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March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celina Labieniec

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Alicja Wrona

Christina Margaritha Worley

Eternal rest grant her, Lord

PASTOR’S REFLECTION

In the mountains, you can experience extraordinary adventures. We will hear about such an adventure, which the Apostles Peter, James and John experienced on the mountain, in today's Gospel. The Lord Jesus, in order to strengthen them in faith, was transfigured before them, revealing his divinity. In addition, the legislator Moses and the prophet Elijah appeared to them as credible witnesses. The most important peak, which we conquer at least once a week, is Sunday Mass. Today we also experience the transfiguration of the Lord Jesus, when the white bread placed on the altar becomes his Body. By accepting him into our hearts and listening to the word of God, we too are transformed.

RENOVATION FUND

Next Sunday, March 23, there will be a second collection for the Renovation Fund to renovate the church pews. Thank you all for your donations.

LENTEN RETREAT

Today is the second Sunday of Lent. The Church wants to help us in various ways to experience this holy time with the greatest possible benefit. It does this especially by preaching the Word of God and administering the sacrament of reconciliation and penance. It also does this by organizing Lenten retreats during this time, which will begin in our parish next weekend. The retreat will be led by a missionary from Poland, Fr. Marcin Szwarc OMI, who has already preached retreats in Canada in 2012. The retreat will last from Sunday to Wednesday inclusive, March 23-26.

AD GENTES SUNDAY

In the universal Church, we celebrate Ad Gentes Sunday – the Day of Prayer, Fasting and Solidarity with Missionaries. Our prayers include those who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth. They often suffer persecution, following the example of Christ, and pay the highest price with their own lives for their service.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Passion devotions are to help us experience the holy time of Lent more deeply and fruitfully. For example, the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in our church on Fridays at 6:30 pm, and for children and altar servants on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. For participating in these devotions, one can gain full indulgence under the usual conditions.

LENTEN LAMENTATIONS

We invite you every Sunday at 6:15 pm to contemplate the Passion of the Lord – Lenten Lamentations.

EASTER PROGRAM

This year we will not be sending the Easter program to all parishioners due to the cost of shipping and printing. The retreat program will be printed in next week's bulletin.

RENOVATION OF THE CHURCH PEWS

By decision of the Finance Committee, we have decided to renovate the pews in our church. The direct reason for deciding to renovate the pew tops is their damaged varnish due to the use of disinfectants during the pandemic. The renovation will consist of completely removing the old varnish from the wooden tops of each pew. After thorough cleaning, the pews will be re-varnished. During the renovation, several pews will be removed from the church and the renovation will be carried out in the AA group room downstairs under the church. The renovation of the pews will take several months. A Polish company will carry out the work and the cost of renovating all the pews in the church, except for the choir, is \$55,000. We have already received the necessary consent to carry out this work from the Archdiocese of Toronto. Similar work was done last year in St. Teresa's parish and the renovated pews look beautiful. All offerings collected for the Renovation Fund are intended to renovate the church pews, and the next collection for this purpose will take place next Sunday, on March 23.

LENT – THE TIME OF PENANCE AND PRAYER

Gazing at the Crucified One, who offered his life for us; let us undertake the effort of voluntary mortification, as compensation for our sins and those of our neighbors. Let us make good resolutions, let us refrain from participating in loud entertainment, from drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking cigarettes, in order to compensate God in this way for the sins of drunkenness, licentiousness, dishonesty and any lack of humility. Let us not forget that Lent is a time of penance and prayer. Let it not be disturbed by noisy meetings or entertainment events.

THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Wednesday, March 19, is the feast of Saint Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Guardian of the Lord Jesus. Pope Pius IX declared him the patron saint of the universal Church and Christian families in 1870. On this day, through the intercession of the Guardian of the Holy Family, we will pray for the husbands and fathers of our parish community and for them to fulfill their vocation with dignity. When there are so many difficulties and everyday troubles around us, it is worth turning to Saint Joseph for help. Saint Joseph is also the patron saint of a good death. According to tradition, he left this world in the arms of the Lord Jesus himself.

SHARE LIFE

In the spirit of Lenten solidarity, let us support the activities of the Church's charitable institutions at this time, especially ShareLife, which helps those in need. The first collection for ShareLife will take place on March 30.

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.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2025 may be picked up at the back of the church. Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. Unclaimed envelopes will be cancelled.

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 + grandparents Aniela, Felicja & Jozef Buldys, Maria & Henryk Kozacz & great grandparents Barbara & Jan Buldys – granddaughter with family
For health & peace in the family for son & daughter

GREGORIAN MASS

01.05 – 30.05 For + Franciszek Misiuna – wife with family

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 16

8:00 For members of the Divine Mercy Society

9:30 For + Malinka & Vasil Boskovski & deceased from the Boskovski, Talevski & Mangorski families – son with family

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + Mieczyslaw Nycz (9th anniversary) – wife with family

18:15 Lenten Lamentation

19:00 For God’s blessing, care of the Blessed Virgin Mary & gifts of the Holy Spirit in resolving difficult matters for Jolanta

MONDAY, March 17

8:00 For deceased from the Klacza family – Chris & Mark Korwin-Kuczynski

19:00 For + Honorata Lejtowska – niece

TUESDAY, March 18

8:00 For + parents from the Szkondziak family & husband Stanislaw Kolodziej – Maria Kolodziej

18:30 The Way of the Cross for children

19:00 For + Maria & Jozef Dubicki – daughter Maria with family

WEDNESDAY, March 19 – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 For + Mieczyslaw Gesior – wife

18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

19:00 The Multiple Intensions Mass

THURSDAY, March 20

8:00 For + Jozefa & Franciszek & brother Tadeusz Kupinski – sister Bozena Borowska

19:00 For + Stanislaw & Wladyslaw Pasciak & deceased from the Pasciak family – Grzegorz Bembenek

FRIDAY, March 21

8:00 For + Jozef Pliszka & Edward Krzeminski – Halina with family

18:30 The Way of the Cross

19:00 For health & God’s blessing for the Idzik & Zalar families – own

SATURDAY, March 22

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

19:00 For + Edward Maciejewski (2nd anniversary) – family

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 23

8:00 For + Antoni & Honorata Poliwka & Wladyslawa Kaminska - family

9:30 For + Regina & Antoni Tymosiak – daughter with family

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For health, God’s blessing & good husband for Renata - mother

18:15 Lenten Lamentation

19:00 For God’s blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Jacek Checko & Stanislaw Gruca & their families – mother