

ST. CASIMIR’S PARISH

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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

THE PASTOR’S REFLECTION

For the ancient Jews, signs from heaven were the heralds of a new era. For Isaiah, a new era would soon come, when the wastelands of Edom would be covered with greenery, and the devastated Jerusalem would be rebuilt. Then “the ears of the deaf would be unstopped ... and the tongues of the dumb would shout for joy.”

In accordance with the prophets’ announcement, the advent of the messianic era was associated simultaneously with the coming of the Messiah. The Chosen People were to recognize God’s Anointed One by the miraculous signs that he would perform among the people. The deeds of Christ testify that the Messiah is already present among people. The sign of Jesus’ healing of the deaf-mute is a visual fulfillment of the sign from the Book of Isaiah. Looking at the example of Jesus, let us open our hearts to the word of God today.

PRAYERS FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE TERROR ATACTS

On Wednesday, September 11, on the anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York, we want to remember to pray for the victims of terror and totalitarian regimes, and for peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land, mutual understanding and respect for the nations of the world.

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

This Friday, September 13, we invite you to the Fatima service at 6 pm. We bring battery-powered lanterns with us, candles are not allowed in the church. Fatima services are Marian services held on the 13th day of the month. This day is not accidental, because Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children, Saint. Jacinta, Saint Francis and Lucia, for 6 months from May 13, 1917 to October 13, 1917, Our Lady revealed three secrets to the children (commonly called the Secrets of Fatima). She also addressed the children with a request and message: “Pray the rosary every day.” “I want you to continue to pray the rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, to ask for peace in the world and for an end to the war, because only She can obtain these graces.”

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

On Saturday, September 14, we will celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, commemorating the discovery of the relics of the cross on which our Lord Jesus Christ accomplished the salvation of the world. In times when the symbols of our faith are insulted, let us have the courage to admit that we are Christians, even by piously making the sign of the cross.

RONCESVALLES POLISH FESTIVAL

The Polish Roncesvalles Festival will take place this coming weekend. It is the most famous and largest Polish Festival in Canada. Our parish is once again organizing a stand with delicious Polish food. That is why we are asking all parishioners for help in preparing our stand and for its service. We are counting on your help. Mrs. Stefania Baran from the Finance Committee is responsible for all preparations. Please get involved, help us. You can also report your help to the office.

VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR STUDENTS

Young people who volunteer at our stand can receive volunteer hours needed for school.

MASS INTENSIONS FOR 2025

Mass intentions for 2025 may be requested starting **Tuesday, September 17 in the parish hall.** We remind all parishioners that each family may request up to four Mass intentions per year, of which only one can be on a Sunday. After September 17, **intensions can be requested in person only at the parish office.**

FIRST HOLY MASS

On Sunday, September 22 at 11:00 a.m. Fr. Jonasz Lalik OMI, a newly ordained priest, will celebrate his first Holy Mass at 11:00 a.m. and give the faithful an individual first blessing.

HOLY MASS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR OF CATECHESIS & POLISH SCHOOL

The Mass for the official opening of Catechesis and Polish School will take place on Sunday, September 29 at 1:00 p.m. Children have been asked to bring their knapsacks which will be blessed during the Mass. We invite all students, parents, teachers and catechists.

REGISTRATION TO THE POLISH SCHOOL

Registration of children for the Polish School at the St. Casimir’s Parish has begun. To secure a place, you should sign up for Polish language classes as soon as possible, which will start in mid-September 2024. Please click on the above link and fill out the registration form carefully <https://forms.gle/YhYiTcrzKAKrG626>

CATECHESIS

Catechesis in our parish will start on September 21 and will take place on Saturdays from 12:15 pm to 1:45 pm after Polish

School classes in the rooms of the Polish School of St. Casimir. Catechesis will cover children from kindergarten to grade 7, including sacramental classes - First Holy Communion (Polish and English groups) and Confirmation. Registration forms are available at the back of the church, in the parish office or on our website www.kazimierz.org (tab: About the parish). Parents who register their children for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation are asked to attach a copy of a child baptism certificate.

POLISH CANADIAN MILENIUM FUND

Applications for student grants: applicants must be students of Polish descent who have completed their first year of studies and are currently enrolled in a program of study at a Canadian post-secondary educational institution. The deadline for submission is September 15. More information on www.millenniumfund.ca

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will take place on seven consecutive Mondays, from October 7 to November 18, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Meetings are in-person and attendance is mandatory at all sessions. To register, go to www.kolbe.ca and click on Liturgy and Sacraments and then Marriage. Next course will be offered in February 2025.

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Guadalupe under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Janusz will take place from December 9 to 15, 2024. For further information, please call the POLIMEX travel agency.

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 health God’s blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Halina & Jozef Stepien with family x5 – Stefania Kolpak
For + Maria & Henryk Kolody – son with family
For + Michal & Włodzimierz Gadzala – sister
For + Jan & Maria Maryniuk & deceased from the Maryniuk family

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.

ANNOUCEMENT

The Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga is looking for a full-time cook. Interested parties are asked to call 647 746 1217 or email director@qoa.ca

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 8

8:00 For the members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society

9:30 For + Wladyslaw

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 In thanksgiving asking for health & God’s blessing for Malgosia & Iwonka with families - parents

19:00 For + Stefan Sitko & Zofia & Stanislaw Sitko – wife & daughter-in-law Teresa with family

MONDAY, September 9

8:00 For health & God’s blessing for children – mother Maria Szuper

19:00 For + Dominik Miazga (4th anniversary) – daughter with family

TUESDAY, September 10

8:00 For + Jadwiga

19:00 For + Apolonia Sepczynska - Grazyna

WEDNESDAY, September 11

8:00 For + Zbigniew Korwin-Kuczynski – sons Chris & Mark

19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing for Anna & Karol Jurewicz on their wedding anniversary - mother

THURSDAY, September 12

8:00 For God’s blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Krzysztof - parents

19:00 For + Henryk Kaminski (31st anniversary) wife & daughters

FRIDAY, September 13 – St. John the Chrysostom, bishop & Dr. of the Church

8:00 For + Franciszek & Daniela Konopka – family

18:00 Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

19:00 For + Mieczyslaw Krolewicz (6th anniversary) – wife & daughters

SATURDAY, September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 In thanksgiving asking for the God’s blessing for Tomasz Panek - family

19:00 For + Maria & Stanislaw Sliwa – daughter with family

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 15

8:00 For members of the Divine Mercy Society

9:30 For + Antoni Hauzar (3rd anniversary) – wife with family

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + Michal Warjas, parents & siblings – wife & sister Aniela

19:00 For + Halina & Krzysztof Irla – sister & aunt Janina Wicik with family