

# Fifth Sunday of Lent



The foundation of Jesus' ministry is expressed in his statement to the crowd – and to us. "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Jesus knows, as surely as we do when we are humble and honest with ourselves, that all of us have acted badly in our relationships – with others and with creation – and will do so again. However, we can fall into the trap of continually assessing how badly we have acted and then comparing ourselves to others. This comparison inevitably leads either to self-congratulation and harsh judgment of others or to self-loathing and being victimized ourselves. Neither leads us to becoming a more compassionate person, and compassion is what we are called to. When compassion replaces judgment and self-loathing, we are no longer as concerned with fairness. We are freed up to attend to the true purpose of the spiritual life: to contemplate and appreciate the beautiful mystery of simply being alive. Rather than looking at one another and judging ourselves, we will become a community standing in awe before the majesty and mystery of life. The spiritual life is not about rules and consequences or excluding those who are different than ourselves; the spiritual life can be found in divesting ourselves of whatever prevents us from appreciating creation in all its splendor diversity.

Joe Vorstermans Richmond Hill, ON

**First reading:** Isaiah 43.16-21  
**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 3.8-14  
**Gospel:** John 8.1-11

Rose # 49 will lead the rosary this week.

**COFFEE & DONUTS** will be sold today by WYD Youth.



Today our Youth heading to WYD 2016 will be selling **POLISH APPLES (on sale) & BUCKWHEAT HONEY AS WELL AS HOT MEAL.**

On Palm Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> they will be selling **PIEROGIES FROM SUPREME PIEROGIES.**

**ATTENTION YOUTH! AN IMPORTANT REMINDER...**

This Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, we have a conference for youth going to WYD. Bp Gerald Wiesner OMI from Saskatoon will speak on the topic, what can we learn from youth, and what can we expect from them? 8:00 pm at the parish hall.

At the same time I would like to remind everyone that due date to submit the Year of Mercy Essay Contest is this Sunday. The topic: What does this story teach you about the need for mercy in our world today? There will be five (5) prizes valued at \$1000.00 Sponsor: Turner & Porter

## Weddings



The following couples are planning to be married:

Vanessa Leah Karklins daughter of Solveiga Edward Mirko Franjic son of Teresa & Ivo

Monika Anna Poreba daughter of Iwona & Janusz

Oskar Wiktor Singer son of Eliza & Ireneusz

We wish them all God's blessing.



Working wonders by providing vital life-restoring needs...

"Agencies are lifesaving and life-restoring to those who regularly rely on them. Families are working through crises and are healing. People with developmental challenges are supported as they experience a sense of self-worth and fulfillment in their daily activities. Seniors are living independently, yet have access to the social services and care they need. Refugees and new Canadians are guided toward a stable, productive livelihood in their newfound home. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible but, always, they make a tangible difference. Please prayerfully consider today how you can support ShareLife."

Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

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

**EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION** - we encourage all parishioners concerned about this legislation to visit [CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://CanadiansforConscience.ca) and join the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. The coalition includes more than 5,000 Canadian doctors with a common mission to respect the sanctity of human life. The [CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://CanadiansforConscience.ca) portal provides numerous resources, including an opportunity for people to easily share their concerns directly with their local member of parliament.

**RISEN** - We would like to encourage our parishioners to see a beautiful movie about Christ - movie entitled "Risen". "Risen" is told from an intriguing voice – that of a Roman prefect named Clavius. The movie follows Clavius and his aide Lucius as, under immense pressure from Pontius Pilate, they first seal the tomb of Our Lord, then embark on a search for His "body" after Caiaphas masterfully convinces Pilate that the empty tomb is a Roman problem. This is one of the best movies in this category and is shown in most movie theatres in Mississauga.

## From the Pulpit

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

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY for 2015** - Copies of the statement are available in the parish hall.

**FINANCIAL COMMITTEE** - There have been recent changes in the Financial Committee in our parish as a result of the ending of the term of some members. We would like to thank Mr. Miroslaw Ruta and Ms. Liliana Juchniewicz for their many years of service in the Financial Committee in our parish. Fr. Janusz, our Pastor, has called new members to fill the vacant seats. The new composition of the Committee is as follows: Maryla Skibinska, Piotr Dejnicky, Wladyslaw Guzda and Witold Ulman.

The Canon Law calls for each parish to establish a Financial Committee, which aim is to support the pastor of the parish in administrating of the material assets of the parish. Its opinions should help the pastor in making the right financial decisions.

**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH** - Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron of the universal church, principal patron of Canada. Pope Pius IX proclaimed him the patron of the Universal Church on December 8, 1870. Joseph having died in the "arms of Jesus and Mary", he is considered the model of a pious believer who receives grace at the moment of death. He prays especially for families, fathers, expectant mothers (pregnant women), travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people in general.

**FR. PIO PRAYER GROUP** - Celebrating this year the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its existence would like to invite for the prayer meetings every second & fourth & fifth Saturday of the month at 8:00pm. Meetings are held in Br. Anthony Room.

**PRAYER EVENING IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZE led by Adoremus Prayer Group** – Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 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!

**PALM SUNDAY** – March 20<sup>th</sup> – On Palm Sunday, we ask ALL CHILDREN to gather in the parish hall of the church (downstairs) at 12:30pm for the 1:00 pm Mass so that they may enter the church in a procession. The Scouts is the only organization that has the permission to sell the Palms. The Scouts will be selling them in front of the church.

**NEXT SUNDAY SECOND COLLECION** – Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> will be taken for the renovation fund.

**LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** – new schedules for Polish Masses can be picked up in the sacristy.

