

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

First reading: Acts 10, 34a. 37-43

Second reading: Col 3, 1-4

Resp. 118: „This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”

Gospel: J 20, 1-9

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

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.

HAPPY EASTER

Love ultimately conquers death, so let us clothe our lives in the Father’s victorious love and experience it. Sin and its fruit, death, can no longer bar our path to the Father’s house. May this be our best Easter wish, that each of us may experience and accept this victorious love of God the Father. Embraced by God’s love and hope; let us share these gifts with our brothers and sisters. This love and hope are needed in every dimension of our lives, especially socially and nationally. Happy Easter.

EASTER OCTAVE

Easter Sunday concludes the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Tomorrow, within the Easter Octave, is the second day of the holiday season – Easter Monday. Let’s make sure to attend Holy Mass. Masses in our parish will be celebrated in Polish tomorrow at 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:00 PM. This coming Friday, due to the Easter Octave, there is no abstinence from meat.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. This Sunday also marks the end of the Easter octave.

EXCHANGE OF ROSARY MYSTERIES

The Living Rosary Rosaries have an exchange of rosary mysteries on the second Sunday of the month before the 11:00 AM Mass.

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.

THANKS & GRATITUDE...

We thank everyone who donated flowers to the Lord’s Sepulcher. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who prepared the Easter decorations: Stanisław Roszak, Edward and Jadwiga Milewski, Jozef Stepien, Ryszard Kasztelan, Czesława Kulpa, Kasia Słolarczyk, Zbigniew Musiał, and Mariusz Cievko.

On Good Friday, our youth prepared a Passion Service of the Stations of the Cross, complete with a reenactment of each Station. We thank our youth for their beautiful reenactment of the Stations of the Cross, whose meditations, due to the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, were focused on the thoughts of St. Francis. We thank Father Paweł for preparing the entire event. The musicians who played live instruments between the Stations played an incredibly important role. Many thanks to all!

CARDINAL’S FRANCIS LEO APPEAL

As you know, our faith teaches us that every human life is sacred—from conception to natural death. Every person is created in the image and likeness of God. No suffering, however profound, ever diminishes this dignity. I am also deeply aware of the pain and suffering of mental illness

that has touched the lives of so many parishioners, family members, colleagues, and loved ones. I am writing today to invite you to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca and contact your MP regarding Bill C-218, a private members' bill that would amend the Criminal Code to prohibit medical assistance in dying (MAiD) when mental illness is the only underlying medical condition. The entire process should take no more than three minutes. Tragically, euthanasia has increased at an alarming rate in our country—we must raise our voices to stop further harm by building a culture of life and loving support for each other. Time is of the essence. Bill C-218 is scheduled for a second reading in early April 2026, with a vote planned for mid-April. Without this bill, the law will be expanded to include MAiD for people with mental illness as the only underlying condition from March 17, 2027.

NEW REFRIGERATOR

Three weeks ago, the commercial refrigerator in the parish kitchen broke down again and was no longer worth repairing. We purchased a new refrigerator from Nella; the cost was \$4,000.

RADIO MARYJA EASTER BANQUET

Radio Maryja invites you to the Radio Maryja Easter Banquet on Sunday, April 19: 11:00 pm Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 1:00 pm banquet at the Polish Cultural Center.

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 x4 – Stefania Baran
 For + Anna Hrycyszyn & Henryk Hrycyszyn x5
 For + Katarzyna Jaworska
 For + Gienia Jaworska
 For + Janina & Jozef Owczarek x2
 For + Daniel Lipa x2
 For deceased friends Janusz Malski, Michalina Pozniak, Kazimiera & Roman Seniszyn & Krzysztofa Wojcieszak
 For world's peace and peace in Poland
 For God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for President of Poland Karol Nawrocki & his wife Marta
 For God's blessing and wise and just governance for politicians in Poland
 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for god father William Campbell – Paulina with parents
 For + Halina & Jan & deceased from the family – cousin

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Sunday, April 5

- 5:30 Addoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 6:00 Resurrection Mass
For parishioners
- 8:00 For + Marianna & Stefan Kaczor & Mariusz Kaczor - family
- 9:30 For + Stefania Engineer – husband & son
- 11:00 For parishioners
- 13:00 For + God's blessing & care for family of Anna & Jan Woloszyn - own
- 19:00 There is no Mass

EASTER MONDAY, April 6

- 9:30 For + Maria & Karol Iglar, Antonina & Bronislaw Hyc, Danuta & Wladyslaw Majka & Zbigniew Majka – family
- 11:00 For + Anna & Tadeusz Wolny and Helena & Stanislaw Gierczak – Ewa i Henryk Gierczak
- 19:00 For the lectors from St. Casimir's Parish

EASTER TUESDAY, April 7

- 8:00 1. In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for son Robert & daughter Anna with families – parents
2. For + Teresa Opalinski – daughter Joanna
- 19:00 For + Antoni Presz – son John Anthony

EASTER WEDNESDAY, April 8

- 8:00 1. For + Maria & Julian Longosz – daughter Zuzanna
2. For + Krystyna & Andrzej Szuba - daughter
- 19:00 For + Malgorzata & Jozef Pawlik – Ela with family

EASTER THURSDAY, April 9

- 8:00 For + Jozefa & Franciszek Kupinski & Tadeusz – daughter & sister with family
- 19:00 For + Jan & Helena Michalski

EASTER FRIDAY, April 10

- 8:00 1. For + Stanislaw & Anna Mulica, Aleksandra Obrochta & Rozalia Molek – M.T. Murzydlo
2. For + Walenty & Anna Koltas – daughter Stenia
- 19:00 For deceased from the Rosiecki & Kuc families – daughter Irena with family

EASTER SATURDAY, April 11

- 8:00 1. For + Kazimiera & Marian Winiewski – daughter
2. For deceased parents from both sides & deceased from the Roszak family – son Stanislaw
- 19:00 In thanksgiving asking for health, God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Ryszard, Bozena, Mateusz & Olenka- own

Sunday of Devine Mercy

Sunday, April 12

- 8:00 For members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society
- 9:30 For deceased from the Wplanski & Koziolk 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