

ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

BAPTISM

Bella Liliana Plechowski
William Konrad Plechowski

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Bronislaw Rydz
Eternal rest grant him, Lord

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

The Decalogue and the temple were not only sacred to the Israelites, but also a heritage. A fragment from the Book of Exodus deals with the giving of law to the Chosen People by God himself. The Decalogue means "ten words", i.e. ten principles on which the relationship of God's strict covenant with Israel is based. The first three refer directly to God, the next seven concern relationships between people. The second sign of God's heritage was the temple on the Jerusalem Mount. However, like the Hebrews at Sinai, their descendants betrayed the holiness and inheritance of the covenant. Jesus throws out of the temple court those who have turned it into a marketplace and restores proper order to the holy place. This is a picture of our interior. Let the word of God encourage us to care for the proper condition of our souls.

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.

THE FEAST OF ST. CASIMIR

Tomorrow, Monday, is the feast of St. Casimir, the patron saint of our parish. We invite you to Holy Mass at 11:00 with the participation of many priests. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church starting at 10:00 am.

ST. CASIMIR, PRINCE

St. Casimir, prince, is the second son of King Casimir IV Jagiellon and his wife Elzbieta. He lived in the years 1458-84 and was canonized in 1521. Casimir's parents were very pious people, which they expressed in numerous foundations of churches and monasteries, as well as in pilgrimages to holy places. From the age of nine, the Prince also had Jan Dlugosz as his tutor. From an early

age, Kazimierz stood out from his siblings for his not only abilities and diligence, but for his love of God's affairs and prayer, which is why he is often depicted in iconography, kneeling at night in front of the cathedral door. To his love of prayer, especially before the Blessed Sacrament, should be added a passionate devotion to the Mother of God. He died in Grodno from tuberculosis. His mortal remains were buried in the Vilnius Cathedral.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

We would like to remind you that on Sunday, March 10, we will change from winter to summer time and move the clocks forward by one hour - from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m.

MULTIPLE INTENSIONS MASS

Wednesday, March 6, we invite you to the service to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 6:30 pm followed by the Multiple Intentions Mass at 7:00 pm. Intentions can be booked at the parish office.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Friday, March 8, is International Women's Day. On this day, but not only then, let us remember our women: grandmothers, mothers, wives, daughters and granddaughters. Let us express our kindness to them with a kind word and a small gesture, and let us never stop praying for them.

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.

MARCH BREAK

St. Casimir's Polish School informs that there are no classes during the March Break (March 9-16) until March 16 inclusive. Next classes will start on March 23. At the same time, there will be no catechesis.

SHARE LIFE



This year's Archdiocese of Toronto ShareLife charity will begin on **Sunday, March 17**. The envelopes are in the annual sets of envelopes and at the back of the church.

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. 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 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).

THANKS AND GRATITUDE...

We would like to thank everyone who assisted last weekend during the youth group's soup sale. We would like to thank our sponsors: Benna's Bakery & Deli, Eddies Bakery & Deli as well as an anonymous donor. We would also like to thank all the parents who assisted with the cooking. The proceeds go to youth group activities, the mission trip to Madagascar, and the pilgrimage to France. Thank you everyone for your support.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Committee analyzed the financial report for 2023 prepared by Mark Garczynski, our parish's accountant. Copies of the reports are available to all parishioners in the parish office. We would like to thank all parishioners who feel responsible for maintaining our parish and regularly make donations. The parish has been maintained only from the donations of the faithful. After the pandemic, due to the smaller number of believers in our church, the annual income decreased significantly. According to statistics, there are currently about 400 fewer people in the church every Sunday compared to the period before the pandemic, and this means lower Sunday contributions. God bless you for your sacrifice! We commend all donors to God's Providence in prayer and in celebrating Holy Mass. for parishioners and benefactors every Sunday at 11:00 or another day. Thanks to the commitment and generosity of many parishioners, we managed to do a lot in our temple and its surroundings. Among other things, we repaired the roof, replaced the lighting in the parish hall and parish rooms with LED lighting, and renovated the youth room with a new bathroom. Once again, we would like to thank you, dear ones, for all your sacrifices, prayers and great care for our temple.

CHURCH HEATING

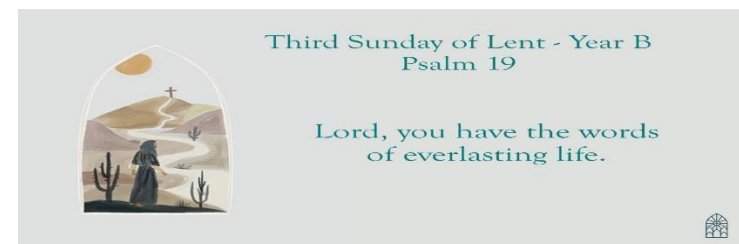
We would like to inform you that we paid the amount of \$2,542.70 for heating the church, parish halls and the Polish school for the period from January 12 to February 8. The temperature in the church is always set at 18 degrees Celsius. We would like to thank everyone who regularly makes donations to support our church.

MASS INTENTIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

For + Piotr Trzeciakowski – Milewski family

For + Henryk Trzeciakowski – Milewski family

For + Wacława & Leon Pankowski – daughter



MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

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 Lamentations
19:00 For God's blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Jacek Checko with family & Stanislaw Gruca with family – mother

MONDAY, March 4 – St. Casimir's Prince

- 11:00 1. For + Dominik Mergut – son with family
2. For parishioners
19:00 For the deceased lectors & extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion

TUESDAY, March 5

- 8:00 1. For + Waleria & Stefan Farmus – daughter Alicja
2. For + Waldemar Mlodzinski – Parish Committee
19:00 For + Maria & Kazimierz Idzikowski – daughter with husband

WEDNESDAY, March 6

- 8:00 For deceased from the Drmic family – Bronisława
18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
19:00 Multiple Intentions Mass

THURSDAY, March 7

- 8:00 For + Boleslaw, Elzbieta & Leszek Juchniewicz – sister with family
18:30 Nabożeństwo pierwszego czwartku miesiąca
19:00 For + Bogdan Chodynski on the 1st death anniversary – Wanda, Ania & Adam with families

FRIDAY, March 8

- 8:00 1For + Katarzyna Rogalska – Zofia Rogalska
18:30 Way of the Cross
19:00 For + Eugeniusz Kozacz & deceased from the Kozacz family – daughter with family

SATURDAY, March 9

- 8:00 For + parents Aniela & Władysław Murzydło, brothers Józef & Władysław, sister-in-law Helena & aunts Anna & Bronisława Murzydło – Maria & Tadeusz Murzydło
19:00 In thanksgiving asking for further graces for Helena & Józef Idzik with family – own

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 10

- 8:00 For the members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society
9:30 For + Mieczysław Gesior – wife with family
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For + Władysław & Stanisława Pasciak – son Jacek with family
18:00 Lenten Lamentations
19:00 For + Sabina Kosalka - parents