

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

For generations the Church has held up the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families. Some people in recent years have claimed that such an ideal is impossible – a virgin mother, a silent father, and a son who is both divine and human – but this claim is missing the point completely. The ideal of the Holy Family is found in their total faithfulness to God, their love for one another, and their desire to live in the world as true children of God. Their humility, simplicity and prayerful devotion are reflected in their annual pilgrimage to the Temple of the Lord. Their desire to live in right relationship with God sets an example for us all. They are a faith-filled, loving family who will not be the sufferings and challenges of life, yet who place their complete trust in God. Losing the young boy in Jerusalem must have caused fierce anxiety for Mary and Joseph. Rushing back to search for him, they found him in a Temple, his Father's house: another aspect of his life upon which Mary would ponder and reflect. The Holy Family is not distant from us. They stand with each of us as we seek to live in right relationship with God and neighbour.

Fr. John Reddy, CSB, Toronto ON

**First reading:** Sirach 3.2, 12-14  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.  
**Second Reading:** Colossians 3.12-21  
**Gospel:** Luke 2.41-52

**Rose # 36** will lead the rosary this week.

**TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION** will be taken for the renovation fund.



Next meeting for Youth will be held on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 and will be led by Bp John Boissonneau.

**SUPPORT OUR YOUTH GOING TO WYD 2016**

**INNOVATIVE FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY MORTGAGE REFERRAL PROGRAM**

We are pleased to introduce a Mortgage Referral Program through My Home Mortgage Lending Solutions. All mortgage referrals which come through St. Maximilian Kolbe church and result in a live deal, the Youth Group will receive a cash reward which will support those participating in WYD 2016. Offering professional services and best interest rates: purchase of a home, refinancing, secured Line of Credit, consolidating expenses, access to all financial institutions Info: Ewa Palferro 905 510-1673 [ewa@myhomemls.ca](mailto:ewa@myhomemls.ca) or Emilio Palferro 647 883-5909 [emilio@myhomemls.ca](mailto:emilio@myhomemls.ca)

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

A reminder that there is no confession during Sunday Masses or during the Christmas Octave.



**PARISH OFFICE**

will be closed on Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. We would also like to remind you that participating in the Eucharist on Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is mandatory and Masses on that day will be held in the accordance with the Sunday schedule.

## Baptisms

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Sebastian Alexander Plug son of Magdalena & Mirosław

Stella Amelia Myska daughter of Bernadetta & Remigiusz

Oliver Kulpinski son of Malgorzata & Pawel

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.

**BLESSING FOR CHILDREN** – today, Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> on the occasion of the Feast of the Holy Family there will be a special blessing for children held after the Holy Mass at 9:30am, as well as 1:00pm.

## Anniversary of Marriage

Congratulations and may God bless to the following couples:

25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Grazyna Gluch & Kazimierz Gondek

25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Malgorzata & Janusz Cwalinski

30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Malgorzata & Jan Podolak

31<sup>st</sup> anniversary Krystyna & Wojciech Szelag

40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Anna & Jozef Drozd

45<sup>th</sup> anniversary Zofia & Zdzislaw Trojanowski

45<sup>th</sup> anniversary Elzbieta & Marian Zajac

51<sup>st</sup> anniversary Alicja & Kazimierz Onyszko

67<sup>th</sup> anniversary Kazimiera & Kazimierz Budziak

We wish all of our Jubilee celebrant couples God's grace and blessings on your journey together through life.

**JASELKA & CHRISTMAS CAROLS CONCERT** – Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> following the evening Mass in the parish hall – performed by Youth from WYD 2016 Group & Youth Choir & Jubilee 2000 Choir.

## Catechism Classes

All Catechism Classes will be held in the parish hall:

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Tuesday English & Polish Group – starts on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:30-pm

Saturday English & Polish Group – starts on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

**CONFIRMATION**

Grade 7 – starts on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Grade 8 – starts on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**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



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, which is a part of the octave of celebrations of the Birth of our Lord. We pray that our families become a genuine 'home church' built on selflessly serving and forgiving each other. Let the Holy Family become for us a source of inspiration to overcome daily difficulties.

**THE END OF THE YEAR MASS**

On Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm we will celebrate the liturgical memorial of St. Sylvester. We will thank God for all blessings and miracles of this year and apologize for our sins and neglects. We will also ask God for continuing blessings and protection for us, our families, our parish and our priests.

At midnight there will be a Mass to start the New Year. We warmly invite you to our Midnight Mass to welcome the New Year with God.

## Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – Friday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.**

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace" This solemnity, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE** January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## From the Pulpit

**LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** – new schedules for Polish Masses can be picked up in the sacristy.

