

# Third Sunday of Lent



Time is an artificial measure established by humans to mark change. We mark the passing of time with birthdays and anniversaries; some we want to remember, others we would like to forget. For God, there is no time. Today's reading from Isaiah reminds us that God's

thoughts are not our thoughts, and God's ways are not our ways. Human understanding is limited. In the psalm, we are told that God's love is "better than life." Pope Francis teaches us that "God never tires of loving us but we tire of loving God." God gives us the time we need to repent and return to a relationship with him, just as the gardener in today's gospel is given the time he needs to help the fig tree produce fruit. One more year in the mind of God is not the same as one more year in our limited way of thinking about time. Of course, we ought not to presume upon God's goodness, and Saint Paul does tell us that those who put Christ to the test "are struck down." Today, as we gather around the table of the Lord, we have one more time to turn to God, to refresh and renew ourselves so that we may produce good fruit and go forth to help others do the same.

Anthony Chezzi, Sudbury, ON

**First reading:** Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15  
**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is merciful and gracious.  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12  
**Gospel:** 13.1-9

Rose # 46 will lead the rosary this week.

**COFFEE & DONUTS** will be sold today by Altar Servers.

There will be also an opportunity to obtain Easter cards in the parish hall.



**POLISH APPLES & BUCKWHEAT HONEY**

will be sold today in the parish hall by Youth heading to WYD 2016.

We invite everyone to the parish hall for apples from Poland:

**GALA, MUTSU, GOLDEN DELICIOUS & JONAGOLD – 13kg for \$35.00.**

**PIEROGIES FROM SUPREME**

**PIEROGIES** will be sold as well today in the parish hall by Youth heading to WYD 2016.

We are warmly invited for pierogis:

cabbage & mushrooms, fruits (strawberry or blue berries), potato & onions, potato & cheddar cheese, sweet cheese, cottage cheese, meat and more.

Cost: \$3.00 or for 5kg (165 pierogis) - \$25.00

You make your purchase at the youth table in the parish hall and pick up your pierogis or apples from the car at the parking lot.

**TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION** will be taken for the renovation fund.

**RCIA PROGRAM** – The first scrutiny of the elect (catechumens) will take place today during 9:30am Mass.

**EASTER PROGRAM** – please take the program from the church. Programs are available by the entrance of the church

## Baptism



The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Edward Noah Zieba son of Anastasia & Krzysztof

Jacob Sowa son of Katarzyna & Tomasz

We welcome these children and congratulate their parents and godparents.

## Anniversary of Marriage

Congratulations and may God bless to the following couples:

- 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary Kinga & Lukasz Orwinski
- 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary Malgorzata & Franciszek Kampa
- 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Dorota & Dariusz Kaniuk
- 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary Beata & Bogdan Wozniak
- 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary Danuta & Wojciech Siuda
- 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary Iwona & Marek Stasicki
- 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary Franciszka & Jan Hapek
- 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary Emilia & Jerzy Budzik
- 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary Maria & Jozef Kowanski

We wish all of our Jubilee celebrant couples God's grace and blessings on your journey together through life.



## Working wonders for those in our community...

"At Mary Centre, the residents of our homes have developed friendships, yet they maintain their own individuality," says Denise Tremblett, Program Manager, "Although some of their relatives may have passed on, they love to remain active with healthy recreational activities and visiting regularly with the rest of their friends and family members. We enjoy cooking and providing for them so they can remain at home here and enjoy their lives. We are extremely grateful that ShareLife donors have helped to make a difference for these very special people!" Last year, over 1,500 people with special needs received outreach services from ShareLife-supported agencies.

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

**FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH** - March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Prayer for vocations at 6:30pm. A prayer group "GOLDEN ROSE APOSTOLATE", which aim is to pray for priests and for new vocations every first Thursday. To join the group or for more info please contact Marzena 647 284-1631 or Beata 416 453-2014

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH** – March 4<sup>th</sup> **VISITING THE SICK** (by our parish Fathers) – please forward names to the parish office. Masses are at 8:00am, 10:00 am and 7:00pm. Confession starts at 6:00pm.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically and recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community.

**FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH** - On March 5<sup>th</sup> - Mass and First Saturday Service are at 8:00am.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** – March 6<sup>th</sup> Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the English groups will take place following the Mass at 9:30am

**PRAYER EVENING** led by Adoremus Prayer Group will be held on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00pm in the church (following the evening Mass). In the program: formation catechesis led by Fr. Wojciech Stangel, OMI mediation on God's Word, prayer & individual blessing. We adore the Lord through the Blessed Sacrament. If you want God to start changing your heart join us!

**CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS (SPRING FORWARD, FALL BACK)** – Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00am on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to change your clocks on the night of March 12<sup>th</sup> to March 13<sup>th</sup> to one hour forward.



