

Ascension of the Lord



For many, the admonition "go fly a kite" could be a put-down. But those who know me know I would gratefully go and joyfully fly a kite! The freedom of the wind in its tails, the connection of the string pulling on the spindle and the joy of the community of all ages and staged gathering to watch and smile...there are few joys greater. It brings a smile to my face just picturing it. So I put myself into the readings for today. Why do I stand here, looking out the sky? As Jesus was blessing the disciples (me) he left them (me) and was taken up into heaven. Before their very eyes, he was taken and a cloud hid him from their sight. Maybe it is Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit. Or could it be the community waiting together for the fullness of the time promised by Jesus. Maybe it's the freedom of the wind in my tails. All I know is I keep waiting, I keep coming back and, yes, I do clap my hands and shout out in cries of joy..."Our God is an awesome God!" I haven't flown a kite in years. I have several in the garage and I even take them in the car periodically, but they never seem to make it out of their packaging. Maybe this year, this Sunday, this feast of the Ascension, I'll go fly a kite, joyfully!

Sr. Susan Kidd, CND Charlottetown, PE

First reading: Acts 1.1-11
Responsorial Psalm: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Second Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23
Gospel: Hebrews 9.24-28; 10.19-23

Rose # 60 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE & DONUTS will be sold today by WYD Youth until 12:00pm only due to the First Communion.

ATTENTION WYD YOUTH!
 Today, May 8, 2016 following the evening Mass WYD Youth is invited to an organization meeting led by Stanislaw Reitmeier. Next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 29, 2016
 Notary will be available during both meetings.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE - Sign-ups for the March for Life in Ottawa takes place today in the parish hall by the Pro-Life group. **Departure: Thursday, May 12th.** Theme of this year's march is "end of killing". Cost of the trip: \$60 per person. **Sign up & info Asia 647 472-0071 or Aneta 416 388-5404**

MOTHER'S DAY!

We thank our mothers for their unconditional love and care.

We thank them especially for the gift of life.

We wish all mothers good health, happiness, and many of God's graces.

May Mary, our Mother, be a source of strength and an example for them of never ending love and compassion.

THE CANADIAN POLISH CONGRESS MISSISSAUGA DISTRICT cordially invites you to the commemorations of 225th anniversary of the enactment of the Polish Constitution today, Sunday May 8, 2016 during 11:00am Mass. Following Holy Mass, a short ceremony will take place on the Polish Patriots' monument square adjacent to the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. **We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone!**

We would like to thank Janina and Miroslaw Ruta for donating a large number of Polish and Canadian flags. Those flags add to the surroundings of the church. **We would also like to thank all those who worked last week** cleaning the area surrounding our church, planting flowers and installing flags.

We are now ready for the arrival of President of Poland Andrzej Duda.

PARKING - We remind everyone that overnight parking on parish property is not allowed without informing the parish office. All vehicles parked illegally will be towed at the owner's expense.

Weddings

The following couples are planning to be married:

Samantha Amaral daughter of Lucia & Jose Thomas Michael Smreczynski son of Alicja & Zbigniew

Margaret Anna Dys daughter of Janina & Jerzy Matthieu Couture son of Chantal & Luc

Aleksandra Wanda Nabywaniec daughter of Iwona & Lucjan

Brian John Sydorow son of Elizabeth & Ivan

We wish them all God's blessing.



Working wonders for boys with a unique camping experience...

Having completed his teaching degree, Francis is still involved at Camp Ozanam, where he is presently the Director of Counselors. "I still love working here - most of my best friends have come from this community and it's great to introduce my students to Ozanam and see them falling in love with it the way I did. As a former camper and staff member, I feel like I have a complete picture of the camp, and try to make sure today's campers and staff enjoy the same formative experiences that I went through." Last year, ShareLife-supported Camp Ozanam provided a unique camping experience for 600 boys from underprivileged homes in the GTA.

Next ShareLife Sunday is May 29, 2016 Please give generously. You can work wonders!

President of the Republic of Poland, Andrzej Duda, visits St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish and the Polish Community.

On Monday, May 9th at 5:00pm, Andrzej Duda, the President of the Republic of Poland, and his wife, will visit our parish. This visit is open to the public, and access to the church will be granted beginning at 3:00pm.

The RCMP is responsible for the personal safety of the President inside the church. When it comes to the area surrounding the church and the John Paul II Centre, the parish takes responsibility for the President's safety. As a result, we ask that you obey the organizers and security personnel during this event. Moreover, when the church reaches a capacity as determined by the RCMP, further access to the inside of the church will be restricted.

