

### ***Third Sunday of Lent***

***March 8, 2026***

*First reading: Ex 17, 3-7*

*Second reading: Rom 5, 1-2. 5-8*

**Resp. 95: „ If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”**

***Gospel: J 4, 5-42***

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

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

### **THE PASTOR’S REFLECTION**

We are approaching the halfway point of this year’s time of penance and conversion – today is the third Sunday of Lent. Let us therefore take a closer look during this holy time at the fruits of faith we bear in our daily lives. Does our faith bear any fruit at all? If not, then it is a good time to change, to return to the beginning of our faith – to holy baptism – and to remind ourselves that the waters of baptism washed us from original sin, made us children of God, and incorporated us into the community of the Church. But these privileges also bring with them the responsibility to nurture the faith implanted in our hearts, to develop and deepen it, and to share it with others. This pastoral year constantly reminds us that we are disciples of Christ and His missionaries in the contemporary world.

### **WOMEN’S DAY**

Today, March 8, we celebrate Women’s Day. Although it is a secular celebration, let us remember in our prayers all women, especially those most burdened mothers. After all, women fulfill a special role in the world, in the Church, and in the family. Let us commend their efforts and lives to God and to Mary, who is the most beautiful model of a wife and mother.

### **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.

### **FATIMA DEVOTION**

Friday, March 13, there will be no Fatima service due to the Stations of the Cross devotion.

### **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.

### **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.

### **PILGRIMAGE**

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

### **THANKS & GRATITUDE...**

We would like to sincerely thank Krystyna and Eugeniusz Cudek for their donation of \$3,000 to cover the costs of a new sound system in our church. God bless you.

We would like to thank the volunteers who prepared the Christmas mail for delivery: Jadwiga and Edward Milewski, Halina and Jozef Stepien, Bozena Borowska, Anna Wołoszyn, Maria Posłuszny, Anna Hyc, Elzbieta Zalewska, Stefania Kolpak, and Czesława Moszkowicz. God bless you for your help.

### 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 + Ala Sobczyk & deceased from the Kozub & Kuliczkowski families

For + Helena & Andrzej Stawicki & deceased from the Stawicki & Kotarski families – granddaughter with family

For + Waleria & Blazej Blazejewicz & deceased from the Blazejewicz & Marszalek families - granddaughter with family

For souls in purgatory

For + Zbigniew Majka x2 – Hyc family

For + Alfons & Scholastyka Boniewicz, Stefania Bruks, Pawel Glowa & Roman Kubacki

For + Bronislaw Front, Jozefa Szubert, Stanislaw Kaminski, Wojciech & Karolina Boniewicz – Hanna Szubert

For + Jadwiga Solodko – daughter & son-in-law with family

For + Genowefa Lenartowicz – son Janusz with wife

For + Stanislaw Lenartowicz – son Janusz with wife

For deceased from the Lenartowicz family – Janusz

For deceased from the Sołodko family – Barbara

For deceased from the Bojarczuk family – Barbara

For return to faith, Mother Church & God's blessing for children – mama

For + Bogdan Chodynski and parents Andrzej & Janina Gal – Wanda with family

For the fulfillment of God's will for the sick Eugene Ustupski – Helena with family

For health & God's blessing for Karol – parents

For deceased from the Gałczynski, Granat, Pinal & Swierszcz families

For souls in purgatory x2

For the conversion to God of grandchildren and sons-in-law

For + Wladyslaw x4 – daughter Krystyna with family

### MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

#### 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

#### MONDAY, March 9

8:00 In thanksgiving asking for god's blessing for Lukasz Kolpak & Katarzyna Strama on the birthday - mother

19:00 For + Maria & Franciszek Posluszny & Krystyna Sopczynski - son & brother with family

#### TUESDAY, March 10

8:00 For + Maria Grabowska – children & grandchildren

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

19:00 For + Lucyna Wedzik - cousin

#### WEDNESDAY, March 11

8:00 1. For + Bronislaw & Emilia Jasinski – Andrzej with family

2. For + Antonina & Bronislaw Hyc, Maria & Karol Iglar, Danuta, Wladyslaw & Zbigniew Majka - family

19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Helena – children with families

#### THURSDAY, March 12

8:00 For gifts of the Holy Spirit for Bogdan – mother Bozena Borowska

19:00 For + Felicja & Lech Grzegorski & deceased from family - daughter

#### FRIDAY, March 13

8:00 In thanksgiving for the received graces asking for further on the name day – Bozena Senkowska - Zukowska

18:30 The Way of the Cross

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

#### SATURDAY, March 14

8:00 For + Marian Longosz on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of death & Jan Longosz (8<sup>th</sup> anniversary) – sister Zuzanna

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

#### 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