

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Whenever we hear a passage from the Gospels, we can ask ourselves: what aspect of God does Jesus present to us? Today, Jesus reveals himself to be One who enters wholeheartedly into human celebrations, hesitates to interfere in the lives of others, yields to his mother's initiative, and exceeds all expectations. This wedding party takes place in the middle of the week, "on the third day." This means that, in order to be present and join in the festivities, Jesus had to take time away from his usual routine. The God revealed by Jesus, then, breaks into the "ordinary" with extraordinary actions and surprises. When the wine runs out, Jesus does not immediately rush into action. He waits until he is prompted and invited – in this case, by his mother. He acts in community and for the community. Jesus response to his mother's insistent action. He does turn the water into wine to save the couple from embarrassment and to keep the party going! Thus, Jesus reveals a God intimately concerned with our lives, loving and solicitous. The wine that Jesus provides is better than the wine chosen by the couple. God as revealed by Jesus does infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Our God is a God of plenty – plenty of love, compassion and redemption. Always.

Anne Walsh, St. John's NL

First reading: Isaiah 62.1-5
Responsorial Psalm: Declare the marvelous works of the Lord among all the peoples.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.4-11
Gospel: John 2.1-12

Rose # 39 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by **St. John Paul II Families**.



HOT MEAL & BUCKWHEAT HONEY WILL BE SOLD BY WYD YOUTH TODAY AS WELL.

The entire profit will go to help our youth who will travel to Poland for WYD 2016.

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 or Emilio Palferro 647 883-5909 emilio@myhomemls.ca



CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS for the youth from Grade 7 & Grade 8 preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held today, Sunday, January 17th at 9:30am.

We would like to remind everyone that there are two ways of receiving the Holy Communion, either directly onto your tongue or into your hands. If you choose to receive the Holy Communion into your hands you should consume it in the presence of the priest or the Eucharistic minister and should never walk away with the Holy Communion in your hands.

Today is the last Sunday of the nativity scene and we warmly encourage you to pray at the Bethlehem manger. We will continue to sing Christmas carols until February 2.

Baptisms



The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:
Tristan Henry Peternel son of Catherine & Karl
Olivia Bobel daughter of Ewa & Marcin

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.

Weddings



The following couple is planning to be married:

Malgorzata Beata Szalanska daughter of Danuta & Jozef
Mariusz Szyszkwowski son of Halina & Zbigniew

We wish them all God's blessing.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES - January 17th

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on June 20. This January observance was instituted by Pope Pius X in 1914.

"The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth, who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation." Benedict XVI (2012)

OBLATE RETREAT - From January 18th - 22nd
 The Oblates will be away on their annual Retreat. We sincerely ask the faithful for their prayers on behalf of our Oblates so that God may Bless them during this time of retreat and renewal May they be renewed in Spirit so they may renew us the people of God. There will be no morning or evening Masses for the entire week until Friday morning, due to the absence of priest in our parish except for Monday, January 18th. On that day, at 7:00pm, there will be a solemn Mass for the official opening of Oblate Jubilee Year.

GRANDMOTHER & GRANDFATHER DAY

January 21st and 22nd - In Polish tradition on these days we celebrate our Grandparents day. We wish them a lot of joy and health and God bless them!

PARISH OFFICE - On Thursday, January 21st our parish office will be open until 1:00pm only (no break).

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - We are in the process of preparing the income tax receipts for the previous year. We ask all parishioners who recently changed their address to inform us of the change. You may do so by calling the parish office, or by filling out the green forms found in the narthex of the church and placing the filled out forms in the Sunday collection. Receipts will be mailed in February to all parishioners who gave offerings over \$50.00.

OFFERATORY ENVELOPES FOR CURRENT & NEW USERS FOR 2016 - are displayed in the narthex in alphabetical order according to the family name.

CHURCH COMMITTEE - is one of the most important groups in our parish. Their members are called to serve by our parish. They are well respected within our parish community. They are the representatives of our parish, as they are responsible for welcoming the parishioners, helping the elders, as well as collecting the offerings during each Mass. We encourage new members to join this group. For more information, please contact Stanislaw Kulig at 416 621- 3857.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT "JASELKA Z TURONIEM" - January 31st - performed by Radosc - Joy Vocal - Dance Group in the parish hall at 4:00pm. Tickets \$15.00 and \$10.00 (Seniors & Children).

Several uncomfortable situations occurred in the last few weeks in our parking lot. Some parishioners would hit other parked vehicles causing significant damages and then driving away. We would like to emphasize that such behaviour is not only against our Christian values but it also requires corrective actions. Confession will not solve the problem of absolve the guilty party of the guilt associated with such actions.



JUBILEE OF MERCY

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.

