

On the first Sunday of Advent December 2nd 1979 the inaugural Mass was celebrated and Fr. Stan Bak was named the first pastor of the new parish community.



Today

Advent calls us to prepare for the two comings of Christ: at the Incarnation and at the end of time. The gospel on the first Sunday of the new liturgical year urges us to be ready to greet the Son of Man. We are to be awake and aware of our surroundings and concerns. A quick reading of this gospel may lead us to long for a gentler time. The images of roaring seas and waves can cause turmoil, fear or unease. This time of year can be busy with demands on our energy, time and resources, demands that may trap and weight us down. We wonder how we can be ready to greet Christ at the end of time when our hearts and minds are trapped in the demands of today. But as we learn to recognize Christ in the present, we will be ready to stand before the Son of Man. Jesus calls us to be alert and raise our heads, recognizing salvation is near. Advent is a time to refocus and put worry away, for our God has come to us. Today as we celebrate Eucharist, may we come with hearts ready to encounter Christ in the Word, in the people among us and in the breaking of the bread so that, nourished, we may be sent, ready to greet Christ in our midst.

Catherine Ecker Barrie, ON

First reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16
Responsorial Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2
Gospel: Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

Rose # 31 will lead the rosary this week.



COFFEE, DONUT AND PIEROGIES will be served today by WYD Youth.

PIEROGIES FROM SUPREME PIEROGIES will be sold today in the parish hall by Youth heading to WYD 2016.

We are warmly invited for pierogis: cabbage & mushrooms, fruits (strawberry or blue berries), potato & onions, potato & cheddar cheese, sweet cheese, cottage cheese, meat and more.

Cost: \$3.00 or for 5kg (165 pierogis) - \$25.00
You make your purchase at the youth table in the parish hall and pick up your pierogis from the car at the parking lot.

SLASK SONG CONCERT TICKETS - for SLASK SONG AND DANCE ENSEMBLE are available during the weekend and are distributed by our youth in the parish hall after all Masses, as well as in the parish office during the week. Concert will be held on December 9th & 10th at 7:00pm at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Tickets \$45.00

ATTENTION! There will be NO EVENING MASS on December 9th and 10th due to the Christmas Concert of a vocal group from Poland "SLASK."

We would like to thank all those, who signed up to help pick-up the members of "Slask" group from the airport on Monday, December 7th and transfer them to the hotel. The group arrives on LOT, flight number 45. They will be staying at Holiday Inn at 590 Argus Rd. in Oakville. We will be contacting all those who volunteered shortly.

First Sunday of Advent

Baptisms



The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Maya Grace Cichocki daughter of Aimee & Adam

Xavier Szymon Sobierajski son of Kinga & Szymon

Aleksander Kondracki son of Anna & Emilian

Daniel Alessandro Tucci son of Marta & Robert

Alexander Samuel Poplawski son of Olga & Mariusz

Jackson Oliver Mika son of Marzena & Steven

Daniel Roman Bicci son of Katarzyna & Sean

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.

Weddings



The following couples are planning to be married:

Agnieszka Zagloba daughter of Danuta & Ireneusz

Sebastian Pietraszek son of Urszula & Zygmunt

We wish them all God's blessing.

CHRITSMAS TIME

Our parish is organizing yet another Christmas collection for children from orphanages in Poland. We want for parents to reach the children that need them the most. We plan to buy 45 Christmas packages for children from Stara Wies and from Pacanow and 110 packages for children in Elk. We also want to fund a playground for the children in Stara Wies.

Next Sunday's second collection will go towards this initiative.

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE – Nov. 30th
 The first Apostle. Fisherman. Brother of Simon Peter.

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH December 3rd – Prayer for vocations at 6:30pm.
FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH – Dec. 4th – VISITING THE SICK (by our parish Fathers) – please forward names to the parish office. Masses are at 8:00am, 10:00 am and 7:00pm. Confession starts at 6:00pm.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH-December 5th - Mass and First Saturday Service are at 8:00am. On Saturday, the Marian liturgy will take place after the morning Mass.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – Dec. 6th - Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the English groups will take place following the Mass at 9:30am.

We are looking for experts, who would volunteer to take care of the audio-visual equipment in our parish. Their responsibilities would consist of maintaining the equipment, preparing it prior to conferences, including recording such conferences, as well as other meetings and then publishing them on our YOUTUBE page. All those interested are asked to contact the parish office.

From the Pulpit

CHRISTMAS CARDS (Polish & English) & BLESSED CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPŁATEK) & CALENDAR 2016 are available in the parish hall.

TODAY' S SECOND COLLECTION – will be taken for the building and renovation fund.

PRAYER GROUP – invites all on Saturday, December 5th from 8:00-9:30pm for a meeting with Jesus at the Holy Sacrament. Formation conference "To follow Jesus and follow Him in the modern world" will be led by Fr. Janusz Blazejak.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Tuesday, December 8th – On this day the parish office will be closed as all priests and employees will participate in a Mass at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre.

MEETING FOR LECTORS will be held on Saturday, December 12th at 3:00pm in the parish hall. All those interested to join the Lectors' Group, please attend the meeting. Info: Fr. Wojciech or Anna Lopińska.

