

# First Sunday of Lent



## Baptism

The following child will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:  
*Sofia Rose Krysiak daughter of Josie & Maciej*  
We welcome Sofia Rose and congratulate her parents and godparents.

### FAMILY DAY

Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.  
We would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable day.



Together we are continuing to work wonders...

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." *Matthew 5:7 (NRSVCE)*

Our Lord encourages us with a timely reminder about what our actions truly should be – to show mercy to others. Does showing mercy mean to take the time delivering food for the local food bank in our neighbourhood? Do we have time to help by serving on a weekend in the soup kitchen in our city or praying for a family who is dealing with a personal crisis? Or maybe the refugee family who needs some volunteer help resettling their family to a new life here in Canada. In essence, ShareLife becomes that connective bridge between the pulpit and the street. When we are called to action in the Catholic community, we know of so many ways we can make a difference by working together in the lives of those in need. Annually, we share in helping over 114,000 individuals, thanks to the support received through our collective efforts.

Please help us celebrate our ShareLife's 40th anniversary by supporting our annual Archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season!  
—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

Sunday March 13, 2016 is ShareLife Sunday  
Please give generously.  
You can work wonders!

**PRO LIFE GROUP** – Pro-Life Group, which was established by our parish, is asking all of the parishioners for a daily silent prayer for the unborn children. We invite everyone to the Divine Mercy Chapel and to pray in the intention of life, every day **between 8:00am and 8:00pm during the entire duration of Lent.** Help save lives by joining the 40-day initiative and praying for mothers and their children.

## From the Pulpit

**ADULTS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION** – Meetings for adults preparing for the sacrament of confirmation will take place on following **Fridays: February 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> & March 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>** 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.*

**PRAYER EVENING IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZE led by Adoremus Prayer Group – Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00pm - 9:00pm in the church** (following the evening Mass). The spirit of Taizé is based mainly on prayer through singing, the most important way of expression when looking at God's closeness

**ANNIVERSARY MASS – February 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am** for couples celebrating their wedding anniversary & **1:00pm** for the blessing of children celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup> baptism anniversary. Please forward the names to the office at 905 848-2420

**CALLING ALL GIRLS – March 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm-10:00pm** at Markland Wood Golf Club at 245 Markland DR., Toronto, On. An evening for Catholic mothers and their daughters featuring Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle. Moms create a wonderful & thought provoking event for you and your daughter! Info: [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)

**DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE – March 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-5:00pm at John Paul II Polish Culture Centre.** A catholic Women's conference with speakers including Deacon Doug McManaman, Anne Jamieson, Sister Maria Kateri, Dorothy Pilarski. Keynote speaker is renowned author and EWTN personality Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle from New York. Info about both events Dorothy Pilarski at 905 279-7702 or [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)



**JUBILEE 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, Avignon, Cassis, Carcasson & Lyon.  
Cost: \$3458.00 + airport taxes Info: Polimex Travel 905 238-6683 (ask for Mira)  
More detailed info [www.kolbe.ca](http://www.kolbe.ca)

## Pastor's Reflection for the Season of Lent

Purple vestments show us that we started a new period of the liturgical year, Lent. Today we are celebrating the first Sunday of Lent.

Gazing upon the Crucified Savior, who renounced everything and sacrificed his lives for us, let us go through Lent with a willing heart and commit to renunciations as payment for our sins.

Let us make a good decision, to refrain from participating in parties, drinking or smoking, in order to compensate for the sins of drunkenness, promiscuity, dishonesty and lack of humility.

Do not forget that Lent is a time of prayer and penance.

May the parties and entertainment related events not disturb our experience during the season of Lent. We encourage everyone to participate in religious services and meditation.

We warmly invite you to grow with us in prayer and reflect on Christ's passion during Lenten Lamentations every Sunday at 6:15pm. Ways of the Cross on Mondays (for children), Tuesdays (English) and Fridays (Polish) at 6:30pm.

Indulgence may be obtained by participating in the Way of the Cross or Lenten Lamentations under regular conditions, as well as praying „It is I, o good and most sweet Jesus” every Friday of Lent.

It would also be good to find time for or valuable reading, to help us to deepen our faith, by reading the Word of the Lord, reading the Scriptures. This can be done as a family or by participating in the Bible meetings that take place in our parish on Wednesdays after the evening Mass. This way, Lent becomes not only a time of change in our own lives, but also the time of change of the approach for our loved ones, strengthening family ties and relationships.

