

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

First reading: Acts 2, 14a.36-41

Second reading: 1 P 2, 20b-26

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

Gospel: J 10, 1-10

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Faredin Ameti i Rita Wyrebek

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

I am the gate for the sheep – we will hear from Jesus today. What does it mean to be the gate for the sheep? It means: to offer a chance for salvation. Christ allows us to enter and exit through the gate, enabling us to seek and find the right places that fill us with peace and justice. The gate Jesus speaks of is His cross. As the Good Shepherd, as Saint Peter writes in his Letter, He bore our sins on the tree, purified us, and endowed us with righteousness. An encounter with the Risen One brings forth the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. He leads us to green pastures and refreshes our souls, setting before us the table of God's word. This Sunday in the Church is celebrated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

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.

SHARE LIFE

Today, the second collection after Holy Communion will be for ShareLife, the charitable organization of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Toronto Cardinal Francis Leon wrote to the faithful: “I invite you to join me in supporting the parish's ShareLife 2026 campaign, so that together we can ensure that our Catholic community remains wholeheartedly present to those struggling, both today and in the future.”

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
QUEEN OF POLAND**

On Saturday, May 2, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Poland, the principal patron saint of our homeland (the holiday has been moved from Sunday). This coming Saturday also marks the annual Polish Diaspora Day and National Flag Day.

DEVOTIONS

This coming week marks the First Friday of the month, which will be combined with the May devotion. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private adoration will begin at 3:00 PM. Also on the First Saturday, the service will be combined with the May devotion and will begin at 6:30 PM.

MARIAN MONTH OF MAY

This coming Friday, we will begin the Marian month of May. Every day, we will gather around the altar for the Eucharist and the May devotion. In Mary's school, let us learn total devotion to God and our brothers and sisters. In our church, we will celebrate the May devotion daily at 6:30 PM. During the month of May, weekday Masses will be celebrated only in the evenings at 7:00 PM, as the parish priest will be alone in the parish for the foreseeable future, while the other priests are on vacation in Poland.

**PRAYERS FOR VICTIMS
OF NAZI & STALINIST TERROR**

On Wednesday, at the initiative of the Polish Episcopate, we will also pray for all victims of Nazi and Stalinist terror, especially clergy and consecrated persons. On this day, we will commemorate the Day of Martyrdom of the Polish Clergy, commemorating the anniversary of the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp in 1945.

OUR YOUTH INVITE

Today, young people are invited for coffee and doughnuts and to buy many types of pierogi from Supreme Pierogies.

ROSARY MYSTERIES EXCHANGE

Roses of the Living Rosary will exchange their mysteries on the first Sunday of each month, before 11:00 a.m. Mass.

POLISH HERITAGE MONTH

On Sunday, May 10, the Canadian Polish Congress cordially invites the entire Polish community to a celebration of Polish Heritage Month and the 235th anniversary of the Constitution of May 3 at City Hall in Toronto, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. A solemn Mass will be held at St. Stanislaus Church earlier at 10:00 a.m. The program includes a grand parade through the streets of Toronto, band performances, a Polonaise, many attractions for children and adults, Polish food, and a DJ. Parking at City Hall is only \$10 for the entire day. Let's celebrate together in red and white – let's be seen and heard! More information: www.polishmayparade.ca

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, bring it to the parish office or deposit it in the collection box at church next Sunday.

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 health & God's blessing for children & grandchildren – mother

For + Rose Kingdom x7– Hyc family

Za śp. Henry Frank Bryant x5 – rodzina Borkowski

For + Stanisława & Marian – son

For + Chris H., Mike & Mike Z. – friends

For + Franek & Ewa – nephew with family

For + Bonifacy Bekus x2 - Krystyna

For + health, God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Halina Grydziusko – Ela with family & husband with family

For + Krzysztof P. – Maria

For + husband Marian, parents from both sides & deceased from the family

For + Antonina & Boleslaw & deceased from the family

For + Monica Zaczynski x5 – Maria Hyc

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

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

MONDAY, April 27

8:00 For + Zofia

19:00 For + Teresa Zaborowski (16th anniversary) – sons
Wladek & Jozek

TUESDAY, April 28

8:00 For + Zofia

19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Anna & Ryszard - own

WEDNESDAY, April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:00 For + Zofia

19:00 For + Wladyslawa & Tadeusz Idzik – son Zdzislaw

THURSDAY, April 30

8:00 For + Zofia

19:00 For + Zofia, Wladyslaw & Roman Chudek - Teresa

FRIDAY, May 1

8:00 There is no Mass

18:30 Devotion of the first Friday of the month & Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 For + Marianna & Andrzej Niedbala and Michal, Anna & Ryszard Kaczor - family

SATURDAY, May 2 – The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Queen of Poland

8:00 There is no Mass

18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 In thanksgiving asking for further graces for the J.H. Idzik family - own

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 3

8:00 For the members of the Holy Rosary Society

9:30 For God's blessing for the Strycharz & Marzec families - David

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + Jaroslawa & Wladyslaw Zubyk – daughter

18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

19:00 For + Agnieszka Leszczynska - mother