

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Robbie Waisman, a Holocaust survivor, stood before students at our Catholic high school. As one of the small number of Jewish children who survived World War II in Nazi-occupied Europe, he felt obligated to share his story. In a clear, calm voice he told those assembled what he, as a teenager, had been forced to endure, of his liberation from the Buchenwald concentration camp, and of the painful realization that, of his family, only he and his sister survived. In today's first reading Ezra, the priest, reads the Law to the people, survivors of the Babylonian exile and the destruction of the First Temple. God's words offer hope and healing to a broken people in a devastated land. Joy springs from the words and strengthens them. Hope sustained Robbie Waisman in his darkest hours. This hope motivated him now in a world still torn by racial, religious and ethnic prejudices. He called upon his young listeners to build a world of peace and justice. Paul tells us that all of us have a place

Michael Dougherty, Whitehorse, YT

First reading: Nehemiah 8.2-4a,5-6, 8-10
Responsorial Psalm: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-30
Gospel: Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21

Rose # 40 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by **Youth Group**.

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



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



Baptisms

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:
Sophie Pelka daughter of Ewa & Jacek Dominik Karol Malasinski son of Katarzyna & Lukasz
Otylia Zofia Warmuz daughter of Ewa & Piotr
Dominic Adam Drodz son of Renata & Romuald

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.

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.

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) available from the members of Radosc-Joy.

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.**

From the Pulpit

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!

PRO LIFE GROUP – invites all on **Monday, February 8th** for Adoration of Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will be prepared by different parish groups and will be held in our parish following the evening Mass (from 7:30pm-9:30pm). The adoration is a preparation for 40 Days for Life action. **We invite everyone to pray in the intention of life, every day during the entire duration of Lent starting on Ash Wednesday, February 10th.** Help save lives by joining the 40-day initiative and praying for mothers and their children. We stand together united in prayers for our children!

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.*

PILGRIMAGE WITH THE ROSARY FAMILY



The Rosary Family is organizing a pilgrimage to Wilno on the occasion of the Feast of the Divine Mercy on **Saturday, April 3rd.**

Sign-ups and payments \$35.00 for the bus will be possible in the parish hall until 2:00pm.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO AMERICAN CZESTOCHOWA & PHILADELPHIA SHRINES - May 6th - May 8th Cost: \$425.00 Info: Wieslawa 416 799-2122 or Teresa 905 495-7035. A valid Canadian passport or visa in a Polish passport is required.



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.

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.

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE – MASS WITH CARDINAL COLLINS – February 13th – The Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate Marriage Sunday in our parishes the weekend of **February 6/7. On Saturday, Feb. 13th at 4:30pm**, couples from across the archdiocese will gather for a Celebration of Marriage with Cardinal Thomas Collins at St. Andrew Kim Parish (849 Don Mills Rd., North York). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome! Couples celebrating special milestones anniversaries – 25th, 40th or 50+ anytime throughout 2016 are asked to RSVP online at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage by February 1st to ensure reserved seating. Call 416 964-8694 or visit the website above for more information.

MEN'S CONFERENCE - On **March 19th** join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for Serviam Ministries' 1st annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The day will strengthen and challenge men to grow in faith and virtue while also addressing the struggles that men face. Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron/ info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.



OSTATKI DANCE organized by the John Paul II Cultural Centre will be held on **Saturday, February 6th at 7:00pm**. Music provided by Impuls and dinner by Chef Jan Gromada. Tickets \$50.00 can be purchased by contacting office at 905 306 9900 or Pegaz.

ATTENTION WYD YOUTH!



Today's meeting for those going for WYD to Poland will take place in the parish hall 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

YEAR OF MERCY ESSAY CONTEST

For the youth of our parishes going to World Youth Days we are organizing a contest, sponsored in its entirety by Turner & Porter.

From all the essays given in we will choose the best 5.

All the winners will receive \$ 1,000. Contest details can be found on the parish web page and the WYD Facebook group. All essays must be handed in by March 13th 2016.

We would like to thank Turner & Porter for their generous donation for their youth and their constant support to our parish community.

Contest essay topic:

Write an essay sharing a real-life story of mercy that has inspired you. What does this story teach you about the need for mercy in our world today?



JUBILEE 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: \$3458.00 + airport taxes Info: Polimex Travel 905 238-6683 (ask for Mira) More detailed info www.kolbe.ca

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 25th

The Conversion of Saint Paul

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Malgorzata & Andrzej & their family
 19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Druzina & Wolak & Nalecz families
 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Anna Piotrowska

TUESDAY, January 26th

Saints Timothy and Titus

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Renata & Tomasz on their 10th wedding anniversary
 19:00 Kazimierz Tomaszewski – wife & children
 Maria & Jozef Bajon – Beben family

WEDNESDAY, January 27th

8:00 Jan Kedziak (16th anniv.) – daughter & family
 Zofia Wisniewska & Anna & Ignacy Wisniewski - family
 19:00 Group Intentions

THURSDAY, January 28th

Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Maria & Jerzy on their 38th wedding anniversary
 19:00 all deceased from Lewe & Balajewicz & Mikolajewski & Stanisz
 Special intention for healing for Christine Kietting – family

FRIDAY, January 29th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Piotr & Bogdan & their families - parents
 19:00 Stanislaw & Wladyslaw & Zofia Miazeg & Tadeusz Piasecki – Elzbieta & family
 Janina Lukaszewicz & Sabina & Jozef Wiraszka – Edyta & family

SATURDAY, January 30th

8:00 all deceased from Cwalinski & Grzymala & Wykowski families – daughters & grandchildren
 Special intention for God's blessings for Krystyna & Wladyslaw Liczner on their 56th wedding anniversary – sons & their families
 17:00 Zofia & Feliks & Hipolit & Stefan Gipsiak – Slawomir & family
 19:00 Jan Cichy – son & family

SUNDAY, January 31st

8:00 Mieczyslaw Lewicki - son
 9:30 Monika & Zdzislaw Slawski – son & family
 11:00 Fr. Stanislaw Bak OMI (21st anniv.)
 13:00 Bronislaw & Kazimierz Oblak (anniv.) - family
 14:30 Kazimierz (22nd anniv.) – wife & children
 19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for children Oliwia & Karol - parents