

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**March 15, 2026**

*First reading: 1 Sm 16, 1b.6-7.10-13b*

*Second reading: Ef 5, 8-14*

**Resp. 23: „The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”**

**Gospel: J 9, 1-41**

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

### **THE PASTOR’S REFLECTION**

The importance of sight has been experienced by anyone who has lost their sight, even for a moment. Today's readings reveal how crucial spiritual sight is to our faith. The prophet Samuel searches for a new king of Israel, chosen by God. It turns out that David, chosen against human judgment, becomes this king. The Lord sees the heart, not just external attributes. A similar experience befalls a man born blind. After meeting Jesus, he discovers that faith gives access to true sight. From the moment of his healing, he recognizes the Savior as the Light of the world. Therefore, in his Letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul encourages us to live as children of light. Let us allow true light to shine in our lives.

### **LAETARE SUNDAY**

Today – the fourth Sunday of Lent – is slightly different from the others. In the Church’s tradition, we call it Laetare Sunday, or Sunday of Joy. We even see this in the change from Lenten purple to pink in the liturgical vestments. In the middle of Lent, the Church calls the faithful to joy, so that all those who undertake the effort of a change of heart may persevere in this challenging daily effort.

### **LENT –AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CONVERSION**

Lent, which we are currently experiencing, is a unique opportunity for conversion, for renewing our friendship with God. It is a time to return to the roots of faith and to marvel at the mystery of God's love, which is also expressed in the constant presence of the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. Let us use this time well to strengthen ourselves as people of upright conscience and truly committed to building the Kingdom of God. The Savior continually strengthens us in this, nourishing us with His Body, which He has made the food for eternal life. Let us often approach the Eucharistic table.

### **LENTEN DEVOTIONS**

We invite you to the Passion services in our church. Today, Bitter Lamentations with a Passion sermon at 6:15 PM. On Tuesday, the Stations of the Cross are for children and altar servers, and on Friday, for everyone. Remember that these services carry indulgences, which, under the usual conditions, can be obtained for ourselves or for deceased loved ones.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Lent is also a time when we receive the sacrament of penance and reconciliation in greater numbers. In our church, confession is held daily before each Holy Mass. Let us remember to prepare well for sacramental confession and to fulfill all the requirements of the sacrament of penance. The sacrament of reconciliation, with the participation of numerous

priests, will take place on Palm Sunday from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

### **INDULGENCE IN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Holy Confession and receiving the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist are also conditions for receiving the grace of indulgences associated with the ongoing Year of St. Francis in the Church. This indulgence, according to the Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary, can be obtained by “all the faithful, without exception, who, with hearts free from attachment to sin, participate in the Year of St. Francis by visiting, as a pilgrimage, any Franciscan monastery church or place of worship in any part of the world dedicated to St. Francis or associated with him for any reason, and there devoutly participate in the jubilee rites or spend a suitable time in pious meditation and offer prayers to God so that, following the example of St. Francis, feelings of Christian love for neighbor and authentic desires for harmony and peace among nations may arise in hearts, concluding with the prayers of the Our Father, the Creed, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, and all the saints of the Franciscan Family.” Let us take advantage of this unique gift that the Church opens to us.

### **DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP & MULTIPLE INTENSIONS MASS**

This coming Wednesday, March 18, we invite you to a devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and a Multiple Intentions Mass. Intentions for the Mass are submitted at the parish office.

### **FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**

Thursday, March 19, is the feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patron Saint of the Church. In 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the patron saint of the universal Church and Christian families. When faced with so many difficulties, daily worries, and uncertainty due to lack of work and the means to a decent life, it is worthwhile to seek Saint Joseph's help not only on his feast day but also on every Tuesday specifically dedicated to him. Saint Joseph is also the patron saint of a good death. According to tradition, he departed this world in the arms of the Lord Jesus himself.

