

First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

First reading: Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Second reading: Rom 5:12-19

Resp. 51: „Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned!”

Gospel: : Mt 4:1-11

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

THE PASTOR’S REFLECTION

God is generous – this is how we can summarize the word we are about to hear. His initiative is evident in the account of creation in the Book of Genesis. The account of man's calling into life highlights the Creator's personal relationship with creation. Even sin, that is, abandonment of God, will not convince Him to abandon humanity. He will seek a way to defeat evil through His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ – the new Adam. Thanks to the Son of God, sin will be completely defeated. In this death, the abundance of grace, mentioned by St. Paul in the Letter to the Romans, will prevail. The Gospel also presents an experience of God's generosity – Jesus overcomes temptations thanks to his strong relationship with the Father. Let us open our hearts to the word of God, and it will strengthen us to undertake daily spiritual battle.

RENOVATION FUND

Today, the second collection for the renovation fund will be collected. Thank you all for your support. We are now finishing the renovation of the pews in our church. We still have some kneelers in the choir loft to refinish. As of today, the choir loft is open to the public.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Lent. The quarterly days of prayer for the spirit of penance, which began on Ash Wednesday, conclude. It is worth recalling the words of Saint John Paul II: "The season of Lent, now beginning, is an opportunity for more intense prayer and generous penance, imploring God for the grace of conversion of hearts and the gift of peace in justice for all people." Let us strive to ensure that the spiritual fruits we receive during this time radiate around us, and let us also offer our efforts to become better for others, especially those who offend God and do not apologize for it, and for peace in the world.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Let us join in the profound experience of this time through more intense personal and communal prayer. Participation in Lenten devotions will be facilitated by participation in the following Lenten devotions:

- On Tuesdays (for children and altar boys) and Fridays, we celebrate the Stations of the Cross in our church at

6:30 PM, and on Sundays, the Lenten Lamentations at 6:15 PM.

We encourage all parishioners: children, youth, and adults, to participate in these devotions in large numbers. Let us remember our personal mortifications and our special resolutions for Lent.

We remind you that on every Friday of Lent, you can gain a plenary indulgence for reciting the prayer to the crucified Christ before the image of the crucified Jesus after receiving Holy Communion: "Behold I, good and most sweet Jesus," and for participating in the Stations of the Cross. Also, on every Sunday, you can gain a plenary indulgence for participating in the Lenten Lamentations devotion and for completing at least a three-day retreat.

ROSARY MYSTERIES EXCHANGE

Roses of the Living Rosary will exchange their mysteries on the first Sunday of a month before 11:00 a.m. Mass.

YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

In 2026, the Catholic Church celebrates the Year of Saint Francis of Assisi (January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027), established to mark the 800th anniversary of his death (1226–2026). This is a special time, proclaimed by the Holy See, associated with the possibility of obtaining plenary indulgence.

At this time, it is worth recalling a few thoughts taken from the Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary for the ongoing Year of Saint Francis in the Church. “When Christian love is weakening, ignorance and bad example are spreading, and those who extol harmony between nations do so more out of selfishness than from an authentic Christian spirit; when the virtual world prevails over reality, when discord and social violence become daily occurrences, and peace is increasingly uncertain and distant, may this Year of Saint Francis spur us all, each according to his own abilities, to imitate the Poverello of Assisi, to conform ourselves as fully as possible to Christ, and not to squander the resolutions of the Holy Year just experienced: may the hope that has made us pilgrims now be transformed into the zeal and fervor of active charity.”

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.

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, manages delay lines, and protects the system. We hope this solution will help eliminate

reverberation and distribute sound evenly throughout the church. The upgrade was performed by Hamilton-based Soundbox Production.

FEAST OF ST. CASIMIR

The parish Feast of St. Casimir will take place on Wednesday, March 4. A solemn indulgence Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM with the participation of numerous priests. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 10:00 AM. We invite you to join us.

TAX RECEIPTS

We apologize for the delay in sending income tax receipts for 2025. Everyone should receive their tax return by the end of February. We thank everyone for their sacrifices and responsibility in supporting our parish.

NEW METAL DOORS

Last week, we installed new metal doors to the parish hall on the church side. The current doors are insulated and will soon be equipped with automatic opening for disabled access.

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 + Maria Krawec
For + Mikołaj Krawec
For + Bogdan Krzyszton
For souls in purgatory x9

In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Marzena Campbell – Peczar family



MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

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
18:15 Lenten Lamentations
19:00 For + Helena & Tadeusz Kurosad and Stanisłwa & Kazimierz Rawski – sister Janina

MONDAY, February 23

- 8:00 For + Władysław
19:00 For + Fryderyk Masłowski & Kazimierz Borowski – Milewski family

TUESDAY, February 24

- 8:00 For + Władysław
18:30 The Way of the Cross for children & altar servers
19:00 For + Józef & Adam Wiecko – wife, mother & siblings

WEDNESDAY, February 25

- 8:00 For + Władysław
19:00 In thanksgiving asking for further graces on the birthday - own

THURSDAY, February 26

- 8:00 For + Stefania & Franciszek Stepień – son with family
19:00 For + Stanisław & Mirosława Stawicki & deceased from the Stawicki & Marszałek families – daughter with family

FRIDAY, February 27

- 8:00 For + Władysław
18:30 The Way of the Cross
19:00 For + Krystyna Szydłowska & Maria & Stefan Maciąg – parents & sister

SATURDAY, February 28

- 8:00 For + Zofia & Stanisław & Wiesław, Stanisław & Jan Ostrowski – daughter & sister
19:00 For + Józef Sobkowicz (7th anniversary) – daughter with family

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 1

- 8:00 For members of the Holy Rosary Society
9:30 For + Antonina & Bronisław Hyc, Maria & Karol Iglar, Danuta, Władysław & Zbigniew Majka - family
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For + Rozalia & Franciszek Bodzon – daughter with family
18:15 Lenten Lamentations
19:00 For deceased from the Banaszek, Czerniecki & Talaj families - family