



HOLY TRINITY R.C. POLISH CHURCH

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Mass schedule at our church: Monday to Friday 7 pm (Polish);
Saturday 8 am (English);
Sunday 9 am (English), 10:30 am & 12:30 pm (Polish).

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2025

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross dates back to the 4th century, when the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre was consecrated in Jerusalem and the faithful venerated the relics of the Cross. Its significance grew after the Cross was recovered from the Persians. The Cross of Christ is a sign of victory, love, and hope, for on it Jesus opened the way to salvation. The Gospel recalls Jesus’ conversation with Nicodemus: salvation comes not from following the law alone, but from faith. Just as the Israelites were saved by looking at the bronze serpent, so all who turn to Christ on the Cross in

faith find eternal life. In the Catholic Church, prayers to the Holy Cross are enriched with indulgences, such as: “We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, for by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world,” and “Hail, O Cross, our only hope! Be our support and consolation.” Devout recitation grants a partial indulgence, while a plenary indulgence may be obtained through the Stations of the Cross, devotion on Good Friday, and by fulfilling the usual conditions: state of grace, Communion, prayer for the Pope’s intentions, and detachment from sin.

Parish News

* **Today**, Sunday, September 14, *is Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

* **Preparation for the Sacraments**, led by Sr. Elżbieta 519-567-7115, elzbietaamusjk@gmail.com

- **First Confessions and Holy Communion:** We invite all children in Grade 2 and above, together with their parents, to the first meeting on Saturday, October 4, at 12:30 pm in the church hall.

- **Sacrament of Confirmation:** We invite youth in Grade 8 and above and their parents to the first meeting on Monday, September 22, at 6 pm in the church hall.

* **Eucharistic Youth Movement** – The first meeting for all interested will take place on Friday, September 19, at 5:45 pm. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Sr. Elżbieta.

* **Mass for the beginning of the school year** – Sunday, September 21, at 12:30 pm. Blessing of students, backpacks, and school supplies, and prayers for children, youth, parents, and teachers. Opportunity for Confessions during the week.

* **Donations September 7:** W-D \$3,110; B-F \$51,525; Needs of the Church in Canada \$20. **Thank you!**

Special Parish Mission

* **Parish Jubilee Year Mission under the theme “He Loved Us...”** will take place from October 12–19. The preacher will be Fr. dr. Piotr Abraszewski (Director of the Department of Family Ministry of the Diocese of Drohiczyn). The Mission will focus on the Love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for people and will conclude with the consecration of individuals, families, and the entire parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The detailed program will be presented at a later time.

What are Special Parish Missions?

Missions are a well-known practice of extended “retreats” held within a parish. They are organized every few years or on the occasion of important events. They are preached by an invited priest, called a “missionary.” We constantly face various spiritual dangers: the decline of morals and a way of life contrary to the principles of the Gospel. That is why the purpose of Parish Missions is to strengthen and renew our faith. Parish Missions usually last an entire week. During this time, mission sermons are preached and numerous services are celebrated. At the conclusion of the Missions, the faithful take part in Confessions and Holy



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Communion, and there is a solemn blessing of the Mission Cross. Missions are a time of deep reflection for the parish community and for each parishioner on their faith, love for God, and their belonging to the diocesan and parish community of the Church.

What can I do for Parish Missions?

1/ Pray for their success. 2/ Spread the word to others. 3/ Help with preparations. 4/ Take part in them.

Prayer for the Special Parish Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, You desire the salvation of every person. We entrust to You the Holy Mission in our parish. May it be a time of grace and blessing, of reconciliation and renewal, of mercy and hope. God our Father, help us open our hearts to Your Word. Grant everyone the grace of renewed faith and peace of conscience; to families, the gift of reconciliation and love; to the youth, Christian enthusiasm and the joy of serving God and others. Send us to all who need Your mercy, so that we may rise from sin to new life. Holy Spirit, be the light and inspiration for all parishioners and for the missionary who will come to us. Mary, our Mother and Queen – pray for us. All you holy men and women of God – pray for us. Amen.

Best wishes

* On September 13, **Liam Stanley Kutka**, the son of Adrian and Tania, received the Sacrament of Baptism. May God bless the family.

Deceased

* In your compassion, please pray for the soul of **Franciszek Filip**, who passed away on August 20 in Kingston, Ontario. Our sincere condolences go out to his family.

* In your compassion, please pray for the soul of **Megan Natalia Fabczak**; her funeral Mass was on September 9. Our sincere condolences go out to her family.

Other Announcements

* **Our Parish Family is organizing a Jubilee Pilgrimage to our parish churches** on Sunday, September 21

Schedule of Events

1:00 pm – Opening at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Conference on pilgrimage.

1:30 pm – Walk to St. Michael the Archangel and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Conference on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Opportunity for confession.

3:00 pm – Walk to Holy Trinity Church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Rosary in English, Polish, German, and Croatian.

Opportunity for confession.

4:30 pm – Walk to St. Francis of Assisi Church. **Holy Mass.**

Important Information: In case of rain, the pilgrimage will still take place – please dress appropriately for the weather and bring an umbrella. Times are approximate and may change.

* **The “Tatry” Song and Dance Ensemble** warmly invites new and returning dancers to the organizational meeting on Monday, **September 15**, at 6 pm at the Dom Polski. Contact: M. Kulesza 519-817-6377

* **“Come and See”** with the Capuchins – a day for men 18+ discerning their vocation: prayer, fraternity, meeting the brothers – Saturday, **September 20**, 10 am – 3 pm, St. Francis Friary, 9169 W. Ridge Line, Blenheim, contact: Br. Michael Mascarenhas (226) 238-4747, michaelanthony.m@gmail.com

* The Diocese invites all men discerning **a vocation to the priesthood** to an Open House at Immaculate Heart Parish, 2153 Parkwood Ave., Windsor, on Friday, **September 26**, at 7 pm. No registration is required. This will be an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and conversation about the vocation journey.

* **The Parish Café, organized by the Catholic Women’s League**, will be held on Sunday, **September 28**, after the 12:30 pm. Mass. We warmly invite you to join us for coffee and cake.