



# Today

Prophets of old like Isaiah and John the Baptist remain meaningful and powerful voices for our time. Together with Jesus, they stood up and cried out

in all possible ways to challenge and any type of oppression or injustice as well as the unfaithfulness of their people. Yet they were also exceptional agents of change, tireless preachers of conversion and bearers of good news. Who would deny that there are paths that need to be made straight and ways to be made smooth everywhere in today's world? Humankind is dying for hope and reconciliation, which seem so elusive, while political powers and leaders fall short of solutions to straighten what goes wrong on this planet and between nations. We badly need the courage, hope and sense of justice displayed by the prophets. They keep telling us about the ways of the Lord, ways that lead humankind towards peace and lasting joy. May we all open up our hearts to the voices of these prophets, so that we straighten our own ways and become true agents of change in the world. May we too become genuine voices grounded in love, compassion, justice and joy.

Jean-Pierre Prevost, Cheneville, QC

**First reading:** Baruch 5.1-9  
**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11  
**Gospel:** Luke 3.1-6

Rose # 33 will lead the rosary this week.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS** will be served today by **Franciscan Lay Order** for the parish needs.

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

Today, our WYD Youth is invited for a special prayer meeting instead of the regular catechesis. Prayer meeting will take place in the church at 8:00pm. This year's last meeting for those going for WYD to Poland will take place on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. A special guest, Bp Douglas Crosby OMI, the president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, will give a lecture entitled "the True Meaning of Christmas."

**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 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Tickets \$45.00 **ATTENTION!** There will be NO EVENING MASS on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

# Second Sunday of Advent

Today, we would like to welcome Bp Wieslaw Krotki from Arctic. He will lead the 11:00am Mass that commence Divine Mercy Year in our parish.

## THANK YOU & GOD BLESS

We would like to thank couples for leading the Marriage Preparation Classes in both Polish and English: **Wieslawa & Ryszard Bielecki, Anna & Jozef Pawlus, Helen & Richard Blazejewicz and Halina & Waldemar Paliga.** 30 couples completed the course. Next course is planned from February 1<sup>st</sup> until March 7<sup>th</sup> 2016.

## Baptisms



The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:  
**Alexander Joseph Marchewka son of Melissa & Przemyslaw**  
**Emma Joy Cotter daughter of Jennifer & Gordon**  
**Paloma Kasia Cox daughter of Katarzyna & Rene**  
**Arthur John Joseph Scott son of Agnieszka & Jordan**  
**Victoria Grace Kasprovicz daughter of Malgorzata & Arkadiusz**

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 presents 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.

Today's second collection will go towards this initiative.

**A NINE MONTH NOVENA** - has begun and its aim is to prepare all the faithful to celebrate the 1050<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Poland's Baptism, which will take place next year. Novena began on the first Sunday of July and will follow the theme of the Great Novena of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, which prepared Poland for the Millennium in 1966. The novena will be held in our parish every first Sunday of the month during morning liturgy. It will end on Easter Sunday 2016 by renewing baptismal vows.

## From the Pulpit

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE KNIGHTS OF MARY IMMACULATE** - Acceptance of the new members of the Knights of the Mary Immaculate will take place on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> during the evening Mass. Sign up only until Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> with Anna 416 951-2565

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - December 8<sup>th</sup>** - Holy Mass and the exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary will take place at 7:00pm Mass. Meeting following the Mass in the John Paul II Cultural Centre at 8:00pm

**MEETING FOR LECTORS** will be held on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** organizes next Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> a Christmas collection of non-perishable food items for the Mississauga Food Bank. All donations can be placed in the boxes by the entrance of the church or in the parish hall next Sunday.

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

**WIGILIA** - Polish Congress as well as Association of Polish Combatants and Association of Ladies of Hope invite all the lonely to a Christmas Vigil on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at the SPK Centre, 206 Beverley Street at 6:00pm. A fee of \$30.00 per person in cash to be paid until December 16<sup>th</sup> at Piast Trivet located at 113 Roncesvalles Ave. Toronto, or in Mississauga at 2014 Dundas Str. E or 35 King Str. E. Info: 416 531-8786 or 416 486 7346

**ANNIVERSARY MASS - December 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am** for couples celebrating their wedding anniversary. Please forward the names to the parish office at 905 848-2420.

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

## 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)

**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

**ADVENT RETREAT** in our parish will take place from Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

The program is as follows:  
**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

Retreat message intended for all during all Polish Masses.

**Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am Mass and message intended for all  
7:00 pm Mass and message intended for all

**Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am Mass and message intended for the elderly and Sacrament of the sick

7:00 pm Mass and message intended for all  
**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am Mass and message intended for all  
7:00 pm Mass and message intended for all & Conclusion of Retreat

On Wednesday there will be an additional collection, which will go to support Oblate Fathers work in Ukraine.  
We thank you for your generosity.

