

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The greatest miracle of today's gospel reading may not have been that so many fish were caught, filling two boats. Rather, the most astounding miracle could have been that fishermen actually obeyed a carpenter's advice on how and where to do their job! Many of us are unwilling to listen, much less respond, to the challenge of God's word in our lives. We may feel unworthy. (Could God really be that interested in me?) Certainly we can feel fear at what God's radical message challenges us to do. (Does God really expect me to love my neighbour as myself by visiting the prisoner, clothing the homeless, feeding the hungry?) Yet here we are asked to consider the example of those who are renowned for giving their entire lives to God: people like Isaiah, Paul and Simon Peter. Surely they also felt trepidation at hearing God's call, felt themselves unworthy of the challenge put before them, and incapable of such faithfulness. Yet, they "put out into the deep" – and it changed their lives forever. What is it that prevents us from "leaving everything" and following Jesus today? How are we being called, in the everyday events of our own lives? How can God's gift of faith, already present in our own lives? How can God's gift of faith, already present in our hearts, be encouraged to grow and bear fruit in all we do?

Joe Gunn, Ottawa, ON

**First reading:** Isaiah 6.1-2a,3-8  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Before the Angels I sing your praise, O Lord.  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15.1-11  
**Gospel:** Luke 5.1-11

**Rose # 42** will lead the rosary this week.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS** will be served today by the **WYD Youth** for the parish needs.

**POLISH APPLES** 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.

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

All Youth is invited today for a meeting at 8:00pm in the parish hall.

A special guest, **Helen Burns** will talk about "Theology of the Body".

## Baptisms



The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

*Aleksander Michael Miodrag son of Katarzyna & Darko*

*Lily Halabis daughter of Joanna & Piotr Bartosz Topczewski son of Natalia & Lukasz*

*Nathalie Nicole Piecko daughter of Malgorzata & Radoslaw*

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.

**A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH CARDINAL COLLINS –**

**Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm,**

**at St. Andrew Kim Parish**

**(849 Don Mills Rd., North York).**

**To Married Couples throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto,**

On the occasion of Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto, I wish to affirm all married couples who inspire us through their daily witness of fidelity and faithfulness. Your commitment serves as a beacon of hope that strengthens our faith community in so many different ways.

In the fall of 2015, I participated in the Synod on the Family at the Vatican. Bishops, priests, religious and lay people, including married couples from around the world, gathered to speak of the importance of the family, their joys and the many struggles facing the family in today's world. In a society that often suggests life-long commitment is impossible, many see marriage as counter-cultural. That is why it is so important for the church to affirm and support couples who say "yes" each day to their relationship.

Our discussions at the Synod on the Family included strategies on how, in addition to our prayerful support, the church can assist those who have suffered from the pain of a broken relationship or loss of a spouse. In our own archdiocese, we have numerous programs in place to provide marriage enrichment, counselling and pastoral care. Do not hesitate to contact your local parish or visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) for more information on how you can access these services.

We also recognize the need to inspire and educate those preparing for marriage. In speaking to young couples in 2013, Pope Francis said: "Do not be afraid to take steps which are permanent, like getting married: deepen your love by respecting its seasons and expressions, pray, prepare yourselves well; and then trust that the Lord will not leave you alone! Let him come into your home like one of the family, He will always sustain you!"

Be assured of my prayers and admiration for all married couples across the Archdiocese of Toronto. May God continue to bless your marriage as you grow together in love. Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

## From the Pulpit

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the English groups will take place following the Mass at 9:30am

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - Receipts will be mailed next week to all parishioners who gave offerings over \$50.00.** We ask all parishioners who recently changed their address to inform us of the change.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PRO LIFE GROUP** – invites all on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 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 at the Divine Mercy Chapel from 8:00am-8:00pm during the entire duration of Lent starting on Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - February 11<sup>th</sup>**

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. Pope John Paul II in establishing this day stated: "I consider most appropriate, indeed, the bestowal upon the entire ecclesial community of an initiative which, as already practiced in some nations and regions, has brought forth precious pastoral fruit." February 11 (memorial of our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those affected with illness and disease.

**SECOND COLLECTION** – next Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a second collection for Oblate Fathers Mission.