## Retreat Time

Today we would like to welcome Fr. Jozef Nieslony OMI, a missionary from Poland who will lead Polish Retreat in our parish from March 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

Retreat program:

**Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm Mass with homily for all

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

All Polish Sunday Masses will be with homily for all

**Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am Mass with homily for all

6:15pm The Way of the Cross for Children

7:00pm Mass with homily for all

8:00pm Homily for women

**Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am Mass with homily for seniors and Sacrament of the Sick

7:00pm Mass with homily for all (In Polish)

8:00pm Homily for men

**Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Lenten Lamentations

10:00am Mass with homily for all

6:30pm Lenten Lamentations

7:00pm Mass with homily for all

8:00pm Homily for married couples

**Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am Mass with homily for all

7:00pm Mass with homily for all

8:00pm Homily for youth

**Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am The Way of the Cross

10:00am Mass with homily for all

6:15pm The Way of the Cross

7:00pm Mass with homily and conclusion of Lenten retreat

Friday is the last day of our Lenten Retreat. There will be an additional collection for the Seminary of Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Obra, Poland. We ask for your generosity.

As a result of the Lenten Retreat and Reconciliation there will be no Mass Group Intentions at 7:00pm on March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

**RESURRECTION PROCESSION** – we ask all parish organizations to take part in the procession during the Resurrection Mass on Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 am.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

– April 3<sup>rd</sup> - The 11:00am

Mass will be celebrated for the

Feast of the Divine Mercy.

This year's celebrant will be

Cardinal Zenon

Grocholewski from Vatican.

Please join our parish

celebration since there is a

Year of Mercy and our parish has a privilege of the Holy Door at the Divine Mercy Chapel.

## 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.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.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](http://info@ServiamMinistries.com) or 1-888-522-2070

**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.

**SPRING DANCE** - „Friends of the Polish Scouts ZHP cordially invite you for the SPRING DANCE, on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, in Lithuanian Hall, 2185 Stavebank Rd. Mississauga, organized to raise funds for renovations of scout's camps in Kaszuby, Ontario. Tickets \$45, Joanna: 647-281-5008. Delicious Dinner, lottery, live band "POLMIX" – We hope you'll join us & support Polish Scouts!"

**EASTER BANQUET** - Radio Maryja would like to invite everyone for the Easter Banquet on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2:30pm - a Mass, followed by the banquet at 4:00pm at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. An opportunity to meet with guests from Torun and Chicago. Tickets can be obtain from Joanna Szydłowska 905 819-1040 or Joanna Strzyzek: 905 845-3553.

**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.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE WITH THE ROSARY FAMILY TO AMERICAN CZESTOCHOWA & PHILADELPHIA SHRINES** - May 6<sup>th</sup> - May 8<sup>th</sup> Cost: \$425.00 Info: Wiesława 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> 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](http://www.kolbe.ca)

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## Pilgrimages

**PILGRIMAGE TO WILNO** – Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> with Radio Maryja on the occasion of the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Info & sign up Joanna Szydłowska 905 819-1040 or Joanna Strzyzek 905 845-3553

## Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ✕ Izabela Zeglen ✕ Barbara Glogowska & Aleksander Frejszmidt Special intention for God's blessings for Marek on his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday Special intention for God's blessings for son - mother

10:00 ✕ father Henryk & husband Henryk Bujnowski - family

19:00 ✕ Maria & Jozef Balinski & all deceased from Balinski & Murzydło families

TUESDAY, March 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ✕ Kazimierz & Wanda & Romuald Kulesza ✕ Jozef Kozdra - family Special intention for God's blessings for children - parents Special intention for God's blessings for Joanna - mother

10:00 ✕ Janina Gal – Siuda family

19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Natonski family

WEDNESDAY, March 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ✕ Jolanta Rodziewicz & Pawel Rodziewicz - family ✕ Leon & Anna Kulik ✕ Florentyna & Piotr & Marian Czeranowski

Special intention for God's blessings for son Krzysztof

10:00 ✕ Michal Piekny (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.) - parents

19:00 ✕ Marianna & Piotr & Waclaw Zajkowski & Helena & Jozef & Wieslaw Miaszkowski

THURSDAY, March 17<sup>th</sup> Saint Patrick

8:00 ✕ Jozef & Helena Szczurek – son & his wife & children ✕ Wladyslaw Pacanowski ✕ Kazimierz Rozanski (11<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – son & family ✕ Wladyslawa & Franciszek Cegla – daughter & family

10:00 ✕ Walenty Siuda & all deceased from Siuda family – son & family

19:00 ✕ Henryk Stepień – sister & family

FRIDAY, March 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ✕ Stanislaw Bednarczyk – father ✕ Jozef & Jozefa Pindel – daughter & family ✕ Jozef Kowalik – family

Special intention for God's blessings and for successful surgery for husband Romuald - wife

10:00 ✕ Eddy Niedziela - Weronika

18:15 Way of the Cross (Pol.) Altar Servers

19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Dominik & Marcin & Weronika on their birthday – sister

SATURDAY, March 19<sup>th</sup> Saint Joseph

8:00 ✕ Irena & Benedykt Kleszcz – Bozena & family

17:00 ✕ Edward Chojnacki – daughter & family

19:00 ✕ Ryszard Stobiecki & Gertruda Fobke – daughter & her children

SUNDAY, March 20<sup>th</sup>

Passion (Palm) Sunday

8:00 ✕ Jan & Antonina & Jan Beben - family

9:30 ✕ Helena & Boleslaw & Aleksander Golojuch - family

11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

13:00 Special intention for God's blessings for daughter Weronika Wajdzik on her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday - parents ✕ Henryk Milkowski (28<sup>th</sup> anniv.) - children

19:00 ✕ Jozef Szulga & all deceased from Szulga family – family