### **SHARE LIFE**

In the spirit of Lenten solidarity, let us support the Church’s charitable institutions during this time. This year, the Archdiocese of Toronto’s ShareLife charitable initiative will begin on March 22. ShareLife is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of charitable giving. As always, let us support ShareLife and be generous. This year marks an important milestone for Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto—fifty years since the decision to prioritize Catholic values and respect the dignity of life at every stage of our work for justice, mercy, and love of neighbor. The envelopes are included in the annual collections. Our parish is committed to raising \$18,500 for ShareLife this year. Last year, we raised \$15,670 for ShareLife.

ShareLife was founded on a pivotal event in 1976, when Archbishop Philip Pocock recognized that the Church cannot abandon its commitment to the dignity of every human life. Guided by faith, he chose a path that allowed all members of the Church to respond to the needs of those in need in a way

that fully reflected the Gospel of life and Catholic social teaching. In this way, this new approach created an opportunity for our love for one another to be reflected in every act of mercy we undertake.

### LENTEN RETREAT

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.

### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF A CONCEIVED CHILD

The spiritual adoption of a conceived child will take place on Wednesday, March 25, at the conclusion of the Lenten retreat.

### THANKS & GRATITUDE...

We would like to thank the ladies who prepared lunch for the priests during the parish feast. Our thanks go to: Milewska Jadwiga, Hyc Anna, Idzik Helena, Posluszny Marysia, Borowska Bozena, Solarczyk Katarzyna. We also thank the ladies who baked the cake: Milewska Jadwiga, Zawł Halina & Magda, and Nydza Malgorzata.

### EXTREME STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Extreme Stations of the Cross in GTA will take place on Friday, March 27. The Stations of the Cross will begin with Mass in our church at 7:00 PM.

### DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference Saturday March 21, 2026 Le Treport Banquet Hall, Mississauga  
Keynote Speaker ♥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 Family ♥Bishop Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the closing Mass  
REGISTER HERE [dwf2026.eventbrite.ca](http://dwf2026.eventbrite.ca)

### PILGRIMAGE

Polimex invites you to a pilgrimage and trip to Sicily from September 24 to October 4. For more information, please contact Polimex offices.

### 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

In thanksgiving for the 50 years in Canada asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for further years – own

For + Barbara & Wlodzimierz & deceased from the family – cousin

For + Henryk Glowackieg – The Holy Rosary Society

### MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### Sunday, March 15

8:00 For members of the Devine Mercy Society  
9:30 For health & God's blessing for son Tomasz, Rebecka, Aurora & Willow - mother

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + Janina Kaczor (26<sup>th</sup> anniversary) – daughter with family

18:15 Lenten Lamentations

19:00 For + Mieczyslaw Krol & deceased from the Skiba family – daughter with family

#### MONDAY, March 16

8:00 For + Wladyslaw

19:00 For health, God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Elizabeth Power – parents

#### TUESDAY, March 17

8:00 For + deceased from the Klacza family – Chris & Mark Korwin-Kuczynski

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

19:00 For + Jozef Pliszka & Edward Krzeminski – family

#### WEDNESDAY, March 18

8:00 1. For + Honorata Lejtkowska - niece  
2. In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Bozena & Jacek Branski on their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary – own

18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

19:00 Multiple Intensiond Mass

#### THURSDAY, March 19 – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 For + Jozef Moroz - wife

19:00 For + Jozefa & Stefan Brzezinski & deceased from the family – daughter-in-law

#### FRIDAY, March 20

8:00 For + Helena & Jozef Rajski – Grazyna with family

18:30 The Way of the Cross

19:00 For + Wieslaw Ostrowski (8<sup>th</sup> anniversary) – sister with family

#### SATURDAY, March 21

8:00 For + Stanislaw & Wladyslaw Pasciak & deceased from the Pasciak family – Grzegorz Bembenek

19:00 For + Maryla Zdyb (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary) – son with family

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### Sunday, March 22

8:00 For + Jadwiga

9:30 For + Regina & Antoni Tymosiak - daughter

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For God's blessing & good husband for Renata - mother

18:15 Lenten Lamentations

19:00 For deceased from the Maziarz family – Malgorzata & Mariusz Bembenek