

ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Ryszard Kata

Fr. Ludwik Jozef Stryczek OMI

Eternal rest grant them, Lord

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

In many ways, Jesus brought the truth about the kingdom of God closer to his contemporaries. To do this, he used images taken from everyday life. The shepherd and sheep motif was and still is the natural color of Palestine. St. John placed a fragment of the Gospel about the Good Shepherd in the part called the Book of Signs. Thus, in reference to the divinity of the Lord, it presents Christ as the One who uses the formula: "I am" or more precisely: "I am the Good Shepherd". The prophet Ezekiel once announced that God himself is the only shepherd of Israel. Jesus takes over this title. He is the Good Shepherd. The man who listens to the Lord's words and follows His footsteps is a sheep that will never be lost. Let us allow God to guide us through life in his word.

RENOVATION FUND

Today the second collection will be collected for the Renovation Fund in our parish. We would like to inform you that, by the decision of the Financial Committee, we will begin the renovation of the church stairs. The renovation will take at least a month. The renovated stairs will be covered with beautiful tiles.

SHARE LIFE

Collections for SHARELIFE will take place next Sunday, April 28 and June 2. Archbishop of Toronto Francis Leo wrote: "Each of us, by making a contribution, accompanies Catholic agencies that faithfully serve those most in need and those living on the margins of society. Your love will change the world of someone in need." Your contribution to ShareLife supports over 40 agencies in our community and around the world, serving all regardless of religious affiliation. Our parish collected \$5,817 this year. Thank you for your generosity.

FEAST OF ST. ADALBERT

On Tuesday, we will celebrate the feast of St. Adalbert, bishop, martyr and patron saint of Poland. Let us find time in our daily busyness to meet Christ at the Holy Mass and to pray for our beloved homeland.

FR. LUDWIK STRYCZEK OMI PASSED AWAY

We received sad news about the death of the late Fr. Ludwik Jozef Stryczek OMI, who died on the night of April 14-15 in Garoua, Cameroon. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. Fr. Ludwik was born on August 3, 1958. He made his first vows in 1980 and his perpetual profession in 1984. On June 14, 1986, he was ordained a priest in Obra. After three years of priestly service in Poland, he received obedience to Cameroon. In 2021, he became provincial vicar of the Province of Cameroon. For a year, at the beginning of the pandemic, he served in our parish. Eternal rest grant him, O Lord...

MISSIONARY GROUP MEETING

There will be a meeting of the missionary group at our parish next Wednesday, April 24, after the evening Mass. Missions are not only evangelization in exotic mission countries, but also our everyday religious life, so every Christian is a missionary. We invite you to deepen your awareness of this aspect of the Church's life through common prayer, meetings and material support of missionaries.

ADORATION OF JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We cordially invite you to Meet Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every last Saturday of the month. 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. The next meeting will be on Saturday, April 27 at 8 pm. Come and invite others!

EXCHANGE OF THE ROSARY MYSTERIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

On Sunday, April 28, after the Holy Mass at 1:00 pm, we invite all children and youth to exchange the Mysteries of the Rosary.

ORDINATION OF DEACON SZYMON SORBIAN

On May 11, the priestly ordination of Deacon Szymon Sorbian will take place. The ordination will take place in the Cathedral of St. Michael in Toronto. Please pray for Szymon.

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, are available in the office.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publication will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2024 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publication at (905) 624-4422.

PARENTS' ROSARY FOR CHILDREN

We are looking for 13 parents for the Holy Rosary Rose of John Paul II, which was founded in 2010, but currently only seven mothers come regularly to exchange rosary mysteries on the first Sunday of each month. The Parents' Rosary is a faith community prayer based on the Living Rosary pattern. We pray by joining groups of 20 parents, called roses. A participant of the Parents' Rosary prays for his children and for the children of other members of a given rose, and in return, other parents from this rose pray for his children. Each parent prays one decade of the Rosary every day with the mystery assigned to him for a given month. In this way, the entire rosary is recited every day for the children of that parent. We pray in any convenient place and time. It is best to choose a specific time during the day and incorporate this prayer into the rhythm of the day - after all, it is only 3-5 minutes of time. The exchange of rosary mysteries takes place every first Sunday of the month before the Holy Mass at 11:00. Parents who would like to join the Rose of the Rosary of John Paul II are asked to complete the form located at the back of the church and drop it in the mailbox at the parish office. Once we have collected 20 parents, the group leader, Bozena Zambrowicz, will contact the new members of the St. Rosary Rose of John Paul II.

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 + Anna Bembenek x2
For + Jozef Bembenek x2
For + Weronika Bembenek x2
For + Wladyslaw Bembenek x2
For + Maria Siwiec x2
For + Zdzislaw Siwiec x2
For + Tadeusza Pasciak x2
For + Wladyslawa Pasciak x2
Za sp. Wladyslawa Paściak x2
For + Wladyslaw Kawalec x2
For + Joanna Kawalec x2
For + Lucjan Grela x2
For + Stefania & Franciszek Stepień – grandchildren
For + Stefania & Franciszek Stepień – son with family
For + Wiktoria & Franciszek Polcwiartek – daughter with family
For + Wacław Biela, Genowefa & Franciszek Biel – daughter-in-law Teresa with family
For health, God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for daughter Monika x10

We would like to inform you that all missionary intentions have been sent to the fathers who are already celebrating them. We encourage you to use this opportunity, because our intentions are fulfilled quickly.

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 21

8:00 For the members of the Devine Mercy Society
9:30 For + Maria Mieczkowski on the 1st anniversary of death – husband, children & grandchildren
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 1. For + husband Jan Braczek & grandson Luke – wife with children
2. For + Walenty (40th anniversary) & Anna Koltas – daughter Stefania
19:00 For + Anna & Stanislaw Czapla & Krzysztof Czapla – son & brother with family

MONDAY, April 22

8:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Halina & Jozef Stepień with family - own
19:00 For + Amelia, Eugeniusz & Andrzej Sapkowski & deceased from Sapkowski family – Bozena Borowska

TUESDAY, April 23 – St. Adalbert, bishop and martyr

8:00 For + parents Wiktoria & Jan, siblings Stanislaw & Lucja, Jozef & Maria, Kazimierz & Eleonora & Adam, Anna & Andrzej, Eugeniusz, Zbigniew, Kazimierz B. – Armatys family
19:00 For deceased from the Chnatiuk, Wojciechowski & Ortyl families – K. Skibinski

WEDNESDAY, April 24

8:00 For God's blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for son Grzegorz - parents
19:00 For + sisters-in-law Ludwina & Maria Warmuz – Maria Boksa with family

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 – St. Mark, Evangelist

8:00 For + parents Maria & Michał, Agnieszka & Andrzej, husband Piotr & deceased from the Stupak & Mazurkiewicz families - Helena
19:00 For + Robert Chmiel – wife

FRIDAY, April 26

8:00 For + Urszula Roman & deceased from the Roman family
19:00 For + Albin, Jozef & Edward Grzesiowski – son with family

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 For + health & God's blessing for Malgorzata Piatkowska & her family – family
16:00 Wedding Mass – Conor Etienne Blayney & Brook Baker
19:00 For + Teresa Zaborowski – son Walter

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 28

8:00 For + Anna & Ludwik Magda - son
9:30 For + Maria & Karol Iglar, Antonina & Bronislaw Hyc, Danuta & Wladyslaw Majka - children
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For + Krystyna & Andrzej Szuba – daughter Monika
19:00 For benefactors dead & alive