

***The Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2026***

First reading: Is 60, 1-6

Second reading: Ef 3, 2-3a. 5-6

Resp. 72: „All the peoples of the earth will praise the Lord.”

Gospel: Mt 2, 1-12

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

THE PASTOR’S REFLECTION

How can we discover the mysteries of God’s Revelation? The first reading, which cries out: “Arise! Shine!”, will guide us. The Lord who comes is the source of light. Therefore, the early Christians saw in the rising sun a symbol of Christ, who comes to dispel the darkness of night and the doubts of faith. The prophet Isaiah foretells the countless multitudes who will be enlightened by the coming of the Messiah. In his Letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul reminds us that God enlightened the hearts of the Gentiles with his grace, giving them access to his mysteries. In this way, each of us carries within us a part of Christ. The immense courage of the Magi from the East foretells the coming of all humanity to Christ. In Him, to this day, they recognize the announced Savior who enlightens hearts. Enlightened by power from on high, let us listen to the word of God.

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The Feast of the Epiphany, traditionally known in our country as the Feast of the Three Kings, has been celebrated in the Church since the 4th century. It proclaims that the Son of God, sent by the Father into the world, revealed himself to humanity as the Savior of all creation. The homage paid to him by the Magi from the East is a sign that Christ brought salvation to the entire world. This is another unique opportunity to examine our own communion with God and others, to remind ourselves of our Christian duty to draw others to the Lord God through the personal example of authentic faith.

BLESSING OF CHALK & INCENSE

During our first Holy Mass, we blessed chalk and incense. With this chalk, in accordance with an ancient custom, we trace the first letters of the names of the Three Wise Men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, on the doors of our homes and apartments. We wish to emphasize that, like the Wise Men from the East, we too seek Christ and rejoice in finding Him. The inscription (C + M + B 2026) also signifies a request for Christ to bless our home: "Christus mansionem benedicat" and serves as a testimony of our faith to others. Therefore, let us not abandon this beautiful Polish custom.

END OF THE JUBILEE YEAR

Today’s celebration marks the end of the Jubilee Year 2025 throughout the Catholic Church. Have we benefited from the grace that this holy time has brought us?

CHRISTMAS DINNER - OPLATEK

Today is the parish wafer day. Tickets are sold out. We would like to thank Ms. Stefania Baran and her entire team of ladies and gentlemen for preparing a delicious dinner.

PARISH STATISTICS

Statistics regarding our community: 1,680 families are registered in the parish register. Last year, we had 28 baptisms, 6 weddings, 52 funerals, 19 children received their First Holy Communion, 5 young people received the sacrament of confirmation, and Fathers made approximately 300 pastoral visits to the sick. Our community is large; let us take care of each other, respect each other, and above all, strive to develop the spiritual life in our families and the Polish community.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Next Sunday, January 11, is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This Sunday concludes the liturgical season of Christmas. We will celebrate the commemoration of the public proclamation of the messianic mission of the Lord Jesus. We will also reflect on our own baptism and our call to salvation. Perhaps it is worth recalling the date and place of our baptism. Perhaps it is worth realizing that through my own baptism I became a child of God, that through holy baptism my communion with the Lord God began, to which I am to bear witness to others through my own life.

POLISH SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASSES

We inform you that the Polish School of St. Casimir and Catechism classes will be closed for Christmas until January 3 inclusive. Students will return to regular classes on Saturday, January 10.

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 AND DEVOTIONS

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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 40th wedding anniversary - own
- 13:00 For + Stefania Enginer – husband & son with family
- 19:00 For + Alfreda Jachyra – Jachyra & Posluszny families

MONDAY, January 5

- 8:00 For + parents from both sides Wladyslaw & Emilia and Zofia & Wladyslaw daughter Bronislawa
- 19:00 For lectors from St. Casimir's Parish

TUESDAY, January 6

- 8:00 For + Mieczyslaw Magda (2nd anniversary) – wife, children & grandchildren
- 19:00 For + Karolina & Antoni Warmuz & Regina & Kazimierz Golembiowski – Maria Boksa

WEDNESDAY, January 7

- 8:00 For + Krystyna Idzik – husband, children & grandchildren
- 18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- 19:00 Multiple Intentions Mass

THURSDAY, January 8

- 8:00 For + Jozef Kajmowicz (9th anniversary) – daughter with family
- 19:00 For + God's blessing & health for Domenick Mann – parents

FRIDAY, January 9

- 8:00 For + Stefania Piersiak on the 1st anniversary of death – daughter Genowefa with family
- 19:00 For deceased from the Kaczor, Kozacz, Buldys & Niedbala families – family

SATURDAY, January 10

- 8:00 For God's blessing for the Kolpak family - mother
- 19:00 For + Michalina Bilkiewicz & Ryszard – daughter & sister Zofia with family

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 11

- 8:00 For members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society
- 9:30 For + Michael Zoskey – Greta and Marta
- 11:00 For parishioners
- 13:00 For + father Tadeusz Pasciak and grandparents Stanisława & Wladyslaw Pasciak – Jacek with family
- 19:00 For + Aldona Szulc – daughter with family