**FAMILY DAY** – Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Office will be closed on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and open again on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Taize 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

## Pastor's Reflection



This Wednesday we start the holy season of Lent. An outward sign of our entry into the path of penance and conversion will be imposition of ashes onto our heads and committing to a variety of renunciations. Ashes remind us that all earthly things were created from dust and will turn to dust again. Lent is a time of penance, fasting, sacrifice, and prayer, which purpose is to help our conversion, to prepare our hearts for a fruitful experience of the joyous feasts of the Resurrection. Commandments of the Church oblige us during the Lenten penance to refrain from participating in parties and to adhere to Confession and Holy Communion. We encourage everyone to this internal commitment to renounce something for Christ. It's not too late. What will you give up for Lent: maybe cigarette smoking, or alcohol, wasting time on the internet, being nicer to your wife, husband or the in-laws. Maybe you will give up sweets, gossip, and the amount you spend in front of the TV. Choose one thing to give up so that you can know that you are actively participating in Lent. Do it for the crucified Christ.

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS A UNIVERSAL DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT FOR ALL FROM 14 YEARS AND UP, AND A STRICT FAST (ONE FULFILLING MEAL AND TWO SMALLER MEALS) OBLIGES THOSE FROM 18-60 YEARS.** The Church encourages the practice of fasting even for those who are not required to do so.

**ASH WEDNESDAY - February 10<sup>th</sup> Masses with the blessing of ashes at 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:30pm (Eng.) and 7:00pm. LENTEN ALMS will be collected during Masses on Ash Wednesday.**

Dedicate the time and courage to show this secularized world that we stand firmly by the Cross of Christ - the sign of salvation. Let this cross remind everyone, especially the enemies of the Church that the greatest value in life is love that comes from that Cross. We invite everyone to attend prayer and meditation taking place in our church.

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” on every Friday of Lent.

**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

SCHEDULE OF GROUPS LEADING THE WAY OF THE CROSS at 6:30 pm		
12 II - Friday	Domestic Church	Polish
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

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 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.

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

**ST. VALENTINES DAY February 14<sup>th</sup>** - In 496 AD Pope Gelasius declared Feb.14<sup>th</sup> to be the day of St. Valentine. Patron Saint of Lovers and Engaged Couples, with particular jurisdiction over the quarrels which arise between sweethearts. The patronage of Saint Valentine also extends to epilepsy (from which he believed to have suffered), bee-keepers, plaque, travelers and young people.

On that day take the opportunity to show those you love how much they mean to you. Also do not forget the heavenly Father.

**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.

**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	
May 22, 2016	

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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 3<sup>rd</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.

**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE - May 16<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.kolbe.ca)

## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 ☩ all deceased from Kisielewicz family Special intention known to God only – Maria & Marek  
 19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for children & grandchildren: Hubert & Patryk & Mateusz & Jan & Piotr – Chrzanowski grandparents Special intention for God's blessings for mother Kazimiera on her birthday

**TUESDAY, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 ☩ Helena Mozejko - daughter  
 19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Marek & Michal in a new academic year and for health for grandmother Katarzyna Special intention for God's blessings for Dorota & Dariusz Kaniuk and their family on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

**WEDNESDAY, February 10<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday**

8:00 ☩ Monika & Leon Ladzik  
 10:00 ☩ Wladyslaw Ozga – daughters & their families  
 17:30 ☩ Maria Wicherek ( 8<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – son Jacek  
 19:00 ☩ Grzegorz Szumilas (7<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – wife & children

**THURSDAY, February 11<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick**

8:00 ☩ Adela Ryszka ( 41<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – daughter  
 19:00 ☩ Aleksander Wojnarowicz – Wojnarowicz family ☩ Maria & Stanislaw Raczynowski - family

**FRIDAY, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 ☩ Lucyna Ulecka (21<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – daughter & son & their families  
 18:30 **Way of the Cross (Pol.) Domestic Church**  
 19:00 ☩ parents Karolina & Walenty Zajac & Antoni & Marian & Adam – son & family ☩ Maria Raciborska (5<sup>th</sup> anniv.) - husband

**SATURDAY, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 ☩ Mieczyslaw Styrzula ( 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – sister Maria & family  
 17:00 ☩ Sabina Ginko – Urszula Wypych  
 19:00 ☩ Franciszek & Zofia Kresak – daughters & their families

**SUNDAY, February 14<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Lent**

8:00 ☩ Walenty Siuda & Eddy Niedziela – Krzysztof & family  
 9:30 Special intention for God's blessings for Wladyslawa & Stanislaw & their children with families  
 11:00 ☩ Fr. Stanislaw Kowal, OMI (8<sup>th</sup> anniv.)  
 13:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Bratkowski & Kruszewski families  
 14:30 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Urszula and her family  
 19:00 ☩ Zofia & Henryk Borawski – daughter & family