

# Second Sunday of Advent



What would it feel like to stand before John the Baptist who is admonishing you to confess your sins? It sounds scary, but is there not a longing in us for the healing and wholeness he is offering? John

is preparing the way for God's definitive Word who will come into our midst. His call to repentance is a call to stand before Almighty God, the All-Good, the All-Holy, and to recognize ourselves as sinners. Recall Isaiah seeing God in the Temple and exclaiming, "Woe is me... I am a man of unclean lips... among a people of unclean lips!" (Isa 6.5) or Peter's awareness, after Jesus directs him to the abundant catch of fish: "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" (Lk 5.8) Seeing ourselves as sinners before God, and confessing during this Advent/Preparation season, is not meant to make us feel bad. Rather, we acknowledge who we are in order to open ourselves to what God wants to do for us. Through gentle mercy and graciousness, God frees us from sin and its consequences, inviting us into the kingdom of heaven announced by John and Jesus. And what is this kingdom of heaven? In today's readings Isaiah describes a kingdom of peace and justice. Then Paul says it is where we find "encouragement... to live in harmony with one another." This is the purpose of repentance.

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**First reading:** Isaiah 11.1-10  
**Responsorial Psalm:** In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound forever.  
**Second Reading:** Romans 15.4-9  
**Gospel:** Matthew 3.1-12

**Rose # 22** will lead the rosary this week.

**COFFEE & DONUTS** will be sold today by **Franciscan Lay Order** for the parish needs.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – today, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the **English groups** will take place following the Mass at **9:30am**. The next Exchange of Mysteries will take place on **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2017**, after which the **Rosary Group** shares the **Christmas Wafer (OPLATEK)**, in the parish hall at **10:30am**. All are welcome!

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

**MEETING FOR ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS** will be held on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am** in the parish hall. Attendance mandatory!

**CHRISTMAS CARDS (Polish & English) & BLESSED CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPLATEK) & PARISH CALENDAR 2017 & DVD from Polish President Andrzej Duda visit in our parish** are available in the parish hall through the Rosary Family members.



## Baptisms

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

*Mia Valentina Bekas daughter of Sandra & Marcin*

*Claudia Patricia Jesse daughter of Monika & Steven*

*Nikolas Pisinski son of Patrycja & Wojciech*

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.

### ADVENT TIME

The **Rorate Caeli Masses** are an excellent way to prepare for the time of Christmas. These Masses honor Mary for accepting the news of the angel Gabriel, and becoming the Mother of God. We prepared a special program, similar to last year, of Rorate Caeli Masses for children. Contributing to the celebrations of 200th anniversary of the founding of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, we would like to introduce the biography of Blessed Fr. Jozef Cebula, OMI.



All children are invited from Monday to Friday at 7:00pm. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR LANTERNS!**

### GROUP MASS INTENTION

Due to the Rorate Caeli Masses and Christmas Season there will be no Group Mass intentions on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. All offered intentions will be read on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

Due to the Rorate Caeli Mass there will be no Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** – is available in special envelope by the entrance to the church, as well as in the main hall. Please pick up one!

### CHURCH RENOVATION

We are in the last phase of the construction of the new church entrance. It is expected to be completed in the next few weeks. We are already able to use this entrance during the weekends.

The entire project will cost \$300,000.00. The parish is counting on your help and support. We would be incredibly grateful if each family could donate \$50.00 towards this cause, however we greatly appreciate each and every gift. Collection for the project was \$82,781.00 and 1436 families supported the enterprise with their donations. We thank all parishioners for their understanding and generosity. God Bless!

## A GIFT FROM THE HEART



Since few years ago our parish is sending Christmas gifts to orphanages in Poland.

This year we are would like to sponsor "Royal Packages" for children from an orphanage in Poland from:

◀ Pacanow led by Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit Canonesses de Saxia

◀ Stara Wies

◀ Czestochowa (Edmund Bojanowski Orphanage for Little Children)

◀ Klenica led by Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate

Today, Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> there will be an opportunity to make an offering for this cause.

