

***Second Sunday of Lent***

***March 1, 2026***

*First reading: Gen 12, 1-4a*

*Second reading: 2 Tm 1, 8b-10*

**Resp. 33: „Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.”**

***Gospel: Mt 17, 1-9***

**Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.**

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

**THE PASTOR’S REFLECTION**

Today is the second Sunday of Lent. The Church wants to help us in various ways to experience this holy time with the greatest possible benefit. She does this especially through the proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance. We need trust to set out on the journey. Abraham, who accepted the Word of God, entrusted himself completely to Him, and followed Him, can be our father and guide in our daily struggles. The promise he received was impossible to fulfill, yet at the same time incredibly great. Psalm 33, in which we will pray, convinces us that God never disappoints: “The word of the Lord is true, and all his works are trustworthy.” Timothy’s spiritual father, St. Paul, encourages him to trust. “Take part in hardships and adversities,” the Apostle, who was often broken in his own life, strengthens the disciple. The three disciples with Jesus on Mount Tabor will also experience a miraculous transformation through their trust in the Master. Like the saints, let us respond to God’s word with our trust.

**AD GENTES SUNDAY**

In the universal Church, we celebrate Ad Gentes Sunday – the Day of Prayer, Fasting, and Solidarity with Missionaries. Our prayers embrace those who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth. They, following Christ’s example, often suffer persecution and pay the ultimate price with their lives for their service to God and humanity.

**CURSED SOLDIERS**

Today is also a national holiday: the National Remembrance Day of the “Cursed Soldiers.” It commemorates the soldiers of the anti-communist and independence underground movement, established in 2011 by the Sejm of the Republic of Poland. Let us remember in our personal prayers those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for our country.

**DEVOTIONS**

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

On the first Thursday (March 5), we will thank God for the gift of the Eucharist and pray for numerous and holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life at 6:30 PM.

On the first Friday (March 6), 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 take place at 3:00 PM, and the Stations of the Cross, with an act of consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, will take place at 6:30 PM.

On the first Saturday (March 7), we will honor the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the devotion of the five First Saturdays in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place at 6:00 PM.

**LENTEN RESOLUTIONS**

During Lent, let us gaze upon the Crucified One, who sacrificed his life for us, and let us undertake the labor of voluntary mortification in reparation for our sins and those of our neighbors. Let us make good resolutions, refrain from participating in loud entertainment, from consuming alcoholic beverages, and from smoking cigarettes, thus atonement for God’s sins of drunkenness, licentiousness, dishonesty, and any lack of humility. Let us not forget that Lent is a time of penance and prayer.

**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.

**FEAST OF ST. CASIMIR**

This Wednesday, March 4, we will celebrate Saint Casimir (1458-1484), a Polish prince whose pious life proved that power does not have to be an opportunity for abuse, corruption, or a race to amass earthly wealth. Power and politics are God’s work, and when treated as a calling, they can also become a path to holiness. We invite you to a Holy Mass at 11:00 AM, with the participation of numerous priests. At 10:00 AM, private adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin in the church. Only one solemn concelebrated Mass will be celebrated in our church on this day.

**WOMEN’S DAY**

Next Sunday, March 8, is Women’s Day. Although it is a rather secular celebration, let us remember all women in our prayers.

**SHARE LIFE**

This year, the Archdiocese of Toronto’s ShareLife charitable giving campaign will begin on March 22. ShareLife is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of charitable giving. As always, let’s support ShareLife and be generous. This year marks an important milestone for

Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto—fifty years since we decided to prioritize Catholic values and respect the dignity of life in every aspect of our work for justice, mercy, and charity. The envelopes are included in the annual kits. Our parish is committed to raising \$18,500 for ShareLife this year. Last year, we raised \$15,670 for ShareLife.

### THANKS & GRATITUDE...

Dear parishioners, we wholeheartedly express our gratitude for all the donations made this past year to support our parish. Thanks to your generosity and care, we were able to maintain the community's day-to-day operations, pay essential bills, carry out necessary renovations, and organize pastoral events. Your support—both material and spiritual—is an expression of responsibility for our parish community and a testimony of our living faith. Every donation, regardless of the amount, is of great value and contributes to the good of the entire parish. May the Good Lord reward you for your generosity, grant you needed graces, and bless you in your daily lives. The 2025 financial report is available at the parish office.

We are continuing our renovation work in the parish premises. We would like to sincerely thank Marian Turczynski (electrician), Stanisław Stepień, Edward Milewski, Zdzisław Rygiel, Józef Niedzielski, and Czesława Kulpa, who have recently assisted us.

### 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 + Arthur Fomey – friend Eugene  
 For health, care of the Blessed Virgin Mary & gifts of the Holy Spirit for grandchildren Sebastian & Zosia and children Rafal, Ania & Jeyson – parents & grandparents  
 For + grandparents Aniela, Felicja & Jozef Buldys & deceased from the Buldys family – granddaughter with family  
 For + grandparents Maria & Henryk Kozacz & deceased from the Kozacz family – granddaughter with family



### MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### Sunday, March 1

- 8:00 For members of the Holy Rosary Society
- 9:30 For + Antonina & Bronislaw Hyc, Maria & Karol Iglar, Danuta, Wladyslaw & 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

#### MONDAY, March 2

- 8:00 For + Helena & Czeslaw & deceased from the family – Fr. Kazimierz
- 19:00 For the lectors from the St. Casimir's Parish

#### TUESDAY, March 3

- 8:00 1. For + Helena & Franciszek Ciupak and Leonarda & Jan Kirejczyk - Sakowski family  
 2. For Zdzislawa & Czeslaw Kurzydło – Musial family

18:30 The Way of the Cross for children & altar servers

- 19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Kazimierz & Malgorzata - own

#### WEDNESDAY, March 4 – St. Casimir, Prince

- 8:00 There is no Mass
- 11:00 1. For + Stefania Enginer  
 2. For parishioners
- 19:00 There is no Mass

#### THURSDAY, March 5

- 8:00 For + Kazimierz Borowski – wife with family
- 18:30 Devotion of the first Thursday of the month
- 19:00 For + Maria Idzikowska – daughter Ewa with husband Marek

#### FRIDAY, March 6

- 8:00 For + Wladyslaw & Aniela Murzydło, brothers Wladyslaw, Jozef & Helena, Anna & Bronislaw Murzydło – Maria & Tadeusz Murzydło
- 18:30 The Way of the Cross
- 19:00 For + Wladyslawa & Tadeusz Idzik & Krystyna Idzik – J.H. Idzik

#### SATURDAY, March 7

- 8:00 For + Leokadia Osiecka and Stanisława & Franciszek Dryja – son with family
- 18:00 Devotion of the first Saturday of the month
- 19:00 For + Eugeniusz Kozacz & deceased from the family – daughter with family

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### Sunday, March 8

- 8:00 For members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society
- 9:30 For + parents Jozef & Maria Kaczor, siblings Stanislaw & Irena, Tadeusz & Helena, Emilia & Olgierd, Jozef, Ewerest & Stanisława, Rev. Kazimierz & daughter-in-law Anna – daughter & sister with family
- 11:00 For parishioners
- 13:00 For deceased from the Ciejek & Nowak families - family
- 18:15 Lenten Lamentations
- 19:00 For + Halina Lapinska (8<sup>th</sup> anniversary) – daughter Elzbieta with family