

# Our Lady of Czestochowa Roman Catholic Church

*by Dr. Rafal Zielinski*



Our lady of Czestochowa Roman Catholic Church was established in 1982 to fulfill spiritual needs of Polish immigrants in the Houston metropolitan area. The parish has become the center of Polish religious, cultural, and social life in Houston, and is open not only to those of Polish heritage, but to all ethnic groups that share our fierce dedication to Polish culture and tradition.

Our lady of Czestochowa Church is home to the relics of saints John Paul II, Faustyna Kowalska and blessed Father Sopoćko. The church also features the Houston Polonia Memorial, with the beautiful bronze statue of John Paul II at its heart, dedicated to the memory of those who had visibly enriched the life of our community. The parish is home to the Nicolaus Copernicus Polish Saturday School, which has over a hundred students from Kindergarten to eighth grade enrolled, as well as three generations of folk-dance groups: “Wawel”, “Mini Wawel” and “Babcia Wawel”. Finally, Our Lady of Czestochowa is the host of semi-annual Polish Festivals, the biggest Polish event in State of Texas, which attract over six thousand guests fascinated by Polish culture, tradition, and cuisine. Please feel free to visit our website for more information: <http://polishchurchhouston.com>