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March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PASTOR’S REFLECTION

The three main texts of the Liturgy of the Word are held together by a clasp called conversion. It is precisely conversion that is also emphatically emphasized in the Gospel: if you do not convert, you will perish. However, our God is a God of opportunity; he does not condemn man, but allows him to try again, as evidenced by the short parable that ends the Gospel pericope, which suggests that another attempt is within the reach of all of us, that everyone can count on trying to bear fruit once more. I am left for another year, to finally bear fruit. This is also evidenced by the expression from the first reading - *my people*, which allows us to trust that this is proof of the covenant of God Yahweh with Israel. The Word sets us on the path of conversion, so let us hear it and want to hurry on our Lenten journey this year for another chance.

RENOVATION FUND

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

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 next Sunday, March 30.

LENTEN RETREAT

Fr. Marcin Szwarc OMI from Poland will preach the Lenten retreat in Polish. The retreat will begin on Sunday, March 23 and end on Wednesday, March 26.
Monday – Wednesday
9:30 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00 am - Rosary
10:30 am - Holy Mass with retreat teaching
6:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30 pm - Rosary
7:00 pm - Holy Mass with retreat teaching
On Tuesday, after the morning retreat Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered with anointing.

- At the end of the retreat, there will be a collection for the missionary.
- During the retreat, an opportunity for confession one hour before each Mass.

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.

THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Although the period of Lent is a privileged time in the liturgy and no feasts or commemorations are usually celebrated during this time, there are exceptions to this rule. These include the celebration of the Annunciation of the Lord, which we will celebrate next Tuesday, March 25. On this feast, we celebrate the beginning of our redemption. The Son of God became incarnate in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary to free us from the dominion of sin and evil. During each Mass, the act of consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be read.

DAY OF SANCTITY OF LIFE

The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord is also the Day of the Sanctity of Life and the Spiritual Adoption of the Conceived Child. On this day, people who wish to undertake the task of prayer for the life of the conceived child at risk will be able to begin their nine-month novena. Those interested can take a specially prepared leaflet in the church vestibule, containing the necessary information and texts for making promises of spiritual adoption. Since we are experiencing a retreat in our parish, we are starting spiritual adoption privately this year.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

On Monday, March 24, we celebrate the National Day of Remembrance of Poles Saving Jews under German occupation. The choice of date refers to the day on which the Germans murdered the Blessed Ulma family in Markowa in 1944: Józef and Wiktoria, their children, and the Jews hiding with them. This day was established in 2018 to commemorate Poles – heroes who, in acts of heroic courage, bravery, compassion and solidarity, faithful to the highest ethical values and commandments of Christian mercy, saved their Jewish neighbors from extermination.

EXCHANGE OF THE ROSARY MYSTERIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

On Sunday, March 30, after the Holy Mass at 1:00 pm, we invite all children and youth to exchange the Mysteries of the Rosary.

WORSHIP ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We invite you to the Worship Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the individual blessing at the end on Saturday, March 29 at 8:00 p.m.

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 today’s collection is for this purpose.

EXTREEME STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The 8th Extreme Stations of the Cross in Toronto will start Friday, April 11, after the evening Mass from our church to the church of St. Eugene in Brampton. Pilgrims will travel 40 km at night. This year’s theme is “Love madly! Jubilee Year.” Information and registration at www.EDK.org.pl or QR code on posters Leaders Andrzej (647) 646-1006 Ewa (647) 669 4744.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2025 may be picked up at the back of the church. Unclaimed envelopes will be cancelled.

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 + Sam Elias x5 – Stefania Baran
For + Jadwiga Terka – friend Zdzicha
For + Wladyslaw (15th anniversary) x7 -daughter Krystyna
For + brother-in-law Wieslaw x2 –Jasia

GREGORIAN MASS

01.04 – 30.04 For + Franciszek Biel – Oxana Jakonczuk

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

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

MONDAY, March 24

8:00 1. In thanksgiving asking for health & God’s blessing – own

2. For health & God’s blessing for Stanislaw Mrowiec – Stenia with family

10:00 Rosary

10:30 For + Krystyna Klemensowicz – Melodia Choir

18:30 Rosary

19:00 For + Bronislawa Majewska & Franciszek Pekalski Montrose Miazga

TUESDAY, March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 For + Krystyna & Edward Krukowski – Edyta

10:00 Rosary

10:30 For + Stanislaw Palka – wife with children

18:30 Rosary

19:00 For + Krystyna Klemensowicz – Renata & Tom Klemensowicz

WEDNESDAY, March 26

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

10:00 Rosary

10:30 For + Mirosława & Stanislaw Stawicki & deceased from the Stawicki & Blazejewicz families

18:30 Rosary

19:00 For + Maria, Julia, Stanislaw, Szczepan & Wladyslaw Pietrzyk & Irena, Katarzyna & Bartlomiej Chryplewicz

THURSDAY, March 27

8:00 For + Czeslaw & Wieslaw Blonski – wife & mother

19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing for Helena & Jan Kolpak on their 47th wedding anniversary - children

FRIDAY, March 28

8:00 For + Czeslaw & Wiesława Blonski – Maria Szuper

18:30 The Way of the Cross

19:00 For + Wladyslawa & Tadeusz Idzik & Krystyna – J.H. Idzik

SATURDAY, March 29

8:00 For God’s blessing for Jolanta Karpinska & Michal on their birthday – mother & grandmother

19:00 For health, God’s blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Rafal & daughter Ania with family - parents

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 30

8:00 For + Anna & Ludwik Magda – son Sylwester

9:30 For + Stanley & Maria Strycharz – son & family

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For health, God’s blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Moszkowicz & Lizak families - mother

18:15 Lenten Lamentation

19:00 For + Anthony Presz – son John Anthony