

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

First reading: Acts 2, 14.22b-32

Second reading: 1 P 1, 17-21

Resp. 16: „Lord, you will show us the path of life.”

Gospel: Lk 24, 13-35

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

What price must we pay to know God? We find the answer today in the First Letter of Saint Peter: we have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus. This most recognizable sign of belonging to Jesus is the price of knowing His love. On the cross, we best recognize what it means to love. There, God reveals to us His path of life, as sung by the Psalmist. Jesus leads a lost pair of disciples, fleeing from Jerusalem, back to the ways of God. He draws near to them, listens, begins to speak and explain with wisdom. Only in the gesture of breaking bread do they recognize the Master, who disappears from their sight. With Saint Peter, let us discover today how God calls us to bear witness to His presence in the world.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today is the third Sunday of Easter. We experience a period of joy stemming from experiencing the power of the Risen Christ. This power enables us to love others and create authentic community—communion—with them. The Lord Jesus dedicated the period from the Resurrection to the Ascension to those he loved most. Let us strive to enter this circle, let us feel invited into a close communion with the Risen One, which is best realized through our full participation in the Eucharist.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Today, during Mass at 9:30 am, the sacrament of confirmation will be administered to the following candidates: Karol Bembenek, Tomasz Chrzanowski, Maya Jachna, Sophia Mosor, Tola Olszewska, Maksymilian Szkotak, and Nickolas Szkotak. We wish them courageous witnesses to the Risen Jesus. **We extend our heartfelt thanks to Irena Albinowska**, who has been preparing the candidates for confirmation since September of last year. For her testimony of faith and selfless service, we offer our sincere thanks. God bless you!

RENOVATION FUND

Today, the second collection will be collected for the Renovation Fund. We thank everyone for the donation.

SHARE LIFE

The Archdiocese of Toronto's second annual collection, ShareLife, will be collected next Sunday, April 26th. The envelopes are included in the annual envelope sets. Our parish is committed to raising \$18,500 for ShareLife this year. To date, we have raised \$6,520. ShareLife was founded on a pivotal event in 1976, when Archbishop Philip

Pocock recognized that the Church could not abandon its commitment to the dignity of every human life. Guided by his 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.

MOVIE INVITATION

Today, 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.

FEAST OF ST. ADALBERT

Thursday, April 23, we will celebrate the feast of St. Adalbert, bishop and martyr, patron saint of Poland. Our thoughts and hearts will turn to Gniezno, where his relics are located. We will thank God for the good he has done for us through St. Adalbert's ministry in our land. We have been Christians for a thousand years. But from this great grace also flow tasks, above all, the worthy fulfillment of the Gospel of Christ in our daily lives.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Next Sunday – Good Shepherd Sunday – we will celebrate as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We must continually pray to Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, that there will never be a lack of new workers in God's Vineyard.

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.

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

For + Monica Zaczynski x2 – Helena Kolodziej
 For + Monica Zaczynski x10 – Kular & Soltysik families
 For + Monica Zaczynski x5 – Tobola & Sadowski families
 For + Monica Zaczynski x2 – Jadwiga & Agata Lazowski
 For + Monica Zaczynski x2 – Lucy Padewski
 For + Monica Zaczynski x2 – Krystyna Gorbacz
 For + Monica Zaczynski
 For Marta to regulate personal life according to God's will x9 - parents
 For +Eugeniusz Ustupski x22 – Kuzminski, Barcikowski, Attia, Czapla, Magda, Borkowski, Wisniowski, Kulpinski, Szczehowicz, Matrij families and Marysia & Monika Polakowski
 For + Wojciech Warias – wife with family
 For + Julia & Jozef Wolak – daughter Joanna with family
 For + Czeslaw Wolak – sister Joanna with family
 For + Walerian Wolak – sister Joanna with family
 For God's blessing in the family & own intension – Joanna Warias
 For + Leokadia Walaszczyk – Mila Blicharska
 For + Grazyna – Mila Blicharska
 For + Shawn Als - Katarzyna
 For + Grzegorz Nowak – friends
 For + Boguslaw Wojtowicz & parents Teresa & Stanislaw – family
 For + parents Jadwiga & Jan Nowak & siblings – family

GREGORIAN MASSES

01.08 – 30.08 For + Monica Zaczynski – Genowefa Zaczynski

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

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

MONDAY, April 20

8:00 For + Janina & Wladyslaw Ruchalski – Halina with family
 19:00 For + Tadeusz Dudzki – sister

TUESDAY, April 21

8:00 For + Jadwiga
 19:00 For + Marianna & Marian Zawol and Krzysztof & Janina Czerniawski – family

WEDNESDAY, April 22

8:00 For + Jadwiga
 19:00 In thanksgiving asking for health & God's blessing for the Peczar family – Lidia

THURSDAY, April 23 – St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 For + Jadwiga
 19:00 In thanksgiving asking for further graces & health for the Peczar family – own

FRIDAY, April 24

8:00 For God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Grzegorz – mother
18:30 Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 19:00 For + Helena & Edmund Talkowski, Bozena, Krystyna & Grzegorz – son & brother with family

SATURDAY, April 25

8:00 For + Jadwiga
 14:30 Wedding - Faredin Ameti i Rita Wyrebek
 19:00 For + Robert Chmiel – wife

Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 26

8:00 For + Ursula Roman (7th anniversary) – mother Zuzanna Roman
 9:30 For + Stanley & Maria Strycharz – son & family
 11:00 For parishioners
 13:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Halina & Jozef Stepien - own
 19:00 For + Katarzyna & Marcin Herbut – daughter Bronia with family