**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)



## Children's Retreat

Today we would like to welcome Bishop Antoni Dlugosz in our parish. Bp. Antoni Dlugosz will lead the Lenten Retreat for Children (in Polish) in our parish.

All youngest parishioners are invited for their retreat through song and pictures with Bishop Antoni Dlugosz.

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

Way of the Cross for Children on Mondays at 6:30pm and on Fridays (Polish) at 6:30pm.

There is no Way of the Cross on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> in English due to the Children's Retreat.

**GROUP MASS INTENTIONS** – due to the Children's Retreat in our parish there will be no Mass with Group Intentions on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. All intentions were moved to Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

The offerings collected today by the entrance and the exit from the church for the poor will be offered to the Bishop Antoni Dlugosz and Albertine Sisters in Czestochowa who run a centre for intellectually challenged women. Bishop Antoni Dlugosz is the chaplain of this centre.

We warmly invite you to grow with us in prayer and reflect on Christ's passion during Lenten Lamentations every Sunday at 6:15pm.

**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.

**SCHEDULE OF GROUPS LEADING THE WAY OF THE CROSS** at 6:30 pm  
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**  
11-13 III - English Retreat  
– Bp Gerald Wiesner OMI  
13-18 III – Polish Retreat  
–Fr. Jozef Nieslony, OMI

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

## Other Events

**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.dvynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dvynamicwomenfaith.com)

**MEN'S CONFERENCE** - On March 19<sup>th</sup> join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for Serviam Ministries' 1<sup>st</sup> 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/](http://www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron/). [info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com) or 1-888-522-2070



**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  
April 3, 201 Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski  
April 17, 2016 Fr. Tom Rosica, Salt and light TV  
May 8, 2016 Organization meeting – Stanislaw Reitmeier  
May 22, 2016 Organization meeting - Stanislaw Reitmeier

**DANCE - Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** at JPII hosted by St. Maximilian Kolbe Foundation. All profits will go to help our youth who will travel to Poland for WYD 2016. Tickets are available today in the parish hall.

**WYD 2016 CHARITY DANCE – Sat., April 30<sup>th</sup>** at JPII hosted by Parish Pastoral Council and St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish. All profits will go to help our youth who will travel to Poland for WYD 2016. Music provided by IMPRESS. All businesses willingly to sponsor this dance with any form please contact parish office.

## FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The following members have left our community, and entered into the eternal life with the Lord in February:

**The Late:**  
☩ Maria Wojcik 58, ☩ Stanislaw Szutka 91,  
☩ Mary-Anne Hrycaniuk 73,  
☩ Regina Malkiewicz 92, ☩ Waldemar Gadzinski 74  
☩ Henryk Gustof 64, ☩ Honorata Piestryznska 100,  
☩ Krystyna Grabowska 84.  
Eternal Rest Grant unto Them and Let Your Light Shine upon Them.

## Pilgrimages

**BUS PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY IN MONTREAL** on March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<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

## 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 29<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Mieczyslaw Lewicki - son  
19:00 ☩ Albina & Jan Brozny & their son Jan – brother & family  
Special intention for God's blessings for children: Jakub & Agata & Joanna & Dominik & Agnieszka & Kacper - parents

### TUESDAY, March 1<sup>st</sup>

8:00 ☩ Halina Kasprovicz – sister & family  
10:00 In intention of Senior Kolbe Club members  
19:00 ☩ Mina Kowalczyk – son & family

### WEDNESDAY, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Weronika - parents  
Special intention for God's blessings for Nitek family and for Alfreda Lobzin

### THURSDAY, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for family – Barbara

19:00 ☩ Stanislaw Baran & Wladyslawa & Jozef Szywala - children  
☩ Janina & Andrzej Halewski & Jozef Portka – Winiarz family

### FRIDAY, March 4<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ parents Jozef & Henryka & brothers Jerzy & Wieslaw Kraska – daughter & sister & family  
☩ Florence Wilkie (10<sup>th</sup> anniv.) - grandchildren  
10:00 ☩ Zofia & Wladyslawa Jasinski – son & his wife

18:30 Way of the Cross (Pol.) Youth  
19:00 ☩ Tadeusz Kopec (18<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – daughter & family

### SATURDAY, March 5<sup>th</sup>

8:00 Intention for Rosary Family & Knights of Mary Immaculate

17:00 ☩ Ludwik Krawczyk – daughter & family  
19:00 ☩ Stanislaw Makowski – daughter & family

### SUNDAY, March 6<sup>th</sup>

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Intention for members of the Holy Rosary Family & Knights of the Mary Immaculate  
9:30 ☩ father Henryk & husband Henryk Bujnowski - family

### FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

13:00 ☩ Roman Janusz (4<sup>th</sup> anniv.) - daughters  
14:30 ☩ Klara & Maksymilian Kirchof  
19:00 ☩ Irena & Teodor Wethacz – daughter & family