

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2026

First reading: Acts 2, 42-47

Second reading: 1 Pet 1, 3-9

Resp. 118: „Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.”

Gospel: J 20, 19-31

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

BAPTISM

Stellan Nikodem Swieczka

Luca Benjamin Swies

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Eugeniusz Ustupski

Bonifacy Marion Bekus

Eternal rest grant them, Lord

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Where the story of Jesus' life ends, the disciples' faith in His miraculous presence begins. The experience of encountering the Risen One can change the course of history. It influences not only the disciples present in today's Gospel but also us, the hearers of God's word. Saint John, the beloved disciple, suggests that by seeing Jesus' empty tomb, we can believe in His resurrection. He was one of the first to understand what it means to rise from the dead. His testimony invites us to aspire to what is above, where Christ dwells.

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. The death and resurrection of Christ most clearly convince us that God is love, that He can only love and forgive. As the Church, filled with Easter joy, we now have but one task: to proclaim and make present the mercy of God revealed in Jesus Christ, who suffered for the sinful world, is truly risen, and is alive among us. As disciples of Christ, who makes God's mercy present, let us proclaim it to the world and show it to all our brothers and sisters.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Today, on the Feast of Divine Mercy, we invite you to the Hour of Mercy at 3:00 PM. Have you ever wondered why 3:00 PM is called the "Hour of Mercy" in the Catholic tradition? It was at this time, according to the revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, that Jesus died on the cross, opening the ocean of mercy to humanity. The Hour of Mercy is not only a commemoration of Christ's agony, but above all a privileged time of grace, when Jesus promised: "In this hour I will refuse no soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." This is why so many believers search for appropriate prayers to recite during this special time.

WEEK OF MERCY

Today we begin Mercy Week. Until 2012, Mercy Week was celebrated in October, but since 2013, it begins on the second Sunday of Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy. As we experience God's mercy, we ourselves should be merciful to our sisters and brothers.

KATYN & SMOLENSK ANNIVERSARIES

The commemorations of the 86th anniversary of the Katyn Massacre and the 16th anniversary of the Smolensk Disaster, organized by the Canadian Polish Congress Toronto Branch, will take place today, April 12, 2026. The ceremonies will begin with Holy Mass at 11:00 AM, and at 1:00 PM, official ceremonies will take place at the foot of the Katyn Monument, where flowers, wreaths, and candles will be laid.

BAPTISM OF POLAND

Next Tuesday, April 14, is the national holiday of the Baptism of Poland, established by the Sejm of the Republic of Poland in 2019, which is intended to remind us of the Christian roots of our nation.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Next Sunday during the 9:30 am Mass, the sacrament of confirmation will be administered to our youth.

RENOVATION FUND

Next Sunday, April 19, the second collection will be collected for the Renovation Fund. We thank everyone for the donation.

SHARE LIFE

The second collection for the Archdiocese of Toronto ShareLife charity will be collected on Sunday, April 26, while the collection for the renovation fund will be collected next weekend. The envelopes are included in the annual envelope sets.

MOVIE INVITATION

On Sunday, April 19, at 2:30 PM, we invite you to see the film: "I Am the Immaculate Conception." Admission is free. "I Am the Immaculate Conception" is a 2024 Polish feature-documentary film (theatrical release: March 14, 2025) directed by Michał Kondrat, dedicated to the mystery of Mary and the apparitions of Lourdes. The film presents the story of Mary through narrative scenes combined with analyses by experts from Poland, the USA, and France, utilizing modern technology.

POLISH ALTAR IN MIDLAND

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs and the 70th anniversary of Polish pilgrimages to Midland. It is worth recalling the origins of these pilgrimages. In 1956, to celebrate the Marian Year, the 300th anniversary of the defense of Jasna Góra, and King John's vows, the first nationwide Polish pilgrimage to

Midland was organized at the initiative of Father Józef Capiga of Hamilton and Father Michael Smith, OMI. It attracted approximately 12,000 Polish pilgrims from Ontario and the United States. Fifty-three years ago, in 1973, the Polish Altar was built thanks to donations from the Polish community. Unfortunately, time takes its toll, and the altar is now beyond repair, completely rotten, and the roof is in danger of collapse. After intensive consultation with the director of the Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs and the organizers of the Walking Pilgrimage, the Conference of Polish Priests decided to build a new altar. In the coming weeks, the old altar (i.e., the wooden structure) will be demolished, and a new altar constructed. To meet legal requirements, an architect has been hired, and it is worth mentioning that the decision was made to preserve the original appearance of the altar.

