

ST. CASIMIR’S PARISH

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February 9, 2025

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PASTOR’S REFLECTION

The theme of today’s Liturgy of the Word is the encounter that changes human life. Isaiah, Paul, Peter and other disciples encounter God and bear witness to the transforming power of this encounter. Isaiah and Peter speak of their fear, and Paul of his unworthiness. The encounter with the Holy God revealed to them the depth of their own sinfulness. But God does not reveal himself to condemn, but to purify and call to mission. “Launch out into the deep” – these words of the Gospel invite Peter to try again despite his fatigue; it is an invitation to trust Jesus. Peter replied: “Lord, at your word I will let down the nets.” This faith became the foundation of his apostolic mission: “From now on you will catch men.” What does this mean? The Church proclaims the Good News at the express command of Christ. Like Peter’s profession, proclaiming the Gospel requires many hours of hard work, and the results are often very poor. But unlike catching fish, this proclamation frees people from the destructive power of sin and gives them new life.

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

This coming Thursday, February 13, we invite you to the Fatima devotion at 6:00 pm. Bring battery-powered lanterns. Fatima devotions are Marian devotions held on the 13th day of the month. This day is not accidental, because the Mother of God appeared to three shepherd children, St. Jacinta, St. Francis and Lucia, for 6 months from May 13, 1917 to October 13, 1917. The Mother of God addressed the children with a 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 obtain peace in the world and to end the war, because only She can obtain these graces."

THE FEAST OF ST. CASIMIR

The indulgence celebrations of St. Casimir will take place on Tuesday, March 4, with Holy Mass at 11:00 am, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 10:00 am.

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

The Parish Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, March 2 after the 1 pm Mass in the youth room. We are becoming an

older parish and we lack people to get involved in the Parish Committee, collect the Sunday collection plate, help with preparations for the holidays in the church and Corpus Christi, etc. Interested persons are asked to contact Mr. Zbigniew Musial.

THANK AND GRATITUDE...

We would like to thank Mrs. Mary Chmiel for the donation of \$2,000 for our youth. On behalf of the youth, we thank you for your great and generous heart. God bless you.

INCOME TAX RECEIPT 2024

The income tax receipts for the donations made last year have already been sent to our parishioners. Parishioners who donated by credit card will receive a separate tax receipt. God bless you for your generosity.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This year the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 6 at 9:30 am.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, May 18 at the Holy Masse at 9:30 in English and 1 pm in Polish.

THE VALENTINE’S DAY CONCERT

Valentine's Day Concert - Sunday, February 16 at 11:20 a.m. in the parish hall of St. Stanislaus Kostka in Toronto. Free donations will be collected at the entrance for the needs of the parish. The Polish Climates Group cordially invites you.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RETREAT

Youth Teams of our Lady (YTOL) is inviting all high school students (grade 9-12) to the March Break Retreat from Sunday March 9 to Friday March 14th. The retreat will be taking place at the Blue Springs Scout Reserve in Acton. For more information regarding the topic, registration process and price of the retreat please contact Anna Jach (519)-571-9241 or 519-588-9241

OUR YOUTH INVITE TO THE ITALIAN DANCE PARTY

The youth of St. Casimir’s Parish invites you to the **Italian Dinner Dance Party**, Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 7pm to 2am at St. Casimir’s Parish Hall, 156 Roncesvalles Ave. Raffle, Non Stop live band, cash bar. Tickets \$75. Proceeds go to the youth pilgrimage to Rome in July 2025; for tickets please call the parish office (416) 532-2822

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

From September 28 to October 9, a pilgrimage to Italy will take place on the announcement of the Holy Year 2025. During the 12-day pilgrimage, we will visit Rome, the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel, the church of Quo Vadis, the Catacombs, Monte Cassino, the place of residence of St. Father Pio San Giovanni

Rotondo; the grotto of St. Michael the Archangel in Monte Santo’Angelo, Lanciano, Manoppollo, the House of the Holy Family in Loreto, Venice, Padua, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Florence, Assisi - the place of St. Francis, and St. Rota in Cascia. More information is provided by Polimex.

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

16th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference will take place on Saturday, March 22, 2025 9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill Tikets \$65 (includes light lunch) until Feb. 14. Speakers: Annie Karto: *Divine Mercy Flood My Soul* Lisa Canning: *Surrendering in Suffering: Discovering JOY* Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI: *Being a Priest - Being a Midwife* Dr. Stephanie Kafie: *Totus Tuus - 5 Ways to Live out “Totally Yours”* Dorothy Pilarski: *Your Life is Going to Change* Closing Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Kasun CSB TO REGISTER GO TO dwf2025.eventbrite.ca

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2025 may be picked up at the back of the church; they are arranged in alphabetical order. 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.

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

MASS INTENSIONS

We inform you about possibility of ordering Mass intentions at the Oblate Missions in the parish office. All mission intentions that were given in the parish office have already been fulfilled. We encourage you to give intentions that help missionaries in their work of evangelization.

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 deceased from the Zukowski family
For + Boleslaw Asciukiewicz
In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing and care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Marzena Campbell & her family – Peczar family

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 9

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

9:30 For + Pola & Feliks Sledziewski – children with families

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + Ryszard Szwedu on the 1st anniversary of death – brother Jan with family

19:00 For + Piotr Laczek (17th anniversary) – wife & daughter with family

MONDAY, February 10 – St. Scholastica, virgin

8:00 For health & God’s blessing for children - mother

19:00 For + Sabina Sikora & Leszek Jakubiak - sister

TUESDAY, February 11

8:00 For + Zofia Knaf – daughter with family

19:00 For + Wanda & Tadeusz Michniewicz – daughter Teresa with family

WEDNESDAY, February 12

8:00 In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Joseph for Wojciech on his birthday - mother

19:00 For + Katherine Presz – son John Anthony

THURSDAY, February 13

8:00 In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing for Henryka & Jan Zawada on their wedding anniversary - own

18:00 Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Pliszka family - own

FRIDAY, February 14 – Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, bishop

8:00 For + Mirosław Czipielewski – wife Maria & daughter Greta

19:00 For + Stefania & Jan Fijał – daughter Janina Wicik with family

SATURDAY, February 15

8:00 For healt & God’s blessing for Elzbieta Tryczynska & her family

19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing & further graces for Beata on her 60th birthday - family

Sixt Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 16

8:00 For the members of the Divine Mercy Society

9:30 For + Krystyna Fabicka-Zambrowicz – son with family

11:00 For + Stefania Piersiak – daughter with family

13:00 For + Danuta Zofia Roszak (3. anniversary) – husband & sons with family

19:00 For + Aniela & Franciszek Kucharski - daughter