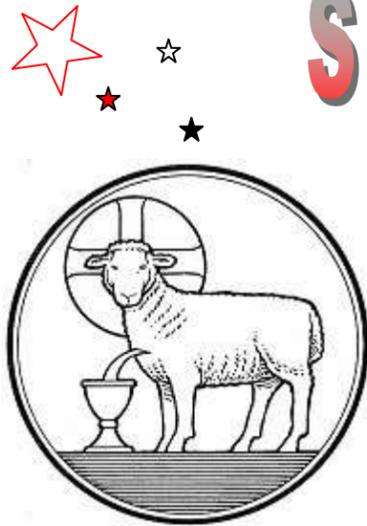


Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Baptism

The following child will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Jakub Mikolaj Oleksiuk son of Renata & Marcin

We welcome Jakub and congratulate his parents and godparents.

OBLATE RETREAT January 23rd – 27th

The Oblates will be away on their annual Retreat. We sincerely ask the faithful for their prayers on behalf of our Oblates so that God may Bless them during this time of retreat and renewal. May they be renewed in Spirit so they may renew us the people of God. **There will be no morning or evening Masses for the entire week including Wednesday evening Group Intention Mass due to the absence of priest in our parish. At 6:30pm, Rose # 33 will lead the rosary that week.**

FRAUD ALERT

On Wednesday, January 11, officers from the Fraud Bureau of the Peel Regional Police informed our parish office of cases of extortion of money from Polish seniors. The scammers claim that a family member or friend of the victim is having legal problems, and money is needed right away in order for the person to be released from police custody. Then, someone claiming to be a policeman, comes to the victim's home to pick up the money in cash. There have already been several victims of this crime, one of them losing a sum of \$8,000.00.

How can you avoid this kind of fraud?

In view of the increase in frequency of these fraud cases, the Peel Police is asking for caution and common sense when dealing with strangers. The scammers often take advantage of the trust, willingness to help, mercy, and heart of the victims.

The stories told by these scammers are completely false, and, wanting to help, the victims, most often elderly, transfer the requested funds.

The Peel Police states that no police activity of this kind is ever done over the telephone. It is done in-person, and police have the duty to identify themselves properly.



In our parish, there had existed for many years a memorial dedicated to victims of abortion. It was located amongst the greenery in front of the main entrance to the church at Cawthra Rd. and Meadows Blvd. This memorial was destroyed by unidentified persons last year, right before All Saints' Day.

The parish council has decided to set up a new memorial dedicated to both victims of abortion and euthanasia, honouring life from conception to natural death. The memorial will be a witness to the fundamental truth that human life is a sacred gift from God, and should be valued and protected in every moment of development, from conception to natural death. The cost of the entire project is \$30,000.00

The new memorial will be located near the new entrance to the church, next to the parking lot. It was designed by Canadian artist, Timothy Schmalz, whose work may be found in many churches around the world, public spaces, and even at the Vatican. The sculpture, made from bronze, is called "A Quiet Moment" and depicts the Holy Family affectionately surrounding the Baby Jesus. It is a symbol of love and care for life from conception to natural death.

Recently, a sculpture by Timothy Schmalz was installed at the Vatican, depicting Jesus as a homeless man, sleeping on a bench. The life-size figure, covered only by a light blanket, from under which peek out only His feet marked with the wounds of the nails, is made entirely of bronze. The sculpture is located