MEETING WITH PISKORSKI FAMILY - On Friday, January 22nd following the evening Mass, in the parish hall there will be a meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Piskorski, whose daughter's legs were saved from amputation by the help of the Polish community. They would like to thank the Polish community for their support. Julka is currently undergoing a post-surgery rehabilitation in the Dr. Paley's Clinic in West Palm Beach.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - January 18th - 25th The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18th - 25th. Those dates were proposed in 1908 by Paul Wattson to cover the days between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul, and therefore have a symbolic significance. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism

PRAYER EVENING IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZE led by Adoremus Prayer Group - Saturday, February 6th from 8:00pm - 9:30pm 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. 1st - March 7th 2016. Classes will be held on Monday from 8:00pm to 10:00pm in the parish hall, for a total of 6 classes. Sign up - parish office.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE FOR SECOND UNIONS - couples should attend specialized marriage preparation offered by the Catholic Family Services. Information/registrations call: 416 921-1163.

ADULTS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION - Meetings for adults preparing for the sacrament of confirmation will take place on following Fridays: February 19th & 26th & March 4th & 11th at 8:00pm in Sister Faustyna Room (new Catechetical Centre). Classes will be held in both languages Polish and English. All those interested are asked to contact the parish office at 905 848 2420. A copy of the baptismal certificate is mandatory upon registration.



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:

Monday, 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.

Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 6:00pm

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.

On the occasion of 200th Anniversary of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate we wish Oblate Fathers an abundance of God's blessings as well as guidance and protection of Mary Immaculate!



SCOUTS DANCE - Friends of the Polish Scouts ZHP cordially invite you for the fundraising DANCE, on Saturday, January 23rd, 2016, in Polish Cultural Centre. Tickets \$50, Joanna: 905-274-2309 or 647-281-5008 or on Sunday, after Masses. Delicious Dinner, live band, lottery. We hope you'll join us & support Polish Scouts!

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE - May 16th - 28th 2016 led by Fr. Janusz Blazejak, OMI - Pilgrimage includes: Aix-en-Provence, ND de Lumiere, Lourdes, La Salette, Avignon, Cassis, Carcasson & Lyon. Cost: \$3458.00 + airport taxes Info: Polimex Travel 905 238-6683 (ask for Mira) More detailed info www.kolbe.ca

ATTENTION WYD YOUTH!

Next meeting for those going for WYD to Poland will take place on Sunday, January 24th at 8:00pm. A special guest, Greg will give a lecture on "The harms of pornography". Greg Balajewicz will discuss a very important issue, especially for our youth, which is the negative consequence of pornography for the proper development of a young individual.

The escalation of pornography is currently taking place not only in the press, on television, in the movies played in cinemas and available on video and in the Internet. The negative impact of pornography is confirmed by numerous scientific researches, clinical practice and the need for treatment of people addicted to pornography, lawsuits of persons engaged in criminal acts under the influence of the use of pornographic materials, and ... common sense. Pornography will not remain with any influence on the needs and desires, perceptions and feelings, attitudes and behavior of its consumers. It works the same way as advertising, for which the entrepreneurs would not spend billions of dollars a year if the print image and sound did not affect the human psyche and behavior, including marriage and family life.

Below are the upcoming dates of meetings and the names of the leaders of each one:
 February 7, 2016 Helen Burns: Theology of the Body
 February 21, 2016 Stephanie Glowacki: The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

March 13, 2016 Bishop Gerald Wiesner OMI
 April 3, 2016 Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski
 April 17, 2016 Fr. Tom Rosica, Salt and light TV
 May 8, 2016
 May 22, 2016

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 18 th		★ ☆
8:00	NO MASS	
19:00	Solemn Mass for the official opening of Oblate Jubilee Year	★
TUESDAY, January 19 th		
8:00	NO MASS	
19:00	NO MASS	
WEDNESDAY, January 20 th		
8:00	NO MASS	
19:00	NO MASS	
THURSDAY, January 21 st		
Saint Agnes		
FRIDAY, January 22 nd		
8:00	NO MASS	
19:00	Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Stanislawa Boleszo	
SATURDAY, January 23 rd		
8:00	☪ Bronislaw & Stanislaw Kucharski & Katarzyna & Marcin Kaczmarczyk - granddaughter & family	
17:00	☪ Adele Kapinos - Karen	
19:00	☪ Zofia & Franciszek Kresak - daughters & their families	
SUNDAY, January 24 th		
8:00	☪ Maria & Mieczyslaw Gorecki - son & family	
9:30	☪ Helen Pogor - daughter Kathy & family	
11:00	FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS	
13:00	Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Karolina & Patryk & Krystian - grandmother Jozefa	
14:30	Special intention for God's blessings for Grzegorz - parents	
19:00	☪ Michalina Mazur (3 rd anniv.) - daughter & family	