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April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

From today – the fifth Sunday of Lent – the nature of this liturgical period is changing. The Church's call to conversion and penance, to use the grace of forgiveness that the merciful God wants to bestow on us, has accompanied us all the time. Now Lent is taking on a Passionate character. From today until the end of the Good Friday rites in the church, we cover all crosses. We will focus on contemplating the Lord's passion, hence the even greater encouragement to participate in the Stations of the Cross and the Bitter Laments services. I address this appeal especially to those who have not yet participated in these beautiful Passionate services this year.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Today, we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. CONFIRMATION is a SACRAMENT that complements baptism and in which we are endowed with the Holy Spirit. Whoever freely decides to live as a child of God and, through the signs of the laying on of hands and anointing with the CROSS, asks for the Spirit of God, receives the strength to testify to God’s love and power in word and deed. He then becomes a full-fledged, responsible member of the Catholic Church. Fr. Janusz Blazejak OMI will administer the sacrament of confirmation to the following candidates: Shawn Driedger, Thomas Kowalski, Olivia Salus, Matthew Stanley Slusarz i Emilia Victoria Szafko. We wish them to be the brave witnesses of Jesus Christ. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Irena Albinowski, who has been preparing candidates for confirmation since September last year. We thank her for the testimony of her faith and selfless service. God Bless!

PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday, April 13, will be Passion Sunday – Palm Sunday. Its liturgy will introduce us to the last stage of Lent, and the following days of Holy Week allow us to deeply experience the mystery of the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ the Lord. During each Holy Mass, we will bless the palms and willow branches that we bring, which will remind us of the Jerusalem palms, sent under the feet of Christ the Messiah entering the Holy City.

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.

SHARE LIFE

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 weekend, \$4,895 was raised for ShareLife.

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.

STAGED STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We invite you to staged Stations of the Cross prepared by our youth, which will take place on Good Friday at 8:00 p.m.

YOUTH FUNDRAISING

On Palm Sunday, April 13, youth will sell organic EGGS and PIEROGI, as fundraising for a pilgrimage to Rome.

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.

PILGRIMAGE 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

For + Jenny Sawula – Anna
For + Lagicka – Barbara Chob
In thanksgiving asking for health, God’s blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for syn Rafal on his 40th birthday - parents

GREGORIAN MASS

01.06 – 30.06 For + Krystyna Szydłowska - parents

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

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 Murzydło

18:15 Lenten Lamentation

19:00 For + Agnieszka Leszczynska - mother

MONDAY, April 7

8:00 For + Stefania Piersiak & deceased from the Piersiak & Mika families - family

19:00 For lectors & extraordinary ministers of the Holy Communion from St. Casimir’s Parish

TUESDAY, April 8

8:00 For + Katarzyna & Jan Rogalski – Zofia Rogalska

18:30 Rosary for children

19:00 For + Maria & Feliks Mach & Edward & Stanislaw Mach – Czesława with family

WEDNESDAY, April 9

8:00 For + Wladyslaw Knaf – daughter with family

19:00 For + grandparents Rzepka & Lukaszewski – granddaughter with family

THURSDAY, April 10

8:00 In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing & care of the Blesses Virgin Mary on the birthday - own

19:00 For + Bronislaw, Wanda & Franciszek Pasowicz – daughter with family

FRIDAY, April 11

8:00 For health & God’s blessing for the Kolpak family - own

18:30 The Way of the Cross

19:00 For + Czeslaw & Leokadia Rosiecki & deceased from the Rosiecki & Kuca families – daughter with family

SATURDAY, April 12

8:00 For + husband Peter, parents from both sides, brothers Michal, Jozef & sisters-in-law Helena & Katarzyna – Helena with family

19:00 For + Kazimiera & Marian Biniewski – daughter with family

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13

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

9:30 For + Janina Moreau – Chris & Mark Korwin-Kuczynski

11:00 For + the Polish soldiers murdered in Katyn on the 85th anniversary & for the victims of the Smolensk catastrophe on the 15th anniversary – Canadian Polish Congress, Toronto District

13:00 For + Michal Opoka on the 1st anniversary of death & parents Kazimierz & Zdzisława – Agata with family

18:15 Lenten Lamentation

19:00 For + Weronika & Jozef Durak – daughter with family