

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's gospel, we find Jesus taking time to pray and reflect on his ministry. After performing many miracles and speaking about the kingdom in parables, Jesus takes his disciples aside and checks that they are getting the message. Who do the people say that I am? And who do you say that I am? These are loaded questions! The disciples would be justified in being afraid and anxious when they learn what lies ahead of them - what fate awaits Jesus and what crossed they will bear. I recently learned that "Do not be afraid," which appears so often in the Gospels, can also be translated, "There is no need to be afraid." Rather than being a command, it is an affirmation that there is no reason to be afraid. As Peter acknowledges, Jesus is the Christ of God and by following him they will save their lives. We know Jesus is with us in all of our lives; and yet we are reminded today that there are consequences to following Christ. Sometimes when we have the courage to speak up, our fears are realized and we are rejected, ignored or ridiculed; we will indeed have crossed to bear. But this is what God has called us to: our efforts to speak up in truth with God's help are not in vain. There is no need to be afraid.

Sr. Nancy Sullivan, CSF, Hamilton, ON

First reading: Zechariah 12. 10-11
Responsorial Psalm: My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.
Second Reading: Galatians 3.26-29
Gospel: Luke 9.18-24

Rose # 66 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE & DONUTS will be sold today by the **Rosary Family**.

FATHER'S DAY - June 19th

*A Father means so many things,
 an understanding heart,
 a source of strength and of support,
 right from the very start.
 A constant readiness to help;
 in a kind and thoughtful way,
 with encouragement and forgiveness
 no matter what comes your way.*

*A special generosity
 and always affection, too,
 a Father means so many things
 when he's a man like you.*

We wish all of our Fathers blessings, health and joy on their special day.

Baptisms

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Jewel Amante Almeida daughter of Jackie & Jeffrey
Aria Emily & Khloe Savannah Keating daughters of Kristine & Jonathan
Keira Romeo daughter of Hanna & Vincenzo
Zuzanna Dymek daughter of Marlena & Mariusz
Maks Pawel Kalkowski son of Magda & Mariusz
Christian Dema son of Agnieszka & Bledar
Anabel Daniela Quiroz Jurczak daughter of Agnieszka & Jose
David Frejlich son of Magdalena & Lukasz
Olivia Maria Bak daughter of Christina & Lukasz
Mason Joseph Glodz son of Evelina & Marek
Brian Richard Kulak son of Joanna & Rafal
Frank George Znaniecki son of Karolina & Michal

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.

Weddings

The following couples are planning to be married:

Christina Catherine Ilnicki daughter of Halina & Jan
Randy Gerard Hynes son of Marilyn & Gerard
Sandra-Anette Bejger daughter of Krystyna & Ted
Thomas Andrew Pyrka son of Halina & Andrzej
Monica Debski daughter of Marzena & Pawel
Eriks Elksnins son of Alla & Juris
Monika Patla daughter of Bozena & Jerzy
Rhys Nathan Solymar son of Tammy & Rene
Anna Maria Panasiewicz daughter of Ewa & Wladyslaw
Matthew Stephen Gilbert son of Judy & Stephen

We wish them all God's blessing.

ShareLife

Together we are working wonders...

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2016 ShareLife Parish Campaign. You have made a brighter future much easier for many of the most vulnerable in our communities by your generosity. For those who wish to make a contribution, you are still welcome to do so. You can drop your ShareLife envelopes in the offertory basket until July 31, 2016 or donate online at www.sharelife.org. Thank you!

Thank You for Your Generosity Together we can work wonders!

From the Pulpit

CHANGES IN THE PASTORAL TEAM
This year we bid farewell to Fr. Tomasz Koscinski OMI, who on September 1st will be moving to St. Therese Parish located in Courtice, Ontario near Oshawa, in the diocese of Peterborough. Fr. Tomasz had been appointed as a Pastor of St. Therese's Parish. We warmly thank him for his amazing work in our parish. God bless!
At the same time we welcome our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Grzegorz Nowak OMI from Poland. All changes will take place on September 1st.

CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Renovations of the church have been planned for the upcoming months. **The Financial Committee and the Parish Council have made the decision to completely renovate the parish kitchen.** This renovation is planned for the months of June and July, and will include new ceramic tiles, wall repairs, and the installation of a new stove/oven. During this time, access to the kitchen will be limited.

