

***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15, 2026***

First reading: Sir 15, 15-20

Second reading: 1 Cor 2, 6-10

Resp. 119: „Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!”

Gospel: : Mt 5, 17-37

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Adrian Michael Fronczak & Danika Hilary Smith

BAPTISM

Carter James Bettencourt
Maia Teresa Janus-Healey

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Tadeusz Barnat
Zdzisława Kurzydło
Czesław Kurzydło
Eternal rest grant them, Lord

THE PASTOR’S REFLECTION

The freedom Christ brings is completely different from the one the world experiences daily. Jesus does not invite license, but rather shows the path to wise freedom. As Sirach emphasizes, man has the ability to choose. However, God suggests good paths. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not permitted anyone to sin. The Psalmist leads us to a freedom that consists in obeying God's statutes and seeking a relationship with God wholeheartedly. Meanwhile, St. Paul reminds us that we can understand the mysteries of God's wisdom through adoration of the Crucified One. The dead Christ is truly free when he gives his life. In the Gospel, he shows that he came to fulfill all the Law and the Prophets. Let us accept the word to be truly free.

LENT

This year’s carnival is coming to an end. This week, on February 18, Ash Wednesday begins the sacred, special season of Lent. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:00 PM. The outward sign of our entry onto the path of penance and conversion is the sprinkling of ashes on our heads. In Israelite culture, this gesture was an expression of great sadness and mourning. The ashes also remind us that everything earthly was created from the dust of the earth and will return to dust again. This decay is the result of sin. However, by sprinkling ashes on the heads of the faithful, the priest makes the sign of the cross over them, signifying purification and resurrection. Therefore, Lent—a time of penance, fasting, sacrifice, and prayer—is intended to serve our conversion and prepare our hearts for a fruitful experience of the joyful feast of the Lord's Resurrection.

ASH WEDNESDAY & STRICT FAST

Let us remember that Ash Wednesday is a strict fast, which involves abstaining from meat and consuming one full meal a

day. Other meals must be limited in quantity. This fast applies to everyone between the ages of 18 and 60. We also encourage the rest of the faithful to actively participate in this great act of penance, according to their abilities. I remind everyone aged 14 and over to abstain from meat. I also remind everyone that Lent is a so-called "forbidden time" for all kinds of boisterous parties and discos.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation candidates will begin the immediate preparation phase by receiving the cross on the First Sunday of Lent at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We ask all parishioners to pray for them, as well as for the children preparing for First Holy Communion.

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

On Ash Wednesday, a collection will be collected as our Lenten almsgiving. Lenten almsgiving is one of the three pillars (along with prayer and fasting) of preparation for Easter in the Christian tradition. It is a voluntary offering made to those in need, an expression of love for one's neighbor and penance. Here is key information about Lenten almsgiving.

LENT DEVOTIONS

Our spiritual Lenten exercises will be strengthened by participation in the Passion devotions: the Stations of the Cross, which we will celebrate every Friday at 6:30 PM, and the Bitter Contrition, celebrated every Sunday at 6:15 PM. Additionally, every Tuesday at 6:30 PM, there will be a Stations of the Cross for altar servers and children. By participating in these devotions, we can gain a plenary indulgence, which is God's remission of temporal punishment for sins that have been forgiven as to guilt. We can offer this indulgence for ourselves or for the deceased. To obtain it, the usual conditions must be met: a state of sanctifying grace, receiving Holy Communion on that day, praying for the intentions designated by the Pope, and freeing ourselves from attachment to even venial sin. Let us desire to make abundant use of this treasury of grace that God offers us through the Church to draw us closer to Himself.

LENT RESOLUTIONS

Gazing upon the Crucified Savior, who for us renounced everything and offered his life in sacrifice, let us with willing hearts undertake the labor of voluntary mortification during Lent, as reparation for our own sins and those of our neighbors. Let us make good resolutions, refraining from participating in loud entertainment, from consuming alcoholic beverages, or smoking cigarettes, in this way making amends to God for the sins of drunkenness, licentiousness, language, dishonesty, and lack of humility. Let us not forget that Lent is a time of solemnity, prayer, and penance. Therefore, let it not be disturbed by noisy gatherings or purposefully organized entertainment events, especially for children and young people. It would also be good to find time for valuable reading that helps us deepen our faith, for meditation on the Word of God, and for reading the Holy Scriptures. This can be done with family, sharing what arises within us as a result of this reading. In this way, Lent will become not only a time of transformation in our own lives, but also of drawing closer to our loved ones, strengthening family and interpersonal bonds.