The proceedings inside the church will be relayed over speakers to the area surrounding the church. Vehicle access to the church property will only be granted at two points: a) the north entrance off of Cawthra Rd; b) the current exit off of Meadows Blvd. Absolutely, no access will be granted via the entrance nearest the church.

Access to the John Paul II Centre is by invitation only. Those individuals who have an invitation are asked to come at least two hours earlier with government-issued identification and the formal invitation.

For security reasons, large bags or backpacks will not be permitted inside the church or in the John Paul II Centre.

Furthermore, an audio-visual feed will be streamed from the John Paul II Centre to the church. Similarly, the events inside the church will be streamed to those in the centre.

Program:

4:30pm - Prayer for the intention of Poland in the church

5:00pm - Arrival of President Andrzej Duda with his wife

- Entrance into the church

- Welcoming of the President and his wife with bread and salt followed by presentation of flowers

- Welcoming remarks by Pastor,

Fr. Janusz Błażejczyk OMI

- Address by President Duda

- Hymn: Boże coś Polsk

(God Protect Poland)

5:25pm - President will proceed to the rectory

5:30pm - President will proceed to the John Paul II Centre in a procession with the Scouts. There he will meet with the Polonia.

All invitees are required to provide valid photo ID and the formal invitation.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish is now on Facebook. We invite you to visit and like our page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Maximilian-Kolbe-Mississauga>



First Holy Communion

This year a total of 167 children from our parish will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

Saturday, May 7th at 4:00pm - 43 children
Sunday May 8th at 2:30pm - 65 children
Sunday May 15th at 2:30pm - 59 children

May the Good Lord Jesus Christ become their protector and guide on their journey through life. We congratulate their parents for bringing them to our Lord's Table and for showing them the importance of God in their love towards other people and their goodness among those we live with.

GOD BLESS THE CATECHISTS

for their dedication in preparing the children to receive First Holy Communion:

English Tuesday & Saturday Group: Irena Turzynska, Justyna Teper, Justyna Armatowicz, Dorota Baniak, Nicole Sobaszek;

Polish Tuesday Group: Teresa Bielecka, Malgorzata Hubisz, Barbara Ornat, Magdalena Gadomski, Bozena Erdzik, Maria Kozlowski, Dorota Sciuk, Aneta Merta;

Polish Saturday Group: Magdalena Hofman, Alicja Pawlikowska, Ewa Wszedorowski, Anna Wiercigroch, Monika Wiercigroch, Aneta Merta, Natalia and the Coordinator Fr. Wojciech Stangel.

The Good Shepherd Catechists: Helena & Katarzyna Rogala, Anna Dudek, Monika Pakulski and Sister Karolina.



WHITE WEEK

Due to the arrival of President of Poland on Monday, May 9th, there will be no evening Mass on the first day of the white week. All children will meet on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30pm for the Marian Devotion. We ask that all children participate in all evening Masses at 7:00pm during the white week.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HOLY COMMUNION

All children who received their First Holy Communion last year are invited to participate in a special anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 22nd at 1:00 pm. They are asked to come dressed in their First Communion attire, and gather in the parish hall (downstairs) at 12:30pm.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES - will be available through the photographer Tadeusz 905 949-4296 or 647 886-4296 Pictures from previous years are also available from Tadeusz.

GROUP INTENTIONS - Due to the White Week for the First Communion Children there will be no Group Intention for the Mass on Wednesday, May 11th & May 18th. All intentions will be moved to Wednesday, May 25th.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS - The Month of May is both named for and dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Join us daily at 6:30pm for the Marian Devotions, and on Saturdays following morning Mass.

PROCESSION TO THE ROSARY GARDEN - Friday, May 13th following the evening Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - May 15th - we ask those parishioners who normally attend Mass at 2:30 pm to take into consideration that the Communion Masses gather family and friends of the First Communion children. We ask that you mind the reserved pews for the participants and we thank you for your understanding.



WYD 2016

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS

To all sponsors of our WYD Charity Dance on Saturday, April 30th 2016

IMPRES BAND - music;
Brozda Family - hall decoration
Helen's Custom Designs - table & chairs decoration
Flexwood Corporation;
Walking Pilgrimage;
Radość - Joy Vocal-Dance Group;
Lechowia Dance Group;
Nova Printing - WYD banner

Products used to prepare hot & cold meal provided by:

Andy's Sausages; Mamma D's restaurant;
Jo & John; Staropolska Bakery;
Sweet Temptation Bakery;
The Butcher Shoppe; Odra Deli & Wholesale Meat; Tymek's; Maple Lodge Farms, and Country Kitchen Restaurant.

