

First Sunday of Advent



Baptisms

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Lukasz Edward Tarnowski son of Iwona & Mariusz

Gabriele Abbey Gwozdz daughter of Katarzyna & Marek

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS

We would like to thank all Marriage Preparation Classes leaders: **Helen & Richard Blazejewicz and Halina & Waldemar Paliga, Krystyna Gurgacz & Julita Koprianiuk as well as Fr. Marcin Serwin.** 15 couples completed the course. Next course is planned spring 2017.

Today - Sunday, November 27th we are invited for a meeting with **Cardinal Thomas Collins.** Meeting will be held at 4:00pm at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church.

ADVENT TIME

Advent is a season of joyful hope and a time of preparation and waiting.

Today, Sunday, November 27th we begin the Advent Season and therefore a new liturgical year.

A time of an advent gives us also a great opportunity to prepare to fully experience the Birth of Jesus.

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 as well as Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Wednesday, November 30th & December 7th & 14th and 21st. All offered intentions will be read on Wednesday, December 28th.



A GIFT FROM THE HEART

Exchanging of gifts during the Christmas season goes back to the baroque era.

The belief was that each gift is a gift from the heart; therefore, even the smallest of gift would provide the receiver with extreme joy.

Since few years ago our parish is sending Christmas gifts to orphanages in Poland. In the previous year, we sponsored "Royal Packages" for children from an orphanage in Klenica, led by Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate Wolsztyn and Pacanow as well as Bydgoszcz. Our parish also supported financially a nursing home in Broniszewice led by Dominican Sisters as well as from Stara Wies and from Czestochowa.

This year we would like to continue with sponsoring Christmas gifts for children and supporting a few chosen orphanages in Poland. On Sunday, December 4th 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.

Non-perishable food items will be collected in the parish hall and by the church entrance next Sunday, December 4th.

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 place next Sunday where the above gifts can be placed.

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



From the Pulpit

RODZINY OF JOHN PAUL II—meeting will be held today, November 27th in Fr. Bak Room (new catechetical Centre).

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE—Nov. 30th The first Apostle. Fisherman. Brother of Simon Peter.

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH December 1st – Prayer for vocations at 6:30pm. "Golden Rose" Apostolate, which is an apostolate of prayer and fasting for priests working in our parish exists already for quite some time in our parish. Members of the "Golden Rose" Apostolate participate in the liturgy of the first Thursday of the month, during which they pray the rosary. Info: Marzena at 647-284-1631 or Beata at 416-453-2014.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH—Dec. 2nd—**VISITING THE SICK** (by our parish Fathers) – please forward names to the parish office. Masses are at 8:00am, 10:00 am and 7:00pm. Confession starts at 6:00pm.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH—December 3rd - Mass and First Saturday Service are at 8:00am.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH—Dec. 4th - Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the English groups will take place following the Mass at 9:30am.

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 8th during the evening Mass. Sign up Teresa Watroba 905 495-7035

PARISH BULLETIN in the ADVENT PERIOD will be prepared well in advance. We ask all parish organizations to inform the parish office of all planned meetings.

ADVENT RETREAT

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

OPLATEK FOR THE ROSARY FAMILY will take place on Friday, December 30th 2016 at 4:00pm. Tickets \$10.00 each will be available on first Sunday of December.

OFFERATORY ENVELOPES FOR CURRENT & NEW USERS FOR 2017 – will be displayed in the parish hall in alphabetical order according to the family name from Sunday, November 27th. 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.

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.

In Short

ADVENT PRAYER EVENING WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Adoremus Prayer Group invites on Saturday, December 3rd from 8:00pm in the church (following the evening Mass) for a prayer evening with the Blessed Sacrament. We praise and worship God in joyful songs, listen to a formation talk on selected themes in spirituality, do a guided meditation on the Gospel, pray for healing and receive individually a blessing with the Blessed Sacrament.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Thursday, December 8th - 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 8th.

100th 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 -18th 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 Lisboa 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 13th.**

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The following members have left our community, and entered into the eternal life with the Lord in November: **The Late:** ☩ Roza Stanisława Słota 88, ☩ Wojciech Bednarek 67 ☩ Krzysztof Parlak 67, ☩ Regina Pobiedzinski 86, ☩ Gustaw Zelek 64, ☩ Anna Maria Azymi 39. *Eternal Rest Grant unto Them and Let Your Light Shine upon Them.*



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

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

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>

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 28th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Kamila on her birthday - family
19:00 ☩ Zygmunt Kucz – son & family & wife
☩ Jerzy Scieszka – wife & children

TUESDAY, November 29th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Barbara Babiarz
19:00 ☩ Bogdan Wrobel (5th anniv.) – wife & children
Special intention for God's blessings for Aleksandra Monteine on her 2nd birthday

WEDNESDAY, November 30th Saint Andrew

8:00 ☩ Alina Zmiejko & Bazyli Jaganow – children & family
☩ Maria & Roman (anniv.) - daughters & their families
19:00 Rorate Caeli Mass

THURSDAY, December 1st

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Ewelina on her birthday
19:00 ☩ Krzysztof Kaczmarek (12th anniv.) – parents & family
☩ Jozef Bukowski (2nd anniv.) – daughter Maria

FRIDAY, December 2nd

8:00 ☩ Artur Ostrowski (12th anniv.) – father & family
☩ Piotr Lalewicz & Jan Malec – Agnieszka & family
10:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Barbara – parents
19:00 ☩ all deceased from Guzda & Pigiel & Skowronski & Durak families

SATURDAY, December 3rd

8:00 Intention for Rosary Family & Knights of Mary Immaculate
17:00 ☩ Wincenty Wisniewski – wife & family
19:00 ☩ Karol Kurpaska – wife & children & their families

SUNDAY, December 4th

8:00 Int. for members of the Holy Rosary Family & Knights of the Mary Immaculate
9:30 ☩ Grazyna Zajac (3rd anniv.) – husband & children
11:00 **FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS**
13:00 Special intention for God's blessings for David on his birthday – parents & grandparents
14:30 ☩ Stanislaw Wilk – grandson & his family
19:00 ☩ Henryk & Wincenty Cebulak - family

First reading: Isaiah 2.1-5
Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Second Reading: Romans 13.11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44

Rose # 21 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE & DONUTS will be sold today by Scouts.

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION - will be taken for the building and renovation fund.

CALL TO COMMITMENT MASS FOR RCIA CANDIDATES will be held today - Sunday, November 27th at 9:30am Mass.

PRESENTATION OF A NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – will take place today-Sunday, November 27th during 11:00am Mass. Our new Eucharistic Ministers are: Agata Opala, Wojciech Opala, Marian Bojankiewicz, Elzbieta Bojankiewicz, Anna Hecold, Beata Chojecka, Maria Piszczek and Leszek Szafran.

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

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.