We also remember about those in need in our local community. The Knights of Columbus along with our youth organize food donation for the Mississauga Food Bank as well as those in need from our parish.

Non-perishable food items will be collected in the parish hall and by the church entrance this Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

We don't forget the children.

We would like to help Sisters of Life, whose mission is to help mothers with small children, who struggle to get the most basic things for their children: "As for most needed items, we are always in need of more diapers. We particularly need bigger sized diapers (sizes 3,4,5 and 6). For baby boys we are in need of onesies sizes 0-3 months, 9-12 months, 12-18 months and 18-24 months. For baby girls we are in need of onesies sizes 3-6 months, 9-12 months, 12-18 months and 18-24 months."

There will be a special box this Sunday where the above gifts can be placed.

During the weekend of December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a collection used for Christmas gifts for children from an orphanage in Poland.

**OFFERATORY ENVELOPES FOR CURRENT & NEW USERS FOR 2017** – are displayed in the parish hall in alphabetically order according to the family name from Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. All users of the envelopes are asked to write their name, last name and address on the first" beginning offertory" envelope in order to match the envelope number with the family name signed for it.

## From the Pulpit



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - Solemn Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm. Acceptance of the new members of the Knights of the Mary Immaculate will take place during that Mass. Info: Jan Prymicz at 905 803-0699

Because the Oblates are a formation of Mary Immaculate, they celebrate and honor this feast in a special way at the Retreat House on that day

our parish office will closed on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the solemn belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is universally celebrated on December 8, nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary, which is celebrated on September 8. It is one of the most important Marian feasts in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church, celebrated worldwide.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE KNIGHTS OF MARY IMMACULATE** - Acceptance of the new members of the Knights of the Mary Immaculate will take place on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> during the evening Mass. Sign up Teresa Watroba 905 495-7035

### ADVENT RETREAT

in our parish will take place from Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Fr. Adam Filas, OMI.

### PENITENTIAL SERVICE

In both languages will be held: in our parish on Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. We remind everyone that penitential service is also held a half hour before every Mass.

**ANNUAL CLEANING OF THE CHURCH** - before Christmas will be on Tuesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm. All volunteers are welcome!

**ANNIVERSARY MASS** – December 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am for couples celebrating their wedding anniversary. Please forward the names to the parish office at 905 848-2420.

**OPLATEK FOR THE ROSARY FAMILY** will take place on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 4:00pm. Tickets \$10.00 each are available today in the parish hall. Due to the New Year First Sunday the next Exchange of Mysteries will take place on Second Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2017.

## In Short

**MASS INTENTIONS & GREGORIAN MASS SERIES** – All those who did not get a chance to reserve individual Mass intentions in our parish can still book Mass intentions in our parish office. Those extra Masses will be celebrated at Provincial House or at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre or by Fr. Marcin Rosinski.

**MEMORIAL OF SAINT NICHOLAS** – Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> St. Nicholas (270 - Dec. 6, 346) is the common name for Nicholas of Myra, a saint and Bishop of Myra (part of modern-day Turkey). Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession, he is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker. He had a reputation for secret gift-giving.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** – December 13<sup>th</sup> - Holy Mass and the exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary will take place at 7:00pm Mass. Meeting following the Mass in the John Paul II Cultural Centre at 8:00pm

**WIGILIA** – Polish Congress as well as Association of Polish Combatants and Association of Ladies of Hope invite all the lonely to a Christmas Vigil on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the SPK Centre, 206 Beverley Street. Fee of \$30.00 per person in cash to be paid until December 16<sup>th</sup> at Piast Travel, Toronto 416 531 8786 or 416 533 5526 or in Mississauga at 905 270 2600 or 905 277 5200. Info: Bartlomiej 416 533-5526 or Krystyna 416 763-0296

### 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF APPARITIONS OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On May 13, 2017, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the appearance of Blessed Virgin Mary to three young Portuguese shepherds in Fatima, Portugal. We believe that the celebrations taking place in Fatima will be a time of special blessings.