The altar is scheduled to be completed for this year's Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which will take place on August 9th. It will be solemnly blessed by Archbishop Tadeusz Wojda, President of the Polish Bishops' Conference, who will preside over the main ceremonies. The total project cost will be \$65,000. To date, \$40,000 has been raised. Parishioners wishing to make a donation for the construction of the new Polish altar in Midland can deposit their donation directly into the Polish Priests' Conference Credit Union account #98757 or bring it to the parish office.

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 in the Libera family
 For faith & God's blessing for Daniel & Michelle – grandmother
 For gifts of the Holy Spirit & faith for Stanislaw – mother
 For + God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Oliver – great grandmother
 For love & God's blessing for Elzbieta & Mateusz – grandmother
 For perseverance and mutual love for Irena, Julian and their family – mother
 For + Janina & Andrzej Gal & Bogdan Chodynski – Wanda Gal with children
 For + Eugeniusz Ustupski – Idzik family
 For + Mieczyslaw Magda – Idzik family
 For + Zofia & Emil Jachna – Idzik family

GREGORIAN MASSES

7.04 – 6.05 For + Jadwiga Jagodzinski – sister Janina Niewojt
 01.06 – 30.06 For + Jadwiga Jagodzinski - husband

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Sunday, April 12

- 8:00 For members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society
 9:30 For deceased from the Wplanski & Koziolok families – Ted & Eugenia Wolanski
 11:00 For + the Polish soldiers murdered in Katyn on the 86th anniversary & for the victims of the Smolensk catastrophe on the 16th anniversary – Canadian Polish Congress, Toronto District
 13:00 For + parents from both sides & brothers: Tadeusz, Mieczyslaw & Willhelm – K. Skibinski with family
 19:00 For + Christopher Gruca – grandmother

EASTER MONDAY, April 13

- 8:00 For + Janice Moreau – Chris & Mark Korwin-Kuczynski
 19:00 For health & God's blessing for family & god sons

EASTER TUESDAY, April 14

- 8:00 1. For + Henryk Kieresinski (16th anniversary) - Elzbieta
 2. For health & God's blessing for Stefania Kolpak – own (Fr. Janusz in the chapel)
 19:00 For + Eugeniusz Iglar, Karol Mysliwiec, Dominik Brzyzek, Malgorzata & Jozef Pawlik - Anna

EASTER WEDNESDAY, April 15

- 8:00 1. For God's blessing for Anna & Marek on the 50th wedding anniversary - own
 2. For + Czeslaw, Eugeniusz & Tadeusz Magda – brother

18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

19:00 Multiple Intensions Mass

EASTER THURSDAY, April 16

- 8:00 For + Helena & Stanislaw Tymus - sister
 19:00 For + Gertruda & Alfons Linke & deceased from the family – daughter with family

EASTER FRIDAY, April 17

- 8:00 1. For + Anna & Stanislaw & Krzysztof & sister-in-law Stefania Czaplą – son & brother Jan
 2. For + Wiktoria & Henryk Senkowski, Helena & Wlodzimierz Walter Uglík, Karystyna & Ryszard Nosowicz, Ryszard Zukowski, Lila & Bronislaw Kosiba & deceased from the family – Bozena Senkowska-Zukowska

EASTER SATURDAY, April 18

- 8:00 For + Wiktoria & Jan, Stanislaw & Lucja, Jozef & Maria, Kazimierz & Eleonora, Adam, Anna & Andrzej, Eugeniusz & Zbigniew, Kazimierz B – Armatus family
 19:00 For + Bogdan Zalewski – members of the Warsaw Society

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 19

- 8:00 For members of the Divine Mercy Society
 9:30 For + Maria Mieczkowski (3rd anniversary) – husband, children & grandchildren
 11:00 For parishioners
 13:00 For + Helena & Jozef Rajski – Grazyna with family
 19:00 For + Alicja & Ryszard Berger and Maria & Edward Lizak - family