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March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Krzysztof Czerny

Robert Gajda

Eternal rest grant them, Lord

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

On the fifth Sunday of Lent, we hear the Gospel parable about the seed that falls into the ground to die and bear abundant fruit. This image, taken from the world of nature, shows us what Christ's love for man is like - it is a sacrificial love, boundless and prone to suffering, but also a love that gives birth to life. During the beginning of the Holy Mass, let us give thanks for the example of Christ's sacrificial love and ask for strength that will help us live with similar love every day.

On the fifth Sunday of Paschal preparation, the character of this period changes to a more passionate one, which will be shown in the liturgy of the coming days, and the custom of covering crosses has been maintained.

SHARE LIFE



This year's Archdiocese of Toronto **ShareLife** charity begins **this Sunday, March 17.**

The envelopes are in the annual sets of envelopes and at the back of the church.

YOUTH ACTION

Today, young people will sell dumplings and pierogis for Easter. There will be also coffee and donuts. We encourage you to buy dumplings from young people.

STATION OF THE CROSS & LENTEN LAMENTATIONS

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.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

On Tuesday, we will celebrate the feast of Saint Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Patron of the

universal Church, who was a just man, full of humility and courage, faithfulness and trust. We invite all men, fathers, husbands and sons, as well as birthday girls and birthday boys, to the evening Mass, because we want to pray for them, so that their Patron, Saint Joseph, will obtain for them the power of God's blessing.

ALTAR BOYS MEETING

The meeting of altar boys will take place next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the church. All altar boys are asked to be present as we prepare for the Holy Week liturgy.

RENOVATION FUND

Next Sunday, March 24, the second collection for the Renovation Fund will be collected, because Easter falls on the last Sunday in March.

EASTER CONFESSION

There is less and less time left until the Easter holidays, only two weeks left - let's use these days well and fruitfully. First, let us allow the Lord to do great things in us and for us. Let us remember that Easter confession is our Catholic duty and gives us the opportunity to experience the healing and forgiving power of the Lord. **Easter confession in our parish will take place next Sunday in the parish hall from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.** During this time, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue in the church. This is the last opportunity to confess in our parish.

PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. The blessing of the palms will take place at the beginning of each Holy Mass. Let us prepare palm trees; palm branches will also be available at the back of the church.

THE WHITE EAGLE INVITES...

The White Eagle song and dance group invites you to the parish hall on Palm Sunday for coffee, donuts, cake and a hot meal: dumplings, pierogies and sausages.

CLEANING THE CHURCH

Easter cleaning of the church will take place on Holy Tuesday, after the morning Holy Mass. We count on your help. Let us make sure our temple looks beautiful for Easter. Please bring small buckets and cloths with you.

FLOWERS FOR A THOMB OF LORD JESUS

As every year, we ask parishioners for flowers for the grave of Jesus. Please bring flowers to the parish hall on Palm Sunday, we only ask for hydrangeas.

STAGED STATION OF THE CROSS

Our youth are preparing a staging of the Stations of the Cross, (directed by Joanna Krakowiak) which will be performed in the church on Good Friday at 8:15 pm. They are preparing very hard for this event so please come and support them.

EXTREEME STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Extreme Stations of the Cross in Toronto will start Friday, March 22, after the evening Mass from our church to the church of St. Eugene in Brampton. Pilgrims will travel 40 km at night. This year's theme is *You must demand from yourself!* So far, the EDK challenge was to walk at least 40 km at night, alone and focused. The effort of the hike itself seemed great. Today, the measure of EDK is not kilometers, but the change that takes place in a person - beauty.

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. **The buses will leave at 6:00 am from their parishes.** We encourage you to participate in the pilgrimage. The bus tickets cost \$50 and are available at the parish office. A missionary from Poland Fr. Artur Biedniak will celebrate the Holy Mass.

Program: 11 am – Rosary

11:30 am – Solemn Mass

1:00 pm – Chaplet of Divine Mercy

JUBILEE OF FR. KAZIMIERZ'S PRIESTLY ORDINATION

On Sunday, June 9, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the priesthood of Fr. Kazimierz Kozicki OMI. Solemn jubilee Holy Mass will be celebrated at 1:00 p.m. and there will be a banquet in the parish hall at 2:30 p.m. Tickets for the banquet, priced at \$40, will be available at the parish office from April 9 (Tuesday).

MASS INTENTIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

For + aunt Zofia Jachna – Helena & Jozef Idzik

For rescue & care of the Our Lady of Czestochowa for Poland

For + Stanislaw Warchulski – family

For + Bronislawa & Stanislaw Kot – family

For + Czeslaw Blonski – wife with children

For health & God's care for daughter with children

For health & God's care for sister Maria with children – Alfreda Blonska

For health & God's care for Zofia Zawisza with family – Alfreda Blonska

For + Tadeusz Slowik – wife

For God's care & strength in faith for Andrzej – mother

GREGORIAN MASS 01.04-31.04

For + Krystyna Idzik – husband with children & grandchildren



MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 17

8:00 For the members of the Divine Mercy Society

9:30 For + Emilia Krzak – Ofiara family

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + sisters Jozefina, Wanda, Zofia, Maria & Dorota – Czeslaw & Regina Kis

18:00 Lenten Lamentations

19:00 For God's blessing for grandchildren Wince, Justyna, Malgorzata, Elzbieta & son Jozef on their birthday – Tekla

MONDAY, March 18

8:00 For deceased from Klacza family – Chris & Mark Korwin-Kuczynski

19:00 For + Honorata Lejtowska – niece

TUESDAY, March 19 – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 For + Jozefa Pliszka & Edward Krzeminski – Halina with family

19:00 For + Stanislaw & Wladyslaw Pasciak & deceased from family – Grzegorz Bembenek

WEDNESDAY, March 20

8:00 For + Jozefa & Franciszek & brother Tadeusz – daughter & sister Bozena

18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

19:00 Multiple Intensions Mass

THURSDAY, March 21

8:00 For + parents Stanislaw & Bronislawa, siblings Zofia & Jan Niedzielski & Bronislawa – son & brother with family

19:00 For + Maryla Zdyb on the 1st anniversary of death – son Sebastian with family

FRIDAY, March 22

8:00 For + Krystyna & Edward Krukowski – granddaughter Edyta

18:30 Way of the Cross

19:00 1. For deceased from Maziarz family – M.M. Bembenek
2. For + Andrzej Buras (2nd anniversary) – daughters Iza & Ewa with families

SATURDAY, March 23

8:00 For + Antoni & Honorata Poliwka & Wladyslawa Kaminska - family

19:00 For + Edward Maciejewski on the 1st anniversary of death – family

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24

8:00 In thanksgiving in the Zelek, Lake & Teak families – Dana Zelek

9:30 For + Aleksandra & Tomasz Dlugosz - family

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For health, God's blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Natalia & Dajana - mother

18:00 Lenten Lamentations

19:00 For + Bronislawa Konopka (9th anniversary) - family