Our parish is organizing a pilgrimage to Fatima, as well as other holy places in Portugal and Spain in May of 2017. It is currently sold out. Due to such high interest, we will organize a second pilgrimage from September 11th -18<sup>th</sup> 2017. It is, however, a program for those on a stricter budget but who wish to visit Fatima in the year of the 100th anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions, as well as Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Cost \$2195.00plus taxed \$504.00 Total: \$2699.00 Direct fly to Lisbon by Air Canada Sign up & info Polimex 905 238-6683 ext. 427 ask for Mira

We are getting ready to the 100th anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions. We believe that the celebrations in Fatima will be a time of special grace. We want to get ready for this event through prayer.

We invite everyone for the Fatima Prayers in our parish on every 13th day of the month. **NEXT FATIMA DEVOTION TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm.**

**MIKOLAJ at Polish Culture Centre** – Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-5:00pm Many attractions for children including Radosc – Joy Ensemble Group & BRAVO performance.

**NEW YEAR'S DANCE at JPPII Polish Culture Centre** – Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm – Cost \$140.00 Included in the cost of the ticket is a hot supper by Jan Gromada. Music provided by SONET Info & tickets: 905 306 9900

**RADIO MARYJA OPLATEK & 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF EXISTANCE** will be held on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017. 2:30pm Mass at St. Maximilian Kobe and 4:00pm-banquet at Polish Culture Centre. Info & tickets: Joanna 905 819-1040 Tickets \$60.00 will be sold in the parish hall today and on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> following the Mass at 8:00am & 9:30am & 11:00am

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, December 5<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ✚ Stanislaw Wiercinski - daughter  
 19:00 ✚ Adela & Aleksander & Henryk & Mieczyslaw Biegajlo  
 ✚ Piotr Ziemak – daughter & family

### TUESDAY, December 6<sup>th</sup> Saint Nicholas

8:00 ✚ Father Julian Lizon (30<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – son & family  
 10:00 In intention of Senior Kolbe Club members  
 19:00 (Pol.) Special intention for God's blessings for Elzbieta & Marian Zajac family

### WEDNESDAY, December 7<sup>th</sup> Saint Ambrose

8:00 ✚ Teresa Krzak – mother & family  
 ✚ Halina Andrusyszyn – daughter Zenobia  
 19:00 Rorate Caeli Mass

### THURSDAY, December 8<sup>th</sup> The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 In thanksgiving for God's blessings  
 19:00 ✚ grandmother Marianna & parents & siblings – Zuzanna  
 ✚ Czeslaw & Stanislaw & Janusz & all deceased from Szczepanek & Jaworski families  
 ✚ Jozef Jermiolo (1<sup>st</sup>anniv.) - Lidia

### FRIDAY, December 9<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ✚ Leokadia Swiercz  
 19:00 ✚ mother (5<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – Dariusz Dudkowski  
 ✚ Stanislaw Kaczmarek (anniv.) – children & their families

### SATURDAY, December 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ✚ Emilia & Jan & Robert Bis & Danuta & Wincenty Klin - family  
 17:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Jonathan Hodur on his 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday - parents  
 19:00 ✚ Leokadia & Marian Piatek & Ryszard & Barbara Banasik - children

### SUNDAY, December 11<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 ✚ Zygmunt Trzeciakowski – daughters & family  
 9:30 ✚ Stanislaw Guzdek & Szczepan Balon & Kazimierz & Kazimiera Pakulski

### FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

13:00 ✚ Lucyna Woloszczak (9<sup>th</sup> anniv.) - children  
 14:30 ✚ parents Anna & Jozef Osadca & all deceased from family

19:00 ✚ Anna & Stanislaw Kopycki - family