

***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 2026***

First reading: Is 58, 7-10

Second reading: 1 Cor 2, 1-5

Resp. 112: „The just man is a light in darkness to the upright!”

Gospel: : Mt 5, 13-16

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

THE PASTOR’S REFLECTION

When we hear today’s readings, we may be surprised by the weakness of the means used. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that a pinch of salt is enough to change the flavor, or a little light to dispel the darkness. An example illustrating Christ’s parables is the life of St. Paul. He did not come, as he wrote to the Corinthians, to shine with words and wisdom. The power of his preaching rests on his knowledge of the crucified Christ. He himself admits his weaknesses so as not to obscure the power of God. The psalmist will place in our hearts words full of hope about the Messiah rising in the darkness. He will bring us God’s gentleness and mercy, becoming a child—someone truly weak. Let us listen to the word, so that—as the prophet Isaiah announces—we may shine with light in the darkness of unbelief.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Wednesday, February 11, marks the liturgical commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes. On this day in 1858, four years after the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, the Blessed Mother appeared to a poor shepherdess, Bernadette Soubirous, in the Grotto of Massabielle. She called for prayer and penance. Lourdes became renowned for numerous conversions and healings, quickly becoming the center of Marian devotion in France. Today, sick pilgrims from all over the world flock to Lourdes.

THE WORLD DAY OF SICK

We combine the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with the celebration of the World Day of the Sick. This provides us with a special opportunity to deepen our attitude of sensitivity, reflection, and active participation in the care of the suffering and sick.

FATIMA DEVOTION

We invite you to the Fatima Devotion, on Friday, February 13, at 6:00 PM, which has its roots in the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima in 1917 and is intended to atone to Her Immaculate Heart for the

offenses committed by people. During the apparitions, Our Lady asked for the prayer of the rosary and reparation for the sins of the world. Mary promised salvation to those who practice it with faith. Through this devotion, we can contribute to saving many people from the damnation and wars and other civilizational catastrophes announced by the Blessed Mother.

SAINT VALENTINE

On Saturday, February 14, tradition commemorates St. Valentine, a Roman priest who was martyred in 269 because, despite torture, he refused to renounce Christ. He is remembered as, among other things, the patron saint of lovers. May this also be an opportunity to pray, to thank God for the love He has bestowed upon us, and for those close to us who love us.

LENT

Lent this year begins on Wednesday, February 18.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This year the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 19 at 9:30 am.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, May 17 at the Holy Masse at 9:30 in English and 1 pm in Polish.

IF YOUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED

We ask parishioners who have changed their address in recent months to provide their new address to the parish office. Each year, we mail tax receipts for your offerings, and many of these letters are not received due to incorrect addresses in our database. Please notify the parish office as soon as possible if your address has changed.

SOUND SYSTEM IN THE CHURCH

Our current sound system in the church is over a decade old and frequently breaks down. Many parishioners complain about our sound system. This week, we are starting a sound system upgrade in our church. We will be adding new speakers to the existing columns, and installing a new audio mixer and amplifier/DSP matrix that automatically manages sound, suppresses reverberation, handles delay lines, and protects the system. We hope this solution will help eliminate reverberation and distribute sound evenly throughout the church. The upgrade will be performed by Soundbox Production, a company in Hamilton. We've received permission from the Archdiocese of Toronto to upgrade the sound system.

THANKS & GRATITUDE

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Missionary Fund of the Polish Missionary Oblates. The collection for this purpose totaled \$3,750. We thank all donors from the bottom of our hearts.

We are completing the renovation of the choir pews. The choir will soon be open to the faithful again. We would like to sincerely thank Krystyna and Eugeniusz CUDEK for their donation of \$3,000 for the renovation of the choir pews. God bless you!

We thank you for the anonymous donation of \$2,000 for the upgrade of the sound system. God bless you!

THE DYNAMIC WOMEN'S OF FAITH CONFERENCE

17th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference - Saturday March 21, 2026 Le Treport Banquet Hall, Mississauga Johnnette Benkovic Williams from EWTN - What does it Mean to be a Woman?

Sister John Mary SV - Learning to Listen in a Distracted World

April Smith from North Pole Alaska - Live Adventurously, Live Virtuously

Dorothy Pilarski - One Mother's Heart - One Mother's Fiat

Natalie Regnier - Brick by Brick: Building a Strong FamilyBishop

Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the closing MassREGISTER HERE dwf2026.eventbrite.ca

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 health & God's blessing for daughter Elzbieta & Irena x2 – własna

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 8

- 8:00 For the members of the Devine Mercy Society
- 9:30 For + Maria Strycharz – son & family
- 11:00 For parishioners
- 13:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Jan Kolpak - mother
- 19:00 For God's blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Jola Gruca & her family - mother

MONDAY, February 9

- 8:00 For + Antoni Stachulak – wife & children
- 19:00 For + Marian Dąbrowski - żona

TUESDAY, February 10 – St. Scholastica, Virgin

- 8:00 For + Antoni Zaleski – son with family
- 19:00 For + Irena Łabik – mother & siblings with families

WEDNESDAY, February 11

- 8:00 For + Mirosław Czupielowski – wife & daughter
- 19:00 For God's blessing for brother Arek, Monika & their children - sister

THURSDAY, February 12

- 8:00 For + Piotr Moroch – wife, son & family
- 19:00 In thanksgiving asking for health & God's blessing for family – Zdzisław Idzik

FRIDAY, February 13

- 8:00 For + Helena Kurosad (7th anniversary) – sister
- 18:00 Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima
- 19:00 For + Andrzej & Marianna Niedbala and Michał, Anna & Ryszard Kaczor - family

SATURDAY, February 14 – Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop

- 8:00 1. For + Józefa & Franciszek Kupinski & brother Tadeusz – Milewski family
2. In thanksgiving for 46 years of marriage asking for God's blessing on the 50th anniversary of wedding – husband Stanisław
- 13:00 Wedding – Adrian Michael Fronczak & Danika Hilary Smith
- 19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Zofia & Stanisław Leja on the 60th wedding anniversary - own

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