

ST. CASIMIR’S PARISH

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November 3, 2024
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Franciszek Misiuna
Stanisław Piechocki
Halina Golebiowska
Janina Nowak
Eternal rest grant them, Lord

THE PASTORS REFLECTION

In Jesus’ time, there were two rabbinical schools. The first said that one should know and observe hundreds of precepts of the Law, because they are the foundation of every Jew’s identity. The second school claimed that the precepts should be contained in general but essential norms. The dispute between the two tendencies of understanding the Law is visible in the question of the pious Jew. The question is: “Which is the first of all the commandments?” The scholar asks about the essence. Jesus gives his listeners the answer in the form of a basic compendium. He refers to the Book of Deuteronomy: “The first is: Hear, O Israel.” The word *hear*, or *semma*, was said by Jews at the beginning of every service in the synagogue. It was a Jewish creed, connected with the principle of love of God and neighbor. May the word of God sensitize us to the essence of our faith.

PLENARY INDULGENCE

From November 1 to 8, each time we visit a cemetery and say a prayer for the deceased, we can obtain a plenary indulgence for them, which is a remission of punishment for sins forgiven as to guilt. In addition, one must be in a state of sanctifying grace, receive sacramental Holy Communion, have no attachment to sin and pray for the papal intentions. Let us not neglect this pious practice - thanks to it, we can help all those who have preceded us on the way to the Father's House.


DEVOTIONS

This week is the first Wednesday and Thursday of the month. On Wednesday, we invite to the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 6:30 pm followed by the Multiple Intentions Mass at 7 pm.

PRAYERS FOR OUR DECEASED

The month of November is dedicated to praying for our deceased. At the back of the church, special remembrance envelopes have been placed, on which we can write the names of our deceased, whom we wish to recommend to God’s mercy in common prayer. We throw the filled envelopes into the collection box at the altar of Our Lady. For those mentioned in the remembrances, a Holy Mass is celebrated every day in November in our provincial house.

SHEPHERDS’ TRUST

 The Shepherds’ Trust supports the needs of the retired diocesan clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served our family of faith, bringing us the sacraments and enriching our parishes, homes, schools, hospitals and countless other gatherings through their ministry. The Trust was started by lay people who recognized the needs of our retired priests and helped to establish the Trust as a reflection of the gratitude and appreciation of the faithful parishioners in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Through your support of The Shepherds’ Trust, our retired priests are given the dignity of adequate monthly allowance, health care and other assistance in their golden years – often well beyond the recognized retirement age of 75. Parishioners of the Archdiocese have always responded with great generosity to the annual Shepherds’ Trust fundraising campaign. As a result, the Trust is in a good long-term financial position. It continues to provide a modest income and health benefit to our retired clergy. **The weekend of November 16/17, 2024 is the annual special collection for The Shepherds’ Trust.** Over the years, the laity have generously offered their time, talent and treasure to support our retired priests. We thank you for everything you have done for our retired priests over the years.

THANKS & GRATITUDE...

Once again, we thank all those who volunteered at the Roncesvalles Polish Festival at our parish. Thanks to your work and commitment, we are happy to announce that the Finance Committee has decided to donate \$5,000 to the youth activities in our parish and also donate \$5,000 to the Polish School of St. Casimir to create an endowment fund to secure the future of our school and to modernize and replace the lighting in the premises of the Polish School, from old-style lamps to energy-saving LED panels.

We would like to thank our parishioners for their constant and comprehensive help. Many of our parishioners help us every day with various repairs, maintaining order around the church, painting and renovation. In a special way, we would like to thank Roszak Stanislaw, Stepien Jozef, Milewski Edward, Cop Stanislaw, Turczynski Marian, Socha Wieslaw, Musial Zbigniew and many, many other parishioners. God bless you. We invite others to help!

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

We will soon **begin preparing donation envelopes for 2025.** Registered parishioners who do not currently use weekly donation envelopes but would like to, may contact the parish office. Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt at the beginning of February.

CHRISTMAS MAIL

We ask parishioners who have recently changed their place of residence to complete their address in the parish office. We will be preparing Christmas mail for shipment soon and it is important that we have the correct addresses of parishioners.

RETREAT FOR THE CRUSADE
FOR THE LIBERATION OF MEN

The Community of the Crusade for the Liberation of Man in Canada invites you to the retreat "Exit to Freedom" - based on the gospel of the resurrection of Lazarus, which will take place at the retreat center in Melrose (London Ontario) from November 15 to 17, 2024. The retreat will be led by Fr. Pawel Pilarczyk OMI. The cost of the retreat is \$240 per person (deposit \$120), the retreat begins on Friday evening at 7 p.m. and ends on Sunday at 3 p.m. For more information, please contact - 416 420-7997 or e-mail: cwojci3560@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

For souls in purgatory
In thanksgiving asking for health & God’s blessing for Regina
For + Tadeusz Slowik – wife
For health & God’s care for Andrzej – mother
For + Frank Misiuna x2 – Stefania Baran
For + Frank Misiuna x2 – Barbara & Wojciech Koltas

GREGORIAN MASS

01.03 – 30.03 For + Andrzej Koziara

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 3
8:00 For the members of the Holy Rosary Society
9:30 For deceased from the Kalicki, Szymaszczyk, Tomasik, Willamowicz & Taszycki families - family
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For + Mirosław Kulesza – sister Katarzyna with family
19:00 In thanksgiving asking for health, God’s blessing & needed graces for Tomek on his birthday & his parents - own

MONDAY, November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
8:00 For + Ryszard Leszczynski – brother-in-law with family
19:00 For deceased lectors & extraordinary ministers of the Holy Communion of St. Casimir’s Parish

TUESDAY, November 5
8:00 For + Władysław
19:00 For + Henryk Perkowski – daughter with family

WEDNESDAY, November 6
8:00 For + Jan Jasinski (11th anniversary) – wife with family
18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
19:00 Multiple Intentions Mass

THURSDAY, November 7
8:00 For + Ursula Bak, her parents & brother Henry Sliwinski - Jozef
18:30 The first Thursday of the month
19:00 For + Halina Lapinska – daughter with family

FRIDAY, November 8
8:00 For + Agnieszka
19:00 For + Genowefa & Julian Cwalina, sisters Franciszka, Danuta, Halina, brothers-in-law Jozef, Wiktor & Henryk – Julia with family

SATURDAY, November 9 – The Dedication of Loteran Basilica
8:00 For + Czesław Dziuba – Stanisława Dziuba
19:00 For + Maria Krawczuk (3rd anniversary) – daughter with family

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 10
8:00 For the members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society
9:30 For + Michał Ofiara - family
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For deceased from the Nowak & Zelski families – Maria & Marek
19:00 For deceased from Sepczynski family, Wojciech Rozanski, Barbara Zawadzka, Rev. Eugeniusz Piskorek & Vince Iustini - Grazyna