Moreover, the sanctuary will be modernized. The plans for this modernization have been approved by the Liturgical Committee at the Archdiocese of Toronto. There are four speakers located in the main wall of the sanctuary that will be moved to the ceiling: the remaining space will be covered with drywall, integrating it with the rest of the wall. **A new pulpit and baptismal font will also be bought.** The new altar will be made from the altar on which St. John Paul II celebrated the Holy Eucharist during the World Youth Days that took place in Toronto in 2002. **Additionally, a new tabernacle in the shape of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be purchased as a gift from the parents of this year's First Communion and Confirmation classes. The carpet in the sanctuary will also be replaced.**

An expansion of the church entrance by the missionary cross is also planned. The new entrance will be three times bigger than the current one, and will match the new church entrance that faces the John Paul II Polish Culture Centre.



For the past two years, our youth has been preparing for the World Youth Days both spiritually and financially. **This week, all fundraising activities for WYD are coming to an end.** We would like to thank everyone who has supported these initiatives.

We also thank all who brought empty bottles during this past year. As we are ending the fundraising activities for WYD, we ask that empty bottles no longer be dropped off. Thank you to all who have supported our youth!

In Short

PRO-LIFE KOLBE GROUP invites all for a screening of Grzegorz Braun's film, "Eugenika", which will take place this coming **Monday, June 20th after evening Mass in the St. Maximilian Kolbe meeting room.** The film unveils the shocking truth about civilization of death and its underlying causes. The producers also show the consequences that these practices lead to. Join us!

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST - Friday, June 24th - The birth of John the Baptist was one of the earliest feasts to be named to a particular day on the Church calendar. June 24 was chosen as it is six months before the birth of Christ. Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John..." But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "[Y]et the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28). John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His Baptism, he said, was for repentance. But One would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John is not worthy even to carry his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30).

POLISH DAY IN MISSISSAUGA - will be held on **Saturday, June 25th** at Celebration Square at 100 City Center Dr. from 1:00pm - 11:00pm and Mississauga Polish Day Pre-party Zabawa will be held at John Paul II Polish Culture at 4300 Cawthra Rd. Mississauga on **Friday, June 24th**. Info: www.mississaugapolishday.ca

ANNIVERSARY MASS - in the intention of couples celebrating their wedding anniversary will be celebrated on **June 26th at 11:00am & 1:00pm** for the blessing of children celebrating their 1st baptism anniversary. Please forward names to the parish office at 905 848-2420.

POLISH SUMMER CAMP-BRAWO - July 25th - 29th & August 2nd - 5th - Music & art workshops, sports & games at John Paul II Polish Culture Centre. Info: 647 317-4747 or www.BrawoMusical.com

CATHOLIC FAMILY RADIO invites you to the **27th International Festival of Religious Song**, which will take place on **Nov.19th & 20th 2016 at John Paul II Polish Culture Centre.** In honour of the 200 anniversary of the establishment of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the theme of the Festival is the words of St. Eugene de Mazenod "He has sent me to evangelize the poor". We invite soloists, duets, bands and choirs of all ages to participate in the Festival's contest and to submit their applications by **September 30th, 2016** to radio@catholicradio.ca
Information: 416 588 0555

SUMMER TIME

A gentle reminder for the upcoming summer months: **Each Catholic has the obligation to participate in the Sunday Eucharist.** Vacations, cottage trips, or other activities and/or travel do not provide valid exemption from participation. Voluntarily missing Mass is a grave sin. Canon 1247 does not only state the obligation for the faithful to participate in Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation, but also for the faithful to abstain from works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body. Furthermore, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 2181) clearly states: "Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin." There may come to be, however situations which provide exemption from regular participation in the Sunday Eucharist. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 2181) these include only serious reasons, such as illness or the care of infants. Otherwise, dispensation from participation in the Mass may be obtained from one's own pastor. In his apostolic letter on keeping the Lord's Day holy, "Dies Domini," St. John Paul II wrote: "the faithful who, because of sickness, disability or some other serious cause, are prevented from taking part, should as best they can unite themselves with the celebration of Sunday Mass from afar, preferably by means of the readings and prayers for that day from the Missal, as well as through their desire for the Eucharist" (no.54). Radio, television, and the Internet may facilitate participation for those prevented in taking part in the Holy Mass, especially if accompanied by the service of extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist.

