

ST. CASIMIR’S PARISH

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December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

ADVENT

This Sunday we begin Advent, a time of joyful expectation and preparation for the coming of Christ. In the first part (until December 16), we will reflect on the mystery of the Lord’s second coming at the end of time. The second part (from December 17 to 24) will be a direct preparation for celebrating the commemoration of Christ’s first coming to earth - the feast of the Nativity of the Lord. Let us use this time well to listen to the Word of God and enter into the mystery of the closeness of God who comes as Emmanuel - God with us.

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

Advent begins a new liturgical and pastoral year. The slogan of the pastoral program for the Church in Poland for this year will coincide with the slogan of the Jubilee Year 2025 and will be “Pilgrims of Hope”. It is worth mentioning that the official inauguration of the Jubilee Year 2025 will take place in Rome on December 24 of this year, when Pope Francis will solemnly open the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Today, children will receive the tablets with God’s Commandments at the beginning of the program preparing them for the reception of the First Holy Communion at 9:30 am Mass in English and 1 pm Mass in Polish.

DEVOTIONS

This week is the first Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the month:

- on Wednesday, devotion to Our Lady of the Perpetual Help at 6:30 pm followed by the Multiple Intentions Mass at 7:00 pm
- on Thursday, devotion for new vocations and for priests at 6:30 [m
- on Friday, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church from 3:00 pm, opportunity for confession from 6:00 pm and

First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of the Lord Jesus at 6:30 pm  
- on Saturday, Devotion of the First Saturday at 6:00 PM

DONATION FOR PARCELS FOR CHILDREN FROM ORPHANAGES

As every year, our parish joins the “Noble Parcel” campaign and sponsors, parcels for children in the orphanages in Poland run by nuns. This year, children from areas affected by the flood disaster will receive the parcels. Donations for the parcels can only be made today to the collection box located at the back of the church. According to statistical data from December 31, 2021, there are 72,288 children in Poland under foster care, and there are 1,260 orphanages, i.e. care and educational facilities.

RORATE MASSES

During Advent, we invite you to the Rorate Masses on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8 am. For children, the Rorate Masses will be held on Tuesdays at 7 pm. The Rorate Masses emphasize the uniqueness of Advent. The name “rorate” comes from the entrance hymn, which begins with the words “Rorate caeli” – “Cast down the dew of heaven”. The Rorate Mass is a votive mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary during Advent. This Mass is one of the signs of Mary's special presence during Advent, because it was Mary who awaited the Messiah in a special way.

ADVENT RETREAT

The Advent retreat in our parish will take place from December 8 to 10. A missionary from Ukraine, Fr. Krzysztof Buzikowski OMI, will preach the retreat in Polish The Christmas confession will take place on Sunday, December 22 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the parish halls, and in the church at that time, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

SHARE LIFE

ShareLife gifts received in November and December of this year will be doubled through the generosity of an anonymous donor to \$500,000. This year our parish raised \$16,372 for ShareLife.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2025 may be picked up in the parish hall; they are arranged in alphabetical order. The parishioners, who until now have numbers above number **469**, receive the new number. Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. The tax receipts will be sent in February.

CHRISTMAS BAZAR AT COPERNICUS LODGE

Christmas Bazar at Copernicus Lodge will take place in the Main Lobby on Saturday, December 7 at 9:00am-2:00pm. This will feature hand made Christmas decorations made by the Copernicus Lodge seniors, jewellery, books, china, crystal and of course coffee & paczki.

CHRISTMAS DINNER “OPLATEK”

The Parish Council invites you to the “Oplatek” Christmas dinner on Sunday, January 5 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the parish office. Children under 12 receive a free ticket. A hot lunch prepared by our ladies will be served. It will also be a time to sing carols together. Mrs. Stefania Baran is responsible for the event.

CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH RADIO MARYJA

“Radio Maryja” invites you to a Christmas banquet on Sunday, January 12, 2025: 11 am solemn Mass with the participation of guests from Poland at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Mississauga, 1:30 pm banquet and concert performed by Kinga Mitrowska at the Polish Cultural Center. Tickets at \$75 are available at “Health from Nature” Store 47 Roncesvalles, tel. 416 532 9805; Polish Cultural Center tel. 905 306 9900 ext 22; Joanna Szydłowska, tel. 905 819 1040. For information, contact the president of Family of Radio Maria Canada, Joanna Strzezek, tel. 905 845 3553.

CHRISTMAS WAFER & OBLATE CALENDAR FOR 2025

Christmas wafers, Christmas cards and calendars for next year are available in the parish hall.

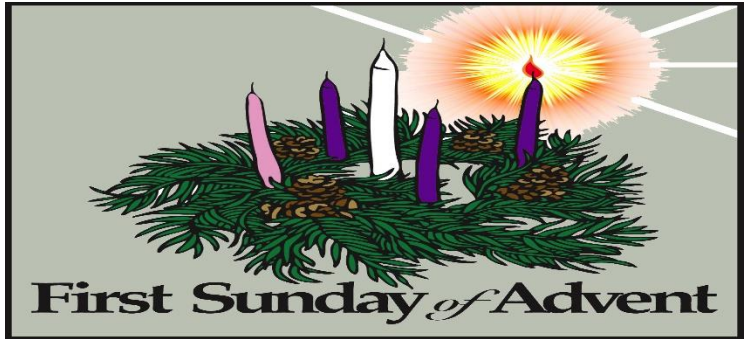
MASS INTENSIONS

**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 + Franciszek Biel – Impuls Band  
For care of Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Rafael for our faith community of St. Casimir’s Parish, our families, friends & Danuta



MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 1

8:00 For members of the Holy Rosary Society

9:30 For + Edna Kedzior & deceased from the Sajdak & Kobak families – daughters with families

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For deceased friends – Zelski family

19:00 For the world’s peace & return to work – own

MONDAY, December 2

8:00 For + Leszek Kicinski – brother with family

19:00 For lectors & extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion

TUESDAY, December 3

8:00 For + Jolanta Sadkowska – aunt Bronislawa

19:00 For health, God’s blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Joanna – mother

WEDNESDAY, December 4

8:00 For + Teresa Wojtowicz (anniversary) & Boguslaw Wojtowicz – daughter & mother with family

18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

19:00 Multiple Intentions Mass

THURSDAY, December 5

8:00 For + Sofia Robertson (3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary) – son & daughter with family

18:30 Devotion of the first Thursday of the month

19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing & needed graces for Damian for the intercession of St. Rita – own

FRIDAY, December 6 – St. Nicolas, bishop

8:00 For + Wanda, Wladyslaw & Ray Kuszelewski – sister & brothers with families

18:30 Devotion of the first Friday of the month

19:00 For + Jan & Anna Ozga, Jan & Wladyslaw Ozga, Aniela & Jozef Zaworski & deceased from the Suszylo family – Kic family

SATURDAY, December 7

8:00 For + Marianna & Stanislaw Kowalczyk – daughter with family

18:00 Devotion of the first Saturday of the month

19:00 For + son Michal Kic (10<sup>th</sup> anniversary), parents Wladyslawa & Feliks, brothers Henryk & Antoni Hauzar – family

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8

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

9:30 In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing & health in the Hyc family - own

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + Czeslaw (anniversary) & Helena Kosicki – Fr. Kazimierz

19:00 In thanksgiving asking for health & God’s blessing for Diane & Hubert & their children Natalia & Dominica – mother & grandmother