We would like to thank all moms for their time in preparing the delicious dinner. ☺

Lottery:

Forestwood Real Estate - Bicycle;
Credit Union - Galaxy Tablet;
Caniaga Travel - Gold necklace with a cross; 4 gift cards (\$25)
Polimex - voucher for an airline ticket - \$100
Ted Wolinski's Photos - 5 vouchers for portrait photo shoot
Krystyna i Stanislaw Reitmeier - 3 baskets with wine & alcohol
Justa Countertop; 2 vouchers for a kitchen countertop replacement \$100 each
Oblate Fathers - basket with alcohol & wine
Ewa Jarzak - Tea & tea cups basket, backpack & water bottle; raincoat & water bottle; basket with wine
Imbri Instal - Lowe's gift cards

PROFIT FROM THE DANCE WAS:

\$ 15,400.00

ADVERTISEMENTS

All interested in placing an advertisement in our bulletin from October 2016 to October 2017 are asked to contact Krystyna at 905 848-2420 starting from Tuesday, May 10th.

New advertisements will be placed in the spots of those clients who have resigned. Advertisements are taken on a first come-first serve basis.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - on Tuesday, May 10th following Holy Mass 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.

4 RIGHTS OF A SPIRITUAL LIFE - The four rights of a Spiritual Life for married couples is organized by **Domus Ecclesiae**. We invite everyone on Friday, May 20th (in English) in Sr. Faustina Room from 8:00pm to 9:30pm. On Saturday, May 21 & 28 (in Polish) in Br. Anthony Room from 8:00pm to 9:30pm.

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200 Years of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

As part of the jubilee celebrations commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the establishment of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the Assumption Province cordially invites you to an extraordinary event on Sunday, May 22, 2016.

- Solemn Mass at 11:00a.m. at St. Eugene de Mazenod Church in Brampton
- Official opening of a historical exhibit describing the ministry of Polish Oblates in Canada
- Display of various artifacts of Bro. Anthony Kowalczyk OMI - first Polish Oblate to work in Canada
- Announcement of winners who submitted their testimonies and presentation of appreciation awards

Please join us for this memorable event as we continue to celebrate the 200 years of our ministry.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, May 9th

8:00 ☩ Stanislaw & Czeslaw Dudek & Stanislaw & Jan Cebula
 Special intention for God's blessings for Zofia Krzak on receiving her First Communion on May 8th

8:30 Marian Devotion

19:00 NO MASS

TUESDAY, May 10th

8:00 ☩ all deceased from Draganajits family - daughter
19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Veronica Siuda on her 15th birthday - parents
 ☩ Stefan & Stanislaw Walczak - Helena

WEDNESDAY, May 11th

8:00 ☩ Albert Chorzepa - wife & children
 ☩ Helena Zduniak & Teresa Oktabianczuk & Wacław Stalewski - family

19:00 In intention of First Communion Children & Catechists

THURSDAY, May 12th

8:00 ☩ Edward Wilk - wife & family
19:00 ☩ Jan & Wladyslawa Jozwiak - daughter
 ☩ Wladyslawa & Stanislaw Rygiel - daughter

FRIDAY, May 13th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Anna & Chris & Edyta & Karol & Janusz - parents & grandmother

19:00 ☩ Jerzy - daughter Krystyna
 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for children & grandchildren & mother - Maria

SATURDAY, May 14th Saint Matthias

8:00 ☩ Jozef Utrata (2nd anniv.) - nephew & family

14:00 Wedding: Margaret Kazanczuk & Alexander Dickson

17:00 ☩ Maria Bazyl - daughter & son & family

19:00 ☩ Regina Paczkowska & Marianna & Wladyslaw Paczkowski - Danuta & family

SUNDAY, May 15th Pentecost Sunday

8:00 ☩ Jan Przyslopski & all deceased from his family - Zofia

9:30 ☩ Jozefa & Wladyslaw Kazmierczak & Anna Kazmierczak - son & husband

11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

13:00 ☩ Aleksandra Dzielska - daughter & family

14:30 Intention for Children receiving First Holy Communion (Polish Saturday Group)

19:00 ☩ Eugeniusz Grudzinski (23rd anniv.) & parents & siblings from both families - wife & family