## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 28, 2025

First reading: Syr 3, 2-6.12-14 Second reading: Col 3, 12-21

Resp. 128: "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

Gospel: Mt 2, 13-15.19-23

## Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

## THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Today, the last Sunday of 2025, is the feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. By gazing upon the Holy Family, we will more easily understand our vocation to family life. They are a model for our families. Let us remember that the task of every Christian is, above all, to care for one's own salvation. For all those called to marriage and family life, this care is expressed through a good, exemplary, and dignified life within and through the family. Let us pray to God that in these difficult times and despite the threats, our families may become a true domestic church. Let us remember that loving and exemplary Polish families are meant to be the salt of the earth. By forming authentic friendship with the Holy Family, let us learn the art of building bonds based on true love.

#### RENOVATION FUND

Today, we have the second collection for the Renovation Fund. We thank everyone for the donation.

## THE END OF THE YEAR

The end of the calendar year 2025 is approaching. Like all recent years, it was fraught with events in the universal Church and our local community, in our homeland, and in our families. It is worth reflecting on the joys and successes, but also on the most difficult moments and experiences of this time.

## THANKSGIVING & PROPITIATORY SERVICE

On Wednesday, December 31, during a special thanksgiving and propitiatory service in our church, which we will celebrate at 6:30 PM, we will thank God, the good Father, for the time that has passed and for the goodness received. We will apologize for sins committed. We will also ask for a blessing upon us, our families, and our homeland.

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

This coming Thursday, January, we will enter the New Year of the Lord 2026 with Mary, the Mother of God. On this day, we will pray in a special way for peace in the world. The schedule of Holy Masses in our church is the same as every Sunday. In Bethlehem, angels proclaimed the glory of God and "peace to men of good will." By

giving birth to the Son of God, Mary becomes the Queen of Peace. Therefore, today's feast of the Mother of God, at the initiative of Pope Saint Paul VI (letter from 1967), is celebrated as the World Day of Prayer for Peace. The world and humanity constantly need peace. And we, as those called to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to the world, let us spare no time and heart to pray for this intention through Mary's intercession—God denies her nothing.

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

At the threshold of this new calendar year, let us open ourselves even more to God's love, so that it may fill our homes, our families, and become within us a source of divine life from which others may draw. In this way, our best wishes can be fulfilled, so that as we build the home of our family, our parish community, and our homeland, we may radiate God's happiness, regardless of what we possess or what path God leads us. May this new year, 2026, be a truly blessed time for all of us, for our families, for our parish community, and for our homeland. Happy New Year.

#### **DEVOTIONS**

This week also includes the first Thursday, first Friday, and first Saturday of the month.

On the first Thursday (January 1), we will thank God for the gift of the Eucharist and pray for numerous and holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

On the first Friday (January 2), we will honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus and provide an opportunity for reconciliation with God and our brothers and sisters. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 3:00 PM, and the First Friday devotion will begin at 6:30 PM. The First Saturday devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place on Saturday at 6:00 PM.

#### **CHRISTMAS DINNER - OPLATEK**

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

## **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.

#### THE PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed to January 1 inclusive.

#### **SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES 2026**

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

## 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 + Ryszard Kaczor x3 – Tomasz & Natalia Tomczyk

For + Henryka & Wojciech

In thanksgiving for graces received and apology for doubts in difficult moments of life – own

For + Zofia Surmacz x2

For + Aleksandra Kaczmaruk x2

For + Jadwiga Tatar x2

For + Jadwiga Kielczewska x2

For + Aniela & Władyslaw Mielnik & deceased from the Mielnik & Szozda families

For + Zofia & Wladyslaw Surmacz & deceased from the Surmacz, Wojtowicz & Krepinski families

For + Kazimierz Siwek (5<sup>th</sup> anniversary) – wife

For + Barbara Wyszomierska – sister Zdzislawa

#### MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

# 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
- 19:00 For + Wieslaw Boksa wife with family

#### MONDAY, December 29

- 8:00 For + Henryka Albinowski daughters, grandchildren & graet grandson
- 19:00 For needed graces & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for God children Bogdan, Agnieszka, Filip & Maciej

#### **TUESDAY**, December 30

- 8:00 For God's blessing & health for Leszek Bielicki
- 19:00 For + Karolina & Antoni Warmuz & Regina & Kazimierz Golembiowski Maria Boksa

#### WEDNESDAY, December 31

- 8:00 For + parents Starnawski & grandparents Klanowski - Victor
- 18:30 Thanksgiving and propitiatory service
- 19:00 For + Mieczyslaw Zambrowicz son with family

## THURSDAY, January 1 – Mary, Mother of God

- 8:00 For + Agnieszka
- 9:30 For + Jan Jasinski son with family
- 11:00 For parishioners
- 13:00 For God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Kinga, Leonard & Bazyli Anna & Zdzislaw Siwon
- 18:30 Devotion of the first Thursday of the month
- 19:00 For + Jozef Czul (5<sup>th</sup> anniversary) nephew

# FRIDAY, January 2 – St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazjanzen, Bisops & Dr. of the Church

- 8:00 For + Agnieszka
- 18:30 Devotion of the first Friday of the month
- 19:00 For + Alfreda Jachyra (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary) husband & children with families

## SATURDAY, January 3

- 8:00 For + Elizabeth & Franciszek Duda Anna Mann
- 18:30 Devotion of the first Saturday of the month
- 19:00 For + Irena Labik (13<sup>th</sup> anniversary) family

## The Epiphany of the Lord

#### Sunday, January 4

- 8:00 For members of the Holy Rosary Society
- 9:30 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Artur Brzezinski & his family on his birthday mother
- 11:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Renata & Jacek Klimczak on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary own
- 13:00 For + Stefania Enginer husband & son with family
- 19:00 For + Alfreda Jachyra Jachyra & Posluszny families