

Second Sunday of Lent



Baptism

The following child will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:
Maja Malachowski daughter of Sylwia & Andrzej
 We welcome Maja and congratulate her parents and godparents.



Working wonders for those entering the priesthood...

"I am aware that what is given to me here is because of the generosity of many benefactors, including ShareLife, to whom I am very grateful. Last year, I graduated from Philosophy at St. Philip Neri Oratory with Summa Cum Laude, and this would not have been possible without the contribution of many benefactors. I am sure that whatever is given to me is for the sake of the mission that the Lord is preparing for me, and I thank ShareLife for their generous contribution to the work that God has prepared for me." Simon Ibrahim, Redemptoris Mater seminarian.
 At ShareLife-funded agencies such as Serra House, St. Augustine's and Redemptoris Mater Seminaries, individuals undergo extensive theological education and practical field training. Through ShareLife, you are helping to sustain vocations for the priesthood and inspire discernment for God's call.

Last year ShareLife helped support 80 seminarians in their formation studies.

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.

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.

Today's Gospel story is astounding! Jesus took three disciples with him to a mountaintop to pray. Before their very eyes, his appearance was gloriously transformed. Two prophets from long ago then appeared and spoke with Jesus about his imminent death. Can we even begin to imagine the emotions that surface in the three as they witness the unfolding scene? No strangers to Jesus' miracles, even they must have agreed that this moment surpassed anything that they had ever seen! Although filled with a desire to sleep, "they stayed awake" and beheld the ultimate splendor of Jesus. They heard the voice of his father proclaim, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to Him!" What was their inner response? Fear? Awe and wonder? A deepened awareness of the identity of Jesus? A new sense of mission? As followers of Jesus, we, too, must "stay awake" to recognize his presence in the myriad situations of our lives. We don't hear God's voice coming from a cloud, but when we listen, we hear his voice in the silence of our hearts. God also speaks to us through contemporary prophets who guide us on our spiritual journey. At the moment of the Transfiguration, Peter and his companions beheld the face of Jesus. Our hearts longingly cry out, "Your face, O Lord, do I seek."

Barbara d'Artois, Pierrefonds, QC

First reading: Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Second Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1
Gospel: Luke 9.28b-36

Rose # 45 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE & DONUTS will be sold today by Scouts.

HOT MEAL WILL BE SOLD BY WYD YOUTH TODAY.
 Today there will be an opportunity to buy a hot delicious meal prepared by parents of WYD participants.

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

All Youth is invited today for a meeting at 8:00pm in the parish hall. A special guest, Stephanie Glowacki will talk about "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit".

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - Receipts were mailed last week to all parishioners who gave offerings over \$50.00. Family of Faith receipts are sent by the Archdiocese of Toronto.

From the Pulpit

GOLDEN ROSE APOSTOLATE which is an apostolate of prayer would like to invite today, Sunday, Feb. 21st to join a group for a prayer in the intention of priests. Following each Mass members of the group will share their experience and information about the group in the parish hall. All are welcome!

ANNIVERSARY MASS – February 28th at 11:00am for couples celebrating their wedding anniversary. Please forward the names to the office at 905 848-2420

CALLING ALL GIRLS – March 18th 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

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE – March 19th 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



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

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

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 – Stanislaw Reitmeier
 Organization meeting - Stanislaw Reitmeier
 May 22, 2016

Pastor's Reflection for the Season of Lent

We enter Lent in communion with our Crucified Saviour who sacrificed everything for us and made for us an offering of His life. In this context, we undertake acts of abstinence and self-improvement in reparation for our sins and those of our sisters and brothers. Let us make very solid commitments in areas our life that most need healing and hope: we could refrain from self-pleasures, loud entertainment, bad habits, the internet or social media, shopping, gossiping and spend that time on reflection for self-improvement, selfless charity or almsgiving to others, quality time with our families, prayer or reading religious books, or taking on penance.

Let us refrain from entertainment and parties during Lent and use that time wisely, remembering that Lent is a time of reflection, almsgiving, prayer and penance. In addition to refraining from loud parties, Lent for us is also a time of fasting and abstinence from meat on Fridays. Let us observe these traditions.

