traditional old Polish "Sto lat!" and we wish God's abundance of blessings. God bless you sister!

MEMORY OF ST. AGATHA

Tomorrow Monday, due to the commemoration of St. Agatha, we will bless the bread and water brought at Holy Mass. St. Agatha, whose intercession is credited with saving her compatriots after the eruption of Etna, and on this occasion, bread is blessed as a

sign of goodness and water, which protects against the danger of fire.

THE LAST DAYS OF CARNIVAL

These are the last days of carnival. Let us live it in the spirit of Christian joy. Ash Wednesday begins Lent soon, on February 14, and Easter will take place on March 31.

MULTIPLE INTENSIONS MASSES & MASS INTENSIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

On Wednesday, we invite you to the Service to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and to Multiple Intensions 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 Intensions 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.

2024 THE YEAR OF PRAYER

In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis has declared 2024 the Year of Prayer. The Year of Prayer will serve to rediscover the central place of prayer throughout the world. Already two years ago, the Pope suggested that 2024 would be the Year of Prayer, which would precede the Holy Year 2025. In a letter to the Dicastery responsible for its preparation, he wrote that prayer is "the main path to holiness" and allows every person "to express to God what is hidden in the depths of his heart." The Pope also expressed his will that this year would help all Christians make the Lord's Prayer their "program of life."

MEETING WITH JESUS
IN THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT

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!

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.

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
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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

In the God's known intension x5
For + Barbara Haliniak & souls in purgatory
For the needed graces & God's blessing for Hanna with family
For + Jan Barys, parents & siblings – Maria with family
For + Jadwiga Chrzanowska x3– daughter with family
For + Zofia Sliwka x3 – son with family
For + Zofia & Zygmunt Gebler – Zofia Rogalska
For + Mieczyslaw Magda x3 – Elizabeth & Marian Gargula
For + Mieczyslaw Magda x2 – Kruk family
For + Mieczysława Magda x3 – Tomek Posłuszny with parents
For + Mieczyslaw Magda x5 – Ustupski family
For + Mieczyslaw Magda x 2- Taborowski family
For + Mieczyslaw Magda x5 – Edzia & Walter Guda with family
For + Mieczyslaw Magda x5 – Rosol family
For + Mieczyslaw Magda x2 – Kuzminski family

For + Mieczyslaw Magda – friends

For + Henryk Skibinski x2 – Roza Kalisz

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

Fifth 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

MONDAY, February 5 – St. Agatha, martyr

8:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the birthday - own
19:00 For lectors & extraordinary ministers of the Holy Communion

TUESDAY, February 6 – Sts. Paul Miki & companions, martyrs

8:00 For + Maria Zdybal – Holy Rosary Society
19:00 For + Adolf & Wladyslawa Kis, Franciszek & Apolonia Profic - son

WEDNESDAY, February 7

8:00 For + Stanislaw & Stefania Kos, parents Stanislaw & Bronislawa, siblings Zofia, Jan & Bronislawa Niedzielski – children with family
18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
19:00 Multiple Intensions Mass

THURSDAY, February 8

8:00 For + Edward Pruchnicki - wife
19:00 For + Franciszek & Katarzyna Kulig & Tadeusz & Jozef – son & brother Konstanty

FRIDAY, February 9

8:00 For + Piotr Laczek (17th anniversary) – wife & daughter
19:00 For + Jan Kaczor & deceased from the Kaczor family - family

SATURDAY, February 10 – St. Scholastica, virgin

8:00 For God's blessing for Lidia Panek - family
19:00 For + Sabina Sikora & Leszek Jakubiak - sister

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 4

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 – K. Skibinski
19:00 For + Kazimierz Szwarz (7th anniversary) – son with children