LENTEN RETREAT IN POLISH

We invite you to the Lenten retreat, which will take place from March 22 to 25. The retreat will be led by Fr. Dawid Stefaniszyn OMI.

LENTEN CAMPAIGN OF SOBRIETY

Let us also open ourselves more courageously and radically to the Lenten campaign of sobriety. The Church calls us to individual and communal prayer for sobriety and abstinence during this penitential period. May there no longer be among us individuals and families who suffer from alcoholism, nicotine addiction, or drug addiction.

SOUND SYSTEM IN THE CHURCH

Last week, we replaced the sound system in our church. The previous system was 17 years old and frequently broke down. We now have two additional speakers on each side and a new audio mixer, amplifier/DSP matrix that automatically manages the sound, suppresses reverberation, handles delays, and protects the system. We hope this solution will help eliminate reverberation and distribute sound evenly throughout the church. The upgrade was performed by a Hamilton-based company, Soundbox Production. We received permission from the Archdiocese of Toronto to upgrade the sound system.

THANKS & GRATITUDE

We are continuing our renovation work in the parish hall. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Marian Turczyński, our electrician, who has been tirelessly working to modernize our lighting. We also thank Stanisław Stepień, Edward Milewski, Piotr Pliszka, and Andrzej Peczar, who assisted us this past week.

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

For + Wiesława Jurek – Elżbieta Zalewska
For + Mieczysław Wydra – Natalia & Mirek Zagaja
For + Benedykt Gondek – Bogumiła Krygier
For God's blessing & needed graces for Maciej & his family x2 – mother
For + husband Marian & deceased from the family x2
For + sister Henryka & Wojciech & deceased from the family x2

GREGORIAN MASS

10.02-11.03 For + Czesław Posłuszny – family

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 15

- 8:00 For the members of the Divine Mercy Society
9:30 For + Katherine Presz – son John Anthony
11:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Piotr & Katarzyna Pliszka on the 30th wedding anniversary - own
13:00 For + Danuta Zofia Roszak (4th anniversary) – husband & sons with families
19:00 For + Stefania & Jan Fijał – Janina Wicik & family

MONDAY, February 16

- 8:00 For + Stanisław & Maria Jasinski, siblings: Władysław, Bronisław & Emilia, Bronisława & Franciszek Szymaszek, Janina, Władysław & Józef Roczniak – daughter-in-law with family
19:00 For + Stefan, Marianna, Mariusz, Jan & Ryszard Kaczor & deceased from the Kaczor & Niedbala family – family

TUESDAY, February 17

- 8:00 For deceased from the Kaczor & Jasinski families – Andrzej with family
19:00 For + Henryk Mazur (anniversary) – daughter with family

WEDNESDAY, February 18 – Ash Wednesday

- 8:00 For + Agnieszka
11:00 For + Krzysztof Nogas (5th anniversary) – mother & brother with family
19:00 For + Krystyna & deceased from the Fabicki & Pomeraniec families – son with family

THURSDAY, February 19

- 8:00 For + Leszek Dziuba – Danuta Gamienik
19:00 For + Irena Gorska & Maria Astroga on the 1st anniversary of death – children with families

FRIDAY, February 20

- 8:00 For + Władysław
18:30 Chaplet of Divine Mercy
19:00 For + Stefania, Szymon & Piotr Czajkowski – Czajkowski family

SATURDAY, February 21

- 8:00 For God's blessing & care of the Virgin Mary for Lidia Panek - family
19:00 For deceased members of the Warsaw Society – members

1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 22

- 8:00 For + Kazimierz Szwarz (9th anniversary) – son with family
9:30 For deceased from the Niedzielski & Kos families – Dorota with family
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For + Wanda Badura-Bak – Robert & Agnieszka Bak
19:00 For + Helena & Tadeusz Kurosad and Stanisława & Kazimierz Rawski – sister Janina