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.

LENT TIME
BOOK OF ALCOHOL ABSTINENCE

During Lent, we encourage individual and community prayer for abstinence from addictions from alcohol, smoking or drugs, as well as for families suffering from these or other difficulties, as well as with our acts of abstinence from alcohol (or others) in these intentions. We may remain anonymous or sign up for a Lenten commitment in the book of abstinence by the Altar of Relics.

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 or 905 272-3717

Lent Time

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

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

RETREAT FOR CHILDREN

Resurrection, Lent, suffering, death, retreat, blessing of the food... it is very important to talk to our children during Lent and Easter about Christ's sacrifice to fully clarify these aspects of our faith.

We also invite our youngest parishioners for the Lenten retreat for children through song and pictures with Bishop Antoni Dlugosz.

The Lenten Retreat for Children begins next Sunday, February 28th at the 1:00pm Mass and continues from Monday until Wednesday at the evening 7:00pm Masses.

Next Sunday, the collection for the poor will be offered to the Bishop Antoni Dlugosz and Albertine Sisters in Częstochowa who run a centre for intellectually challenged women. Bishop Antoni Dlugosz is the chaplain of this centre.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION
 at our parish will take place on Monday, March 21st & Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

So that this Lenten period may be a time of conversion and repentance, let us try to prepare ourselves for the Sacrament of Penance by analyzing our approach. Here is a reminder of the five conditions for a good confession.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE
 - examine the state of my soul from my last confession

SORROW FOR HAVING OFFENDED GOD
 - sorry for the sins I committed
A RESOLUTION OF SIN NO MORE
 - decide to do everything in my power to prevent these sins from happening

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS
 - confess ALL my sins to the priest
REPARATION TO GOD & NEIGHBOUR
 - do the penance given by the priest

HOLY CONFESSION –to honour full participation in Sunday Masses, priests do not hear confession during Sunday Masses. Penitents are asked to come before a Mass (30 min.) or to confess on a week days.

Pilgrimages

BUS PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY IN MONTREAL on March 12th & 13th 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

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 2nd. 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.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 22nd
 Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

8:00 ✚ Jozefa & Irena & Jozef - family
 19:00 ✚ Maria & Walenty Siuda & Helena & Maciej Kolodziejczak – grandson Krzysztof Special intention for God's blessings for Oliwia Klej on her 30th birthday

TUESDAY, February 23rd

8:00 ✚ Bronislawa Szuber – son & family
 18:30 Way of the Cross (Eng.) Friday Group
 19:00 ✚ Roman & Jan & Ryszard & Janina & Jozef – Vilkas & Jankowski families ✚ Maria Janowski (anniv.) – daughter & family

WEDNESDAY, February 24th

8:00 ✚ Krystyna Domiter – daughter & family ✚ Helena & Edward Nitek - son
 19:00 Group Intentions

THURSDAY, February 25th

8:00 ✚ Tadeusz Uranowski (1st anniv.) – son & his wife
 19:00 ✚ Karolina Obszyska (1st anniv.) & all deceased from Obszyski & Mruz families – daughter & family Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Aniela & Jan Swiety

FRIDAY, February 26th

8:00 ✚ Jozef Robak – son & family
 18:30 Way of the Cross (Pol.) Pro-Life Group
 19:00 ✚ Jan Slota & Tadeusz Kupka - family ✚ Zofia Jankowska (4th anniv.) - grandson

SATURDAY, February 27th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Leokadia & Stanislaw on their 40th wedding anniversary
 17:00 Special intention for God's blessings for daughters Kinga & Dominika
 19:00 ✚ Franciszek Wos – daughter & family

SUNDAY, February 28th
 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 ✚ Andrzej Bartkowski (4th anniv.) –wife & children
 9:30 Special intention for God's blessings for son - mother
 11:00 Intention for couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries
 13:00 ✚ Genowefa Stepien - daughter & family
 14:30 ✚ Janina & Michal Maslowski & anna & Wiktor Rychalski - family
 19:00 ✚ mother Romana - Krystyna