Let us also take the courage to advocate for Lent without alcohol. The Church calls for a prayer for those addicted to alcohol or drugs. Let us pray so that there will no longer be families affected by these addictions. Next to the relic altar, you can sign your name and commit to the abstinence from alcohol for the duration of Lent.

## Lent Time



SCHEDULE OF GROUPS LEADING THE WAY OF THE CROSS at 6:30 pm

16 II - Tuesday	Scouts	English
19 II - Friday	Rosary Family	Polish
23 II - Tuesday	Friday Group	English
26 II - Friday	Pro-Life Group	Polish
4 III - Friday	Youth	Polish
8 III - Tuesday	Knights of Columbus	English
11 III - Friday	Crusade for Liberation	Polish
18 III - Friday	Altar Servers at 6:15pm	Polish

### RETREAT TIME

28 II - 2 III - Children Retreat  
- Bp Antoni Dlugosz  
11-13 III - English Retreat  
- Bp Gerald Wiesner OMI  
13-18 III - Polish Retreat  
- Fr. Jozef Nieslony, OMI

### LENT TIME

BOOK OF ALCOHOL ABSTINENCE

**THE LIBERATION CRUSADE** is a voluntary commitment to abstain from alcoholic beverages. The term "crusade" indicates a spiritual battle with evil, where prayer is fundamental. Members of the Crusade are committed not only to abstain from drinking, but also to help others who struggle with alcohol addiction. Everyone is invited to join the Crusade and abstain from consuming alcoholic beverages, especially during the Lent time.

Give something up in the intention of another person.  
The intentions will be prayed for in front of the Most Sacred Sacrament.

A special book is placed at the altar of St. Maximilian Kolbe and the relics, where everyone is welcomed to write their name. Additionally, you can add your intention [cwojci3560@rogers.com](mailto:cwojci3560@rogers.com) or 905 272-3717

**BUS PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY IN MONTREAL** on March 12<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> leaving at 8:00am on Saturday and coming back on Sunday at 8:00pm. Cost \$140.00 Info & sign - up Krystian 905 277-4304 or Helena 905 270-9611

ATTENTION WYD YOUTH!  
Below are the upcoming dates of meetings and the names of the leaders of each one:

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 Organization meeting  
May 22, 2016 Organization meeting

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## Pilgrimages

### PILGRIMAGES 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 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 6<sup>th</sup> - May 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, February 15<sup>th</sup> Family Day

8:00 ☩ Jan & Anna Dusza - daughter  
19:00 ☩ Zofia & Wieslawa Pawek - family  
☩ all deceased from Kuzian & Szajna & Grabowski families - family

### TUESDAY, February 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Antoni & Bronislawa Markiewicz - daughter & family

18:30 **Way of the Cross (Eng.) Scouts**  
19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Sylwia & Abrie on their 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary and for God's blessings for Daniel - parents  
☩ all deceased from Knak & Cichon & Wujtowicz & Raczkowski families

### WEDNESDAY, February 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Rozalia & Stanislaw & Adam - sister  
Special intention for God's blessings for Julianna & Renata & Beata on their birthday

### THURSDAY, February 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Jozef Sitnik & Jan Komorek - family  
19:00 ☩ Janina Hanzel - sister & family  
☩ Maria Sikorska (6<sup>th</sup> anniv.) - daughter Malgorzata & family  
Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Wieslawa & Aleksander on their wedding anniversary

### FRIDAY, February 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ uncle Jan & Stefan & his wife - Tomasz & family  
18:30 **Way of the Cross (Pol.) Rosary Family**  
19:00 ☩ Stanislaw & Czeslaw Ozdoba & Eugenia & Stanislaw Jakobczyk - Dorota & Dariusz Jakubczyk  
Special intention for God's blessings for Zuzanna on her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday

### SATURDAY, February 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Maria & Stanislaw Sliwa - daughter & family  
17:00 ☩ Jozef & Malgorzata Budzynski - Helen & Ricky & family  
19:00 ☩ parents Zofia (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.) & Boleslaw Bytnar (59<sup>th</sup> anniv.) - daughter & family

### SUNDAY, February 21<sup>st</sup> Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 ☩ Halina & Antoni Szelest - children  
9:30 ☩ Felicja & Piotr Bera - family  
11:00 **FOR PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS**  
13:00 ☩ Miroslaw & all deceased from Krzewinski & Beda families  
14:30 ☩ all deceased from Tworek & Szyszka families  
19:00 ☩ Henryk Fraczkowski & parents from both families