

ST. CASIMIR’S PARISH

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December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

BAPTISM

Maximilian Damian Dolowicz

GAUDATE SUNDAY

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday – “Rejoice!”, from the words of Saint Paul to the Philippians (Phil 4:4-5): “Rejoice in the Lord always, and once again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” That is why today’s liturgy is wearing pink vestments instead of purple.

PREPARATIONS

This week, from Tuesday, December 17, we will begin the period of direct preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. Let us consider how we experience this holy time. Perhaps this is the right time to correct our behavior, to reconcile with the Lord God and with our neighbors through sincere confession. The Church comes to our aid as a minister of God's mercy and through the beauty and richness of the Advent liturgy. Let us use this time to particularly deepen our bonds with our household members, with our parish Church, where we learn friendship with the Lord God, to continue to grow in it, mature in it, and share it with others.

CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS

As we prepare for Christmas, let us remember our Christian and national traditions. Let there be no shortage of the Christmas Eve wafer blessed in church and the burning Caritas candle in our homes. Let us have sensitive and open hearts. Many would like to erase the Lord Jesus from them, and limit the holidays to entertainment and the table.

HOLY MASSES THIS WEEK

This week, Holy Masses will be celebrated only in the morning, because the priests will go to other Polish parishes in the evening to help with the sacrament of confession.

RORATE MASSES

During Advent, we invite you to the Rorate Masses on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8:00 a.m., Rorate Masses emphasize the uniqueness of Advent. The Rorate Mass is a votive mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary during Advent.

THE MULTIPLE INTENSIONS MASS

The next collective Mass will be on January 15, because the first Wednesday of the month falls on January 1.

POPE FRANCIS BIRTHDAY

Next Tuesday marks the 88th birthday of Pope Francis – in our personal prayers let us commend his person and ministry to Divine Providence, so that he may safely guide the Church through the turbulent times of our times.

DECORATING AND CLEANING OUR CHURCH

We invite you to help decorate the church for Christmas, on Wednesday, December 18 after the morning Mass. We will set up the Christmas trees and the nativity scene in the church. We need men in particular to set up and decorate the large Christmas trees. On Thursday, after the morning Mass, December 19, we invite women and men to clean the church for the holidays.

CONFESSION

We invite you to Advent confession before Christmas, with the participation of invited priests, Sunday, December 22, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

THANKS & GRATITUDE...

We would like to thank Mr. Edward Milewski for renovating the AA group meeting room. After many years of use, the room looks beautiful again. We would like to thank Mr. Marian Turczynski sincerely for his work on installing new electrical wiring in the Polish School rooms and installing new lighting. Mr. Stanislaw Cop is bravely assisting him.

REPACEMENT OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION IN THE POLISH SCHOOL

In the premises of the Polish School we have to replace the entire electrical installation, the current cables are very old and covered with material, which is unacceptable in a public utility building. We also thank Jozef Stepien and Stanislaw Roszak, Jerry Rygiel, Zbigniew Musial for their comprehensive daily help for the parish.

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 DINNER “OPLATEK”

The Parish Council invites you to the “Oplatek” Christmas dinner on Sunday, January 5 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are sold out. You can sign up for the waiting list by calling the parish office at (416) 532-2822.

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 Strzerek, tel. 905 845 3553.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORE

Pilgrimage to Medjugore with the Warriors of Mary and the Catholic Pilgrimage Agency "FLIGHT WITH MARY" under the spiritual care of Fr. Paweł Pilarczyk, OMI, from April 21 to 30, 2025 Marzena (647) 284-1631 Małgorzata (416) 859-8469

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 + Marian Pietruszewski, Zdzislaw Baczynski, Janina & Marian Kielbiowski – Ela with family
For + uncle Tadeusz Buldys – family
In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin for Irena Glica – Jasia & Wiktoria
For + Maria Stoklosa (4th anniversary) – children with families
In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Irena Glica on her birthday – Zenia & Kazimierz Szydłowski
For + Franciszek Bomersbach – family
For God’s blessing & needed graces for children, grandchildren & own – Stanisława Bomersbach

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 15
8:00 For members of Divinr Mercy Society
9:30 For + Eugeniusz Ofiara - family
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For + Stanisława & Bolesaw Grzyb – daughter with family
19:00 For + Mirosława Gasior – family

MONDAY, December 16
8:00 1. For the intercession of the St. John Paul II for health & God’s blessing for Piotr Semczyszyn – own
2. For health, God’s blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Janina Checko - own
19:00 There is no Mass

TUESDAY, December 17 – St. Anthony, abbot
8:00 1. For + Halina Sokol – grandchildren
2. For + Mirosława Gasior – Eva Gasior
19:00 There is no Mass

WEDNESDAY, December 18
8:00 1. For + Eugeniusz, Melania & Andrzej Sapkowski – Bronia Sapkowska
2. For + Wojciech Kalisiak – brother with family
19:00 There is no Mass

THURSDAY, December 19
8:00 1. For + Bronislaw Paluch (5th anniversary) – family
2. For + Marian Dabrowski – wife
19:00 There is no Mass

FRIDAY, December 20
8:00 1. For + Henryk Wesolowski – sister with family
2. For + Anthony & Katherine Presz – John Anthony Presz
19:00 There is no Mass

SATURDAY, December 21
8:00 For + Anna & Walenty Koltas – daughter with family
19:00 For + Czeslaw & Leokadia Rosiecki – daughter with family

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 22
8:00 For + parents Jozef & Elzbieta Wieczorek and Janina & Henryk Bukowski – son with family
9:30 For + Bruno Majewski – wife & children
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For + Irena Grodecka – daughter with family
19:00 For + Bronisława Majewska & Franciszek Pekalski – Montrose Mizaga