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March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PASTOR’S REFLECTION

On Joy Sunday, once again in Lent, through the Liturgy of the Word, we experience the goodness of God and His love, which is revealed even by giving us more chances to convert. In the case of the first reading, the condition for joy was leaving the enslaving Egypt and celebrating Passover in the free Holy Land. However, the joy of this Sunday is deepened above all by the prodigal son, who is a representative of all of us – returning to God the Father after moments of infidelity. A loving God always makes it possible to return, although on one condition – personal conversion, the model of which we learn in the Gospel.

LAETARE SUNDAY

Today, the fourth Sunday of Lent is a little different from the others. In the tradition of the Church, we call it Laetare Sunday, or Sunday of joy. We can see this even in the change from the purple of Lent to the pink color of liturgical vestments. In the middle of Lent, the Church calls the faithful to joy, so that all those who undertake the effort of a change of heart may persevere in this difficult daily effort.

SHARE LIFE

March 30 - May 4 - June 8
Today, there will be a second collection for ShareLife. ShareLife - more than an annual campaign - it is a way to reach out to those in need! Every year, thousands of people turn to ShareLife agencies for help. These agencies provide services in an environment of Catholic values, carrying the Gospel message to those living on the margins. When we support ShareLife, we do more than just give; we show that the Catholic community is actively involved in social services in our archdiocese. Next Sunday will be the first collection for ShareLife. Our parish has been obliged with raising \$18,000 for ShareLife this year. Last year, we raised \$16,272.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Passion devotions are to help us experience the holy time of Lent more deeply and fruitfully. 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.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF ST. JOHN PAUL II

Wednesday, April 2, marks the 20th anniversary of the death of St. John Paul II. Through his intercession, we can ask God for the graces we need. The Polish Pope taught us by his own example, throughout the long years of his pontificate how to give ourselves completely to Christ and how to bear witness to faith. Let us try to imitate him in this.

DEVOTIONS

The coming week includes the First Wednesday, First Thursday, First Friday and First Saturday of the month.
On the First Wednesday (April 2), we invite you to the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 6:30 PM followed by thr Multiple Intentions Mass at 7:00 PM.
On the First Thursday (April 3), we will thank God for the gift of the Eucharist, and we will pray for numerous and holy priestly and religious vocations at 6:30 PM.
On the First Friday (April 4), there will be a special opportunity to honor the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and to reconcile with God and brothers. At 3:00 PM, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and at 6:30 PM, the Way of the Cross and an act of dedication to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
On the First Saturday (April 5), we honor the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Mary. We invite you to the service at 6:00 PM.

ROSARY MYSTERIES EXCHANGE

Roses of the Living Rosary will exchange their mysteries on the first Sunday of the month before 11:00 a.m. Mass.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in our parish on Sunday, April 6, during Mass at 9:30 am.

EASTER CONFESSION

Lent, which we are currently experiencing, is a unique opportunity for conversion, for renewing our friendship with God. It is a time to return to the roots of faith and wonder at the mystery of God’s love, which is also expressed in the constant presence of the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. Easter confession with the participation of many priests in our parish will take place on Palm Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 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. A Polish company will do the work and the cost of restoring all the pews in the church, except the choir and kneelers, is \$55,000. All donations collected for the Renovation Fund are used to restore the pews. Last weekend, the second collection for restoring the pews in the church amounted to \$10,492. We sincerely thank all donors. God bless you for your generosity!

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.

PILGREMAGE TO WILNO

The Conference of Polish Priests cordially invites you to the annual pilgrimage to Vilnius, to the Canadian Kashubia, for the indulgence of the feast of Divine Mercy, on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Fr. Marcin Szwarc OMI will give the homily. Fr. Marcin is a Missionary of Mercy appointed by the pope Francis. Pilgrimage Program:
11:30 AM - Rosary
12:00 PM - Solemn concelebrated Holy Mass, the homily will be given by a missionary from Poland - Fr. Marcin Szwarc OMI
1:00 PM - Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Buses will depart from, among others, the Parishes of St. Casimir in Toronto, St. Maximilian Kolbe in Mississauga and the Radio Maryja bus from the parking lot of St. Maximilian Kolbe in Mississauga. We cordially invite you.

ADVERTISEMENT IN OUR CHURCH BULLETIN

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2025 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

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

In thanksgiving asking for health, God’s blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for godfather William Campbell & his family on his birthday – Paulina with parents
For + Tadeusz Słowik – wife
For + Zofia Kosinska – Marysia
For health & God’s blessing for Andrzej – mother
For + Gienia Sawula x5– Hyc family
For + Jenny Sawula x2 - Ela & Jacek Pasciak with family

GREGORIAN MASS

24.03 – 22.04 For + Genowefa Pytel - family

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

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

MONDAY, March 31

8:00 For + Wladyslaw – son with family

19:00 For health, God’s blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Monika Baten – mother

TUESDAY, April 1

8:00 For + Jerzy – sister Malgorzata with family

18:30 Rosary for children

19:00 For + Maria & Mariusz Kaczor – family

WEDNESDAY, April 2

8:00 1. In thanksgiving for the pontificate of John Paul II on his death anniversary – The Order of the Knights of St. John Paul II
2. For + Stefania Magdziak on the 1st anniversary of death – daughter with family

18:30 Devotion to Our Lady for Perpetual Help

19:00 Multiple Intentions Mass

THURSDAY, April 3

8:00 For + Jozefa – Brat with family

18:30 Devotion of the first Thursday of the month

19:00 For + Alfreda Jachyra – husband, children, grandchildren & Jachyra & Posluszny families

FRIDAY, April 4

8:00 For + Wladyslaw & Jozefa, Jadwiga & Jozef Borowski – Bozena Borowska

18:30 The Way of the Cross

19:00 For + Maria & Marian Zawol & Ireneusz, Krzysztof & Janina Czerniawscy – Zawol family

SATURDAY, April 5

8:00 For health & God’s blessing for Lidia Panek – family

18:00 Devotion of the first Saturday of the month

19:00 For + Jozef & Elzbieta Wieczorek, Janina & Henryk Bulkowski & Stanislaw Sawicki – family

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 6

8:00 For the members of the Holy Rosary Society

9:30 For + Anthony Presz – son John Anthony

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + Stanislaw & Anna Mulica, aunts Aleksandra Obrochta & Rozalia Molek – Maria & Tadeusz Murzydlo

18:15 Lenten Lamentation

19:00 For + Agnieszka Leszczynska - mother