A.A - support group (reg. problems with consumption of alcohol). The next open meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16th at 8:30pm in Br. Anthony Room. Info: Wojtek 647 920-5859

OFFERATORY ENVELOPES FOR CURRENT & NEW USERS FOR 2016 – are displayed in the parish hall in alphabetical order according to the family name.

ADVENT RETREAT
 in our parish will take place from Sunday, December 13th to Wednesday, Dec. 16th and will be led by Fr. Pawel Wyszowski, OMI a missionary from Ukraine.

Fr. Pawel Wyszowski OMI was born in 1975 in the town of Bar in Ukraine. Since 1992, he is a member of the congregation of Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Fr. Pawel published over 20 books. He was responsible for building of the new office of the Catholic Media Centre and is the initiator of establishing "Radio Maria" in Ukraine, a Catholic TV Programme, as well as other projects.

Fr. Pawel is a recipient of the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice award for his contributions to the Catholic Church.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE
 In both languages will be held: in our parish on Friday, Dec. 18th at 7:00pm and Tuesday, December 22nd at 7:00pm. We remind everyone that penitential service is also held a half hour before every Mass.

ANNUAL CLEANING OF THE CHURCH - before Christmas will be on Monday, Dec. 21st.
 All volunteers are welcome!

We invite especially our youth, who can use this opportunity to complete their volunteer hours required for their high school diploma.

Advent Season



The Rorate Caeli Masses are an excellent way to prepare oneself to fully experience the Birth of Jesus. Our Rorate meetings will take place from Monday to Friday during the 7:00pm Mass.

During the season of Advent we would like to invite all children to take part in our Rorate. Traditionally we ask everyone to bring their lanterns. This year the theme is: **The People of Advent.** Celebrating the 200th anniversary of the establishing of the congregation of the Missionaries Oblates of Mary Immaculate, we will learn about the biography of its founder, as well as the history of the congregation.

Children will be receiving a special board onto which they will be placing stickers, which they will receive during each Mass. **For children attending all Rorate Caeli there will be a chance to win a prize.**

DIVINE MERCY YEAR

Pope Francis has announced that the 2016 liturgical year will be an Extraordinary Jubilee Year dedicated to the Divine Mercy. The year will begin on December 8, 2015 with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican, and will conclude on November 20, 2016 with the liturgical solemnity of Christ the King, and the closing of the Holy Door. On that day, the Church will also be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. This will be the first time in the history of jubilee years where Holy Doors—Gates of Mercy—will be opened in all dioceses, and especially in cathedrals and selected parishes, and in sanctuaries that have special significance for pilgrims. **In our parish, Divine Mercy Year will commence with a Solemn Mass on Sunday, December 6th at 11:00am. Mass will be led by Bp Wieslaw Krotki from Arctic.**

OMI JUBILEE –CELEBRATIONS

On the occasion of 200th Anniversary of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the Assumption Province cordially invites you to the following events:

- January 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm – Solemn Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Mississauga for the official opening of Jubilee Year. The Presider and homilist will be Thomas Cardinal Collins. We invite all priests, religious, parish communities, organizations, and all people of good will to join us for this event.
- January 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm – Jubilee Banquet at Pearson Convention Centre in Brampton. This event will be filled with powerful testimonies of young people, families, representatives of various parishes and organizations, as well as with performance of well-known vocalist Jacek Wojcicki from Poland. Delicious dinner and wine will be served. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased from Oblate parishes or at (416) 767-4760.

Come and celebrate with us the 200 years of our ministry!

OMI JUBILEE TESTIMONIES

On the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate we invite you to submit a short testimony of how the ministry of the Missionary Oblates influenced your life. Length no more than 500 words, **deadline February 17th 2016.** Testimonies may be submitted by e-mail to secretary@omiap.org. (Documents saved as docx, doc or pdf files) or by mail to 200 Years of OMI, 71 Indian Trail, Toronto, On. M6R 2A1.

If you wish to participate in a prize draw, complete contact info: address, telephone & e-mail (optional) must be included in top right hand corner of submission. Draw will be May 21, 2016.

Selected testimonies will be featured in Jubilee Book and on Oblate website.

WYD 2016



The Parish Pastoral Council would like to congratulate all the participants who submitted entries for the World Youth Day Contest marking the 200th Anniversary of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate under the theme of "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." We have received numerous exceptional submissions in the three categories of Arts and Music, Multimedia, and Writing, highlighting the considerable talents of our parish youth community. Accordingly, the contest committee had a very difficult time reaching a decision. **First place in Arts and Music was awarded to Stefanie Glowacki for her stained glass window. First place in Multimedia was awarded to Michal Ulman for his folding booklet. Lastly, first place in the Writing category was awarded to Natalia Bisek for developing a children's board game.** These first place recipients will have their airfare and stay (in Wrocław and Kraków) covered. **In light of the outstanding works that we have received, the Parish Pastoral Council has also decided to bestow two additional Honorary Mentions to Paulina Panuś for her sketch, and to Camilla Węgrzynowska for her interview with an Oblate in Katowice, Poland.** This honour comes with an award that covers the value of airfare to and from Poland.

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to congratulate all the participants who submitted entries for the Pastoral Contest marking the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. We have received numerous exceptional submissions. Accordingly, the contest committee had a very difficult time reaching a decision. **First place was awarded to Mateusz Pacyna.** The first place recipient will have his airfare and stay (in Wrocław and Kraków) covered. In light of the outstanding works that we have received, the Parish Pastoral Council has also decided to bestow an additional Honorary Mention to Julia Woznowska. This honour comes with an award that covers the value of airfare to and from Poland.

Once again, the Parish Pastoral Council would like to extend warm thanks and big congratulations to all participants.

SPONSORS WHO WILL PAY FOR THE TRIP OF ONE OF THE WINNERS:

1. Dr. Beata Sowinska, from ABM DENTAL OFFICE at 4240 Wilcox Road, Mississauga, 905.272.9966
2. Dr. Maciej Zajac & Associates, DENTAL OFFICE AT 3885 Duke of York Blvd. Mississauga 905 515-9000
3. Mr. Tomasz Kowalski from KINGSWAY REAL ESTATE –SHERLOCK HOLMES TEAM 416 346-5333
4. Urszula & Krzysztof Zapert from Zapert INC. 647 223-3280

PERMAMENT BOTTLE COLLECTION POINT IS PLACED BY THE GARAGES AT THE PARKING LOT.

All profits will support those participating in WYD 2016 in Poland. Up to the day our Youth raised \$9,000.00 from bottle collection.

Below are the upcoming dates of meetings and the names of the leaders of each one:

December 6 – Mass at 7:00pm & Praying Evening
 December 20 – Bp Douglas Crosby OMI "True meaning of Christmas"
Fundraising activities:

December 13 – donuts & hot meal
 December 20 – pierogis

CATECHESIS REGISTRATION (FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION) Enrollment for First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes is still possible in the parish office during office hours.
 For any question please contact Fr. Wojtek or Sr. Karolina



MIKOLAJ at Polish Culture Centre – Sunday, Dec. 6th from 11:00am. Many attractions for children including Radosc – Joy & Brawo performance.

NEW YEAR'S DANCE – Thursday, December 31st – Cost \$130.00 Included in the cost of the ticket is a hot supper by Jan Gromada. Music provided by NON-STOP. Info & tickets: 905 306 9900

Pilgrimages

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE - May 16th - 28th 2016 led by Fr. Janusz Blazejak, OMI – Pilgrimage includes: Aix-en-Provence, ND de Lumiere, Lourdes, La Salette, Avinion, Cassis, Carcasson & Lyon. Cost: \$3358 + airport taxes Info: Polimex Travel 905 238-6683 (ask for Mira) More detailed info www.kolbe.ca

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 30th Saint Andrew

8:00 ☩ Alina Zmiejko & Bazyli Jaganow
 19:00 ☩ Irena Starszyk & Jozef Wozniak & Otylia Szabla – children & family
 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Walentyna Jaremko on her 2nd birthday – grandmother & family

TUESDAY, December 1st

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Ewelina on her birthday
 10:00 In intention of Senior Kolbe Club members
 19:00 ☩ Krzysztof Kaczmarek (11th anniv.) – parents & family

WEDNESDAY, December 2nd

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Barbara on her birthday - parents
 Special intention for God's blessings for Szczepan & Michal & Sebastian - mother
 19:00 **Group Intentions**

THURSDAY, December 3rd Saint Francis Xavier

8:00 ☩ Edward Kulina - family
 19:00 ☩ Czeslaw Szczepanek & all deceased from Szczepanek & Jaworski families
 ☩ Henryk Gorzelak – wife & children & grandchildren

FRIDAY, December 4th

8:00 ☩ Stanislaw Wiercinski – daughter
 ☩ Janusz Bienias – daughter Marta & friends from Canada
 10:00 ☩ Alfreda Zankowicz – husband & family
 19:00 ☩ Franciszek Bury – daughter Anna

SATURDAY, December 5th

8:00 Intention for Rosary Family & Knights of Mary Immaculate
 17:00 ☩ parents Zofia & Adolf – daughter & family
 19:00 ☩ Julian Lizon (28th anniv.) – son & family

SUNDAY, December 6th Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Int. for members of the Holy Rosary Family & Knights of the Mary Immaculate
 9:30 ☩ Grazyna Zajac (2nd anniv.) – husband & children
 11:00 **FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS**
 13:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Dawid on his 11th birthday
 14:30 ☩ Lucyna Woloszczak (8th anniv.) - children
 19:00 ☩ Henryk Słowik (2ndanniv.) – sister & family

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The following members have left our community, and entered into the eternal life with the Lord in November:
The Late: ☩ Janusz Wisniewski 69, ☩Adam Wdowiak 69, ☩Adrian Koska 30, ☩Miroslaw Sadowski 76
 ☩Janina Lubojadzki 84, ☩ Stanislaw Przybyszewski 88,
 ☩ Jaroslaw Baruk 50, ☩ Tadeusz Bialy 93.
Eternal Rest Grant unto Them and Let Your Light Shine upon Them.