

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

First reading: Is 7, 10-14

Second reading: Rom 1, 1-7

Resp. 24: „ Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory.”

Gospel: Mt 1:18-24

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent, and in the coming days we will celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. Next Wednesday is Christmas Eve, and after it, other days of celebration follow. Are we well prepared to celebrate them in a Christian manner? We should celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus joyfully and with a pure heart. Let it be a religious experience. Let us remember that it is God who enters our history and gives our lives a divine dimension. Let us remember that the Word made flesh is still among us, dwells among us, and continually empowers us to bring the Good News to others.

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 today 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.

RENOVATION FUND

Next Sunday, December 28, the second collection will be collected for the Renovation Fund. We thank everyone for the donation.

CHRISTMAS EVE

The liturgical celebration of Christ's birth will begin with the Holy Mass, celebrated at midnight on Wednesday, December 24, into Thursday, December 25. Beforehand, let us, in our homes and family communities, cultivate the traditional Christian setting of the Christmas Eve meal. Let this be an opportunity, perhaps a unique one of the year, for reconciliation, harmony, and extending a hand of friendship to someone among our loved ones, friends, or neighbors. Let the Christmas Eve meal be accompanied by shared prayer, the reading of a passage from Holy Scripture about the birth of the Savior of the world (the Gospel according to St. Luke), the sharing of the Christmas wafer, and the singing of carols and pastorals together. Let us not serve alcohol on the Christmas Eve table, and let us traditionally abstain from meat.

THE PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed from December 25 to January 1 inclusive.

POLISH SCHOOLS & CATEHESES

We hereby inform you that St. Casimir's Polish School and Religious Education will be closed for Christmas until January 3, 2026 inclusive. Students will return to regular classes on Saturday, January 10, 2026.

MIDNIGHT MASS

I invite you to participate in Midnight Mass in our parish church. This is what our fathers did, and we want to be faithful to this tradition. Let us joyfully and communally celebrate the coming of the Lord. Midnight Mass will be celebrated in English at 10:00 PM and in Polish at midnight. Christmas Day Masses will be celebrated in English at 9:30 AM and in Polish at 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 1:00 PM. There will be no evening Mass.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

In just a few days, we will sing solemnly in church, "Today a Savior is born to us." He came to restore our bond with God. This good news brings joy to people of all times. It gives comfort and infuses hope into our hearts, at a time when so many are plunged into the night of hopelessness, doubt, and fear for the future. Filled with faith and joy, we celebrate this special time of Christmas. May this holiday be full of God's blessing and the love that the Son of God brings to all of us, dear parishioners and guests. May God's joy and love fill the days of our celebration and our often difficult daily lives. Merry Christmas!

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

On Boxing Day, Friday, December 26, we celebrate the feast of St. Stephen, one of the seven deacons of the Church of Jerusalem and the first martyr. Because the octave of Christmas falls on this day, abstinence from meat is not required – we have a dispensation. Masses in Polish will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

The entire Christmas Octave is enriched by the following holidays. On Saturday, December 27, we commemorate St. John the Apostle, the greatest theologian among the Evangelists, the beloved disciple of the Lord Jesus. And next Sunday, December 28, we will celebrate the feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Through the intercession of the Holy Family, during Holy Mass, we will pray for holiness and peace in our families, and it will also be the Day of Prayer for the Sanctity of Marriage and Families. This coming Sunday also covers the feast of the Holy Innocents, so we will also remember our little ones, infants, and unborn children in our personal prayers. During the 1:00 PM Mass, a special blessing will be bestowed upon the youngest parishioners.

CHRISTMAS DINNER - OPLATEK

The parish Christmas dinner will take place on Sunday, January 4 at 2:30 PM.

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.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES 2026

The Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2026 are available at the back of the church.

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 INTENSIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

For + Cecylia Pelic on the 1st death anniversary – Peczar family
 For + Maria & Jakub Smagala – Peczar family
 For + Jozefa & Władysław – daughter
 For God's blessing & return to Catholic Church for Ewa - mother
 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Adam & his family - mother
 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Grzegorz & his family - mother
 For + Renata – godmother
 For + Antonina Stachiw-Karbowniczek – son
 For + Ryszard Kaczor – Zambrowicz family

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

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Sunday, December 21

8:00 For members of the Devine Mercy Society
 9:30 For + Czesław & 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

MONDAY, December 22

8:00 1. For + Jan Dobek (57th anniversary) – daughters with families
 2. For + Ewa Dyki – husband & son
 19:00 There is no Mass

TUESDAY, December 23

8:00 1. For Stella Korwin-Kuczynski - sons Chris & Mark
 2. For God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Bogdan – wife & son
 19:00 There is no Mass

WEDNESDAY, December 24

8:00 For + Marcin Bak – son with family
 22:00 For parishioners
 24:00 For parishioners

THURSDAY, December 25 – Narodzenie Pańskie

8:00 For peace in the Sienko & Sokol families
 9:30 For + Bruno Majewski – wife with children
 11:00 For parishioners
 13:00 In thanksgiving asking for health, God's blessing & light of the Holy Spirit for the family of Anna & Jan Wołoszyn - own
 19:00 There is no Mass

FRIDAY, December 26 – St. Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

9:30 For + Anna & Walenty Koltas – daughter Stefania
 11:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & light of the Holy Spirit for family - own
 19:00 For + Anna & Tadeusz Wolny & their parents – Ewa

SATURDAY, December 27 – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00 For + Genowefa & Mieczysław Lewicki – daughter with family
 19:00 For + Marian Brzozowski – wife, children & grandchildren

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday, December 28

8:00 For God's blessing & further graces for the Lesiuk, Piatkowski & Panek families - family
 9:30 For + Jozef Tobola – wife & children
 11:00 For parishioners
 13:00 For + Waleria & Blazej Blazejewicz & deceased from the Blazejewicz & Marszalek families - granddaughter
 19:00 For + Wiesław Boksa – wife with family