

***Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025***

First reading: Is 35, 1-6a.10

Second reading: Js 5:7-10

Resp. 146: „ Lord, come and saves us.”

Gospel: Mt 11:2-11

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Astrid Frances Collyer

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Anna Myslicki

Ryszard Kaczor

Eternal rest grant her, Lord

THE PASTOR’S REFLECTION

This week, starting Wednesday, December 17, we will begin a period of direct preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. Let us reflect on how we experience this holy time. Perhaps this is the right time to correct our behavior, to reconcile with God and our neighbors through sincere confession. The Church comes to our aid as a minister of God's mercy and through the beauty and richness of the Advent liturgy. Let us use this time to particularly deepen our bonds with our households and with our parish church, where we learn friendship with God, to continue to grow, mature, and share it with others.

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday or Sunday of Joy. The color of the liturgical vestments on this day is rose. This color serves to remind us that we are halfway through Advent and that the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord is near. Let us ask God for true Christian joy, which allows us to know, even in difficult moments, that God loves us and is close to us. Today, let us pray especially for our families, that they may be places of true love and understanding.

CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS

As we prepare for Christmas, let us remember our Christian and national traditions. Let us not miss the Christmas Eve wafer, previously blessed in church, and the burning candle in our homes. Let us have sensitive and open hearts. Many in today's world would like to eliminate the Lord Jesus from these holidays, reducing them to entertainment and table service.

RORATE MASSES

During this time of Advent, we invite all parishioners to the Rorate Masses; we extend a special invitation to children and youth, whose Rorate Mass will be celebrated

on Fridays at 7:00 PM. On Saturdays at 8:00 AM, we invite all adults to the Rorate Mass.

FLOWERS TO MANGER

Starting Sunday, December 14, we can bring flowers to Jesus' manger. We only ask for red poinsettias.

YOUTH CAMPAIGN

Today, young people will be selling pierogis and organic honey.

CHURCH CLEANING

Church cleaning, Christmas tree decorations, and the setting up of the nativity scene will take place on Saturday, December 20 after morning Mass. Ladies and gentlemen are cordially invited to help.

SOUND SYSTEM

Our current sound system in the church is over a decade old and frequently breaks down. Many parishioners, especially older parishioners, complain about our sound system. We are fully aware of the system's shortcomings and are working on modernizing it. Currently, thanks to Mr. Andrzej Peczar and Piotr Pliszka, the system works much better, but only on one track (channel), as the others are faulty.

The Finance Committee discussed this issue and decided on a thorough system upgrade. Specifically, we replaced the damaged amplifier, mixer, and processors, and added new speakers in the church, ensuring each speaker in the church has a speaker. This solution may help eliminate reverberation and distribute sound evenly throughout the church. The upgrade will be performed by Soundbox Production, a Hamilton-based company. We have received permission from the Archdiocese of Toronto to upgrade the sound system. Work on the upgrade will begin in the New Year.

CONFESSION

Let's remember that to truly experience Christmas, we must receive the sacrament of reconciliation - confession. In our parish, Christmas confession will take place on Sunday, December 21, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the parish hall, during which time adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES 2026

The Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2026 are available at the back of the church. Registered parishioners who do not currently use weekly donation envelopes but would like to, may contact the parish office. Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt at the beginning of February.

CHRISTAMS OPLATKI & CARDS

Christmas Eve wafers can be purchased at the parish office. I also have Christmas cards. Calendars will be available soon.

THANKS & GRATITUDE...

We thank everyone who donated to provide packages for children in orphanages in Poland. Thanks to your generosity, the children will receive gifts for the holidays. We raised \$2,730. We sincerely thank you for supporting the campaign to help Polish missionaries in Cuba. We extend a special thank you to all the volunteers, especially to Ms. Stefania Baran, who was responsible for the entire effort. Proceeds from the lunch, coffee, and baked goods raised \$4,500.

RADIO MARYJA BANQUET

Radio Maryja invites you to a Christmas Wafer Banquet on Sunday, January 11, 2026: 11:00 AM Solemn Mass with guests from Poland at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Mississauga, 1:00 PM banquet at the Polish Cultural Centre. The program includes a meeting with guests from Poland, Christmas dinner performed by Jan Gromada, a raffle, carol singing, and a Christmas Wafer Concert. Featuring: Kinga Mitrowski, Milena Boryczko, and Zosia Drozdowska. Tickets cost \$75 and are available at: Polish Cultural Centre 4300 Cawthra Rd., tel. 905 306 9900; "Something Special" Store, Plaza "Wisła", tel. 905 629 2347; Joanna Szydłowska, tel. 905 819 1040; Joanna Strzeżek, tel. 905 845 3553

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

In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for John with family

In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Slawek with family

For souls in purgatory x2

For + Marian Jozef Jaszczyszyn – Idzik family

For + Stanislaw Czarnik – coworkers of Village Meat Product & Deli

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

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Sunday, December 14

- 8:00 For members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society
9:30 For deceased from the Albinowski family – daughters, grandchildren & grandson
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For God's blessing for the Cwalina & Grygatowicz families – Julia & Michal
19:00 For God's blessing for Daniel, Selina, Artur & Maria - mother

MONDAY, December 15

- 8:00 For + Stanislaw
19:00 For God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Konstanty - own

TUESDAY, December 16

- 8:00 For souls in purgatory
19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Janina Checko & her family - own

WEDNESDAY, December 17

- 8:00 For + son Michal, parents Roman & Elzbieta, brother Jan Kic, grandparents Jan & Anna Ozga – Kic family
18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
19:00 Multiple Intentions Mass

THURSDAY, December 18

- 8:00 For + Ludwina & Maria Warmuz – sister-in-law Maria Boksa with family
19:00 For living and deceased benefactors - Halina

FRIDAY, December 19

- 8:00 For + Zbigniew Bielenda (13th anniversary) – sister with family
18:30 Divine Chaplet
19:00 For God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for children – father Henryk

SATURDAY, December 20

- 8:00 1. For + Jozef Tobola – wife with family
2. For + Eugenia Radecka on the 1st anniversary of death – family
19:00 For + Anthony & Katherine Presz – son John Anthony

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 21

- 8:00 For members of the Devine Mercy Society
9:30 For + Czeslaw & Leokadia Rosiecki (49th anniversary) – daughter with family
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For + Henryk Wesołowski – sister with family
19:00 For + Irena Grodecka – daughter Malgorzata with family