## PENITENTIAL SERVICE

In both languages will be held: in our parish on Friday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. 21<sup>st</sup>.** 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.

## RORATE CAELI MASS

The Rorate Caeli Masses are an excellent way to prepare oneself to fully experience the Birth of Jesus. Our Rorate meetings will take place this week on Monday, Tuesday and Friday during the 7:00pm Mass. For children attending all Rorate Caeli there will be a chance to win a prize. All are welcome!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR LANTERN!



**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 \$9,200.00 from bottle collection. Below are the upcoming dates of meetings and the names of the leaders of each one:  
**December 20 - Bp Douglas Crosby OMI** "True meaning of Christmas"  
Fundraising activities:  
**December 13 - donuts & hot meal**  
**December 20 - pierogis**

## JUBILEE OF MERCY

An extra ordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy will be 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 the King - Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.

The opening of the Holy Door of Mercy of St. Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis will symbolize the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The door was closed and bricked at the end of the Jubilee Year 2000. The Holy Door was unveiled during the celebration of "confirmation" led by Cardinal Angelo Comastri. The main sights of the Jubilee Year of Mercy will be all four basilicas of Rome, including St. Peter's Basilica Vatican City. The main aim of the Church during this Jubilee of Mercy is to remind the faithful of the merciful God, who invites, forgives and forgets every sin. In order to receive an indulgence, it is required to visit a Cathedral or a church or a sanctuary of special significance and pass through the Holy Door of Mercy, as well as fulfill the conditions: say the Creed and a prayer for the Pope and for his intentions. Designated churches for the Jubilee with a Holy Door of Mercy:

- St. Paul's Basilica 83 Power Street, Toronto
- St. Patrick's Parish 131 McCaul St., Toronto
- Merciful Redeemer Parish 2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga
- St. Anthony of Padua Parish 940 North Park Dr., Bramalea
- St. Patrick's Parish 11873 The Gore Rd., Brampton
- St. Theresa's Parish 2559 Kingston Rd., Scarborough
- The Martyrs' Shrine 16163 Highway 12 West, Midland
- Marylake Shrine 13760 Keele St., King City
- St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish (Divine Mercy Chapel) 4260 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga

A special decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary signed by Cardinal Marus Piacenza 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

**RADIO MARYJA OPLATEK** will be held on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2016. 2:30pm Mass at St. Maximilian Kobe and 4:00pm-banquet at Polish Culture Centre. Info & tickets: Joanna Strzerek 905 845-3553

## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Saint Ambrose

8:00 ☩ Teresa Krzak - mother  
19:00 ☩ all deceased from Szaflarski & Ludwik families  
Special intention for God's blessings for mother Urszula

**TUESDAY, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Paulinka on her 1<sup>st</sup> birthday - family  
19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for the family and Michal on his 26<sup>th</sup> birthday - parents & grandmother  
Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Teresa on her birthday

**WEDNESDAY, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 ☩ Leokadia Swierz - son  
☩ Janina Gryglewicz (9th anniv.) - family  
19:00 SLASK CONCERT - NO MASS  
**THURSDAY, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Jonathan Hodur on his 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday - parents  
19:00 SLASK CONCERT - NO MASS  
**FRIDAY, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 ☩ Teresa Janiczak - Tobola family  
19:00 ☩ Gertruda Kamieniarz (23<sup>rd</sup> anniv.) - granddaughter Ewa & family  
☩ Zbigniew Kochman - son & family  
☩ Gerry Duggan (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.)

**SATURDAY, December 12<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:00 ☩ Jan Solarczyk - wife & family  
17:00 ☩ Antoni & Apolonia Maksimowski - son Edward & family  
19:00 ☩ Zbigniew Kochman (5<sup>th</sup> anniv.) & Zofia Zarnowiecka (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.) - daughter & wife & family

**SUNDAY, December 13<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 ☩ Jozef Mochocki & Zofia Andrzejewska - Godson  
9:30 ☩ Stanislaw & Anna Kopycki  
11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS  
13:00 ☩ Stanislaw Wilk & all deceased from Witkos & Stachura families  
14:30 Special intention for God's blessings for Chyjek family  
19:00 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Leszek & Sandra on their birthday - Barbara

**X INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
Saturday January 23<sup>th</sup> 2016

Evening with Andrzej Cierniewski in concert at the „Millennium Gardens" banquet hall  
• Oplatek wishes before dinner  
• Delicious meal served with wine  
• Andrzej Cierniewski concert  
• Midnight buffet  
• Live music for your dancing pleasure by "NON STOP"

Tickets will be available for sale in our parish office and from January the 3<sup>th</sup> at the back of the church after each Sunday Mass. Reserve this unforgettable evening in your calendars today.

**Sunday January 24th 2015**

- Christmas Carol contest followed by a concert by Andrzej Cierniewski