**ADOREMUS PRAYER GROUP** – invites all on Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016 from 8:00-9:30pm for a meeting with Jesus at the Holy Sacrament. Formation conference will be led by Fr. Marcin Serwin, OMI.

**FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH – Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Mass and First Saturday Service are at 8:00am.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the English groups will take place following the Mass at 9:30am. On Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016, right after the exchange of mysteries, the English groups will have their "Oplatek" in the parish hall at 10:30am.

**GOLEC uORKIESTRA CHRISTMAS CONCERT** featuring the best carols on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 8:00pm at Living Arts Centre in Mississauga. Tickets available in Polish parishes.

**PRAYER EVENING IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZE led by Adoremus Prayer Group – Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 8:00pm - 9:00pm in the church** (following the evening Mass).

**ADOREMUS** is a new prayer group at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish. We adore the Lord through the Blessed Sacrament. If you want God to start changing your heart join us!

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE** - The next course will be held from Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> - March 7<sup>th</sup> 2016. Classes will be held on Monday from 8:00pm to 10:00pm, for a total of 6 classes. Sign up – parish office.

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

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## Pilgrimages

**PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE - May 16<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.kolbe.ca)

## JUBILEE OF MERCY

An extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy was inaugurated in Vatican City by Pope Francis on the day of Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 2015. It will end on the day of Solemnity of Christ the King – Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.

A special decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary signed by Cardinal Marus Piacenza in response to the request of Fr. Janusz Blazejak, OMI, designated the door to the Chapel of Divine Mercy as the Holy Door meaning that everyone who comes to adore in the chapel will have the opportunity to receive an indulgence by passing through the Holy Door and fulfilling the requirements.



**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 are available in the parish office or at (416) 767-4760. Come and celebrate with us the 200 years of our ministry!

**OMI JUBILEE TESTIMONIES**

On the occasion of the 200<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 2016. Testimonies may be submitted by e-mail to [secretary@omiap.org](mailto: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.



**NEW YEAR'S DANCE** – Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – 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

**Happy New Year!**

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## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

8:00 ☩ Halina Andrusyszyn – daughter Zenobia

19:00 ☩ Stanislaw Burak – son & family

☩ Jan Chudzinski (18<sup>th</sup> anniv.) & Czeslaw Leszczewski (15<sup>th</sup> anniv.) - children

**TUESDAY, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Zofia & Janusz Siwicki on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Ewa & Jakub & their family on their 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

☩ Barbara Gorecka (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) - children

**WEDNESDAY, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 ☩ Antonina & Ludwik Sroczyński

☩ Regina - son

19:00 **Group Intention**

**THURSDAY, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**St. Sylvester**

8:00 ☩ Wlodzimierz Klucznik (6<sup>th</sup> anniv.) - daughter

☩ Fr. Sylwester Hasnik OFM – Franciscan Lay Order

19:00 The end of 2015 Year Mass

24:00 The beginning of the New Year Mass

**FRIDAY, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

8:00 ☩ Jozef Hodun (11<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – wife & family

9:30 Special intention for priesthood & religious life vocations

11:00 ☩ all deceased from Trychta & Gut & Styrzula families – Maria Trychta

13:00 ☩ Mirosław Labieniec (16<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – wife & children

14:30 ☩ all deceased from Dzidowski & Kosalka families – Dzidowski family

19:00 ☩ Krzysztof Piasecki - sister

**SATURDAY, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Saints Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen**

8:00 Intention for Rosary Family & Knights of Mary Immaculate

15:30 **Wedding: Agnieszka Zagłoba & Sebastian Pietraszek**

17:00 ☩ Emilia Zwarycz – son & family

19:00 ☩ all deceased from Jankowski & Miklaszewski families

**SUNDAY, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 Intention for members of the Holy Rosary Family & Knights of the Mary Immaculate

9:30 ☩ Henryk Chuchla

11:00 **FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS**

13:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Children & Youth & Catechists on the occasion of the new Catechetical Year

14:30 ☩ Maria Basak (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.) – son Janusz & family

19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Martin Guzda on his birthday - parents

## FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The following members have left our community, and entered into the eternal life with the Lord in December:

**The Late:** ☩ Zdzislaw Sarnacki 58,

☩ Wladyslaw Uba 89, ☩ Wladyslaw Kwiecien 60,

☩ Elzbieta Gierasimczuk 64, ☩ Jozef Jemiola 90,

☩ Stanislaw Szarek 65.

*Eternal Rest Grant unto Them and Let Your Light Shine upon Them.*