Pilgrimages

PILGRIMAGE TO AMERICAN CZESTOCHOWA with Radio Maryja - July 2nd - 4th Cost: \$345.00 Info & sign up - Joanna Szydłowska 905 819-1040 or Joanna Strzezek 905 845-3553

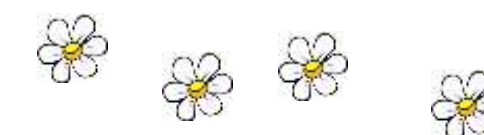
XXXIV ANNUAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO THE CANADIAN MARTYR'S SHRINE IN MIDLAND will be held from **Monday, August 8th to August 14th.** The theme of the pilgrimage will be "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." (Matthew 5:7). More info at www.pielgrzymka.ca

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN - November 15th - 25th 2016 A pilgrimage to the Holy Land under the spiritual direction of **Fr. Wojciech Stangel.** The itinerary includes: Haifa, Mount Carmel, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Nazareth and much more. **Info and sign up: Polimex 905 238-6683 or www.polimex.com**

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish is now on Facebook. We would like to remind all, that we post parish news and information, as well as many photos from parish life and events. We invite you to visit and like our page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Maximilian-Kolbe-Mississauga>

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Other Events

CATHOLIC FAMILY RADIO PICNIC - on Sunday, July 10th invites all to a picnic at Ignacy Paderewski Park. **Provincial Fr. Marian Gil, OMI will celebrate Mass at 12:00pm.** Come for the family atmosphere, hot buffet, drinks, contests and prizes for children and adults, and the lottery. Jan Pietrzak, from Poland, will perform in a cabaret and concert, and NON STOP will play for the dancing portion. The gates open at 9:00am. Tickets are \$15.00, children under 14 are free. **All profits will go towards supporting Catholic Family Radio.** More info at www.radiorodzina.com or 416 588-0555

Mass Intentions

- MONDAY, June 20th**
8:00 ☩ Andrew Wozny (2nd anniv.) - parents
19:00 ☩ all deceased from Buczynski & Fraczkowski families
 Special intention for God's blessings for Marek on his 14th birthday & for Michal on his 7th birthday
- TUESDAY, June 21st**
Saint Aloysius Gonzaga
8:00 ☩ Marek Kosnik (12th anniv.) - family
19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Lucy & Arkadiusz Grad on their 11th wedding anniversary - mother
 Special intention for God's blessings for Regina & Jozef Wajdzik on their 18th wedding anniversary
- WEDNESDAY, June 22nd**
8:00 ☩ Leontyna Kosmala - family
 ☩ all deceased from Pilat & Rzepa & Krzak families
19:00 **Group Intentions**
- THURSDAY, June 23rd**
8:00 ☩ father & all deceased from Bilkiewicz family - Ciesla family
19:00 ☩ Lucja & Jozef Nartowicz - daughter
 Special intention for God's blessings for Anna & Wieslaw & their children
- FRIDAY, June 24th**
The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
8:00 ☩ Anna & Tomasz Cebula - daughter in law Stefania & family
19:00 ☩ Leszek & Genowefa & Wincenty Piatkowski - family
 ☩ Joseph Konarkowski - niece & family
- SATURDAY, June 25th**
8:00 ☩ Wladyslaw Utrata (2nd anniv.) - nephew & family
17:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Agnieszka & Krys on their 5th wedding anniversary - parents
19:00 ☩ Szczepan Bryk - daughter Joanna
- SUNDAY, June 26th**
8:00 ☩ Helena & Edmund Wozniowdski - daughter
9:30 ☩ Anna & Kazimierz Nalepa & Wladyslaw Swierczek
11:00 **Intention for couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries**
13:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Agnieszka & Lukasz Kedron
14:30 Special intention for God's blessings for Krystyna & Ryszard on their 45th wedding anniversary
19:00 ☩ Regina & Janina & Jan Dobosz