

Baptism of the Lord

For the past seven weeks, from the First Sunday of Advent until today's Feast of Baptism of the Lord, the seasonal readings have brought us into the life of Jesus in ways that are very familiar to us. Christ first directs our eyes and our minds to the end times and his return in glory. Then we begin to meet the well-known heralds of God's love, starting with that shaggy desert-dweller, John the Baptist. We witness the dialogue between the young Virgin Mary and her aging cousin Elizabeth. And at Christmas, we meet the honourable and good man, Joseph, as well as the sleepless shepherds, the singing angels and the innkeeper. Weekly, the life of Jesus unrolls quickly in front of us, from birth through childhood to manhood, bringing us to the River Jordan for his baptism by John. Here, Luke the Evangelist gives us a tangible experience of the Holy Trinity, with the Spirit descending upon the newly baptized Jesus and the voice of the Father being heard. These wonderful images enrich and empower us as we gather in Eucharistic communion with our sisters and brothers in Jesus Christ. We are today's heralds of the Good News of God's love, and our mission is to share the joy of life with the Lord.

Marilyn Sweet, Falmouth, NS

First reading: Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace.
Second Reading: Acts 10.34-38
Gospel: Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

Rose # 38 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by the WYD Youth. Also our Youth will be selling Buckwheat Honey.

ATTENTION YOUTH!

Today is a meeting for those going for WYD to Poland. Meeting will be held at 8:00pm. A special guest, Bp John Boissonneau will give a lecture entitled "God's Mercy".

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

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.



In the previous week Polish Priest's Conference for Eastern Canada had its annual Christmas Meeting, including a dinner. There were 60 priests present.

The honorary guests that were present: Cardinal Thomas Collins, Bp William Kirkpatrick, Bp Matthew Ustrzycki, Bp Douglas Crosby OMI, and Bp Wayne Kirkpatrick.

We would like to thank all those, who prepared the dinner for our guests: Danuta Taborowska, Edwarda Guzda, Marianna Pigiel, Bronislawa Balinska, Ula Hofman, and s. Karolina.

Baptisms

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Luca Dominic Iannacchino son of Justyna & Tommaso
 Veronica Isabella Piszczek daughter of Edyta & Przemyslaw

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 Szyzkowski son of Halina & Zbigniew

We wish them all God's blessing.

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.

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



Baptism of the Lord January 10

Today the Church celebrates Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. ★

This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in Jordan. ★
 Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. ★
 The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. ★

Baptism of the Lord is encouraging us to renew our baptismal vows, which our parents took in our name on our baptism day.

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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.

From the Pulpit

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - on Tuesday, January 12th following Holy Mass at 7:00pm and the exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary. After Mass, a meeting will be held in the Knights of Columbus room at the John Paul II Cultural Centre.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - meeting will be held on Friday, January 15th at 7:30pm.

PRAYER EVENING IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZE led by Adoremus Prayer Group - Saturday, January 16th 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!

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

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 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.

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

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.

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.



JUBILEE OF MERCY

A special decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary signed by Cardinal Marus Piacenza in response to the request of Fr. Janusz Błażej, 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:

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.

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

Catechism Classes

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CATECHISM CLASSES FOR CHILDREN have already begun. Classes are held in Polish and English.

Pilgrimages

PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE - May 16th - 28th 2016 led by Fr. Janusz Błażej, OMI - Pilgrimage includes: Aix-en-Provence, ND de Lumiere, Lourdes, La Salette, Avinion, Cassis, Carcasson & Lyon. Cost: \$3358 + airport taxes (only until Jan. 15, 2016 - from Jan. 16, 2016 cost: \$3458.00 + airport taxes) Info: Polimex Travel 905 238-6683 (ask for Mira) More detailed info www.kolbe.ca

Mass Intentions

- MONDAY, January 11th**
 8:00 ☩ mother & brother & all deceased from Bilkiewicz family - Ciesla family
 19:00 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for husband and Miskowicz family
 Special intention for God's blessings for Daniel on his 25th birthday
- TUESDAY, January 12th**
St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
 8:00 ☩ Apolonia Trzeciakowska - daughters
 19:00 ☩ Stanislaw & Zygmunt Pracon - son & family
 ☩ Peter Blak (1st anniv.) - daughter & family
- WEDNESDAY, January 13th**
 8:00 ☩ Vincent Demski - wife & family
 ☩ Franciszek Rebianski - wife & children
 19:00 **Group Intention**
- THURSDAY, January 14th**
 8:00 ☩ Anna Milkowska (13th anniv.) - sister & family
 19:00 ☩ Jozef Krawiec (anniv.) - daughter & family
 ☩ Bronislawa & Kazimierz Oblak (anniv.) - family
 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Pope Francis
- FRIDAY, January 15th**
 8:00 ☩ Aniela & Stanislaw Szlakiewicz - daughter
 19:00 ☩ Stanislaw Siemiginowski - sons & their families
 ☩ Eddy Niedziela - parents
 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Tadeusz & Wladyslaw Dobosz
- SATURDAY, January 16th**
 8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Jozef on his birthday - wife
 17:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Zofia & Zdzislaw on their 45th wedding anniversary
 19:00 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for son Henryk - Helena Rebizak
- SUNDAY, January 17th**
 8:00 ☩ Zenon Kosarga (4th anniv.) - son Jaroslaw & family
 9:30 ☩ Anna Ozga - daughters
 11:00 **FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS**
 13:00 Special intention for God's blessings for grandchildren - grandmother
 14:30 Special intention for God's blessings for Krystyna Piotrowska
 19:00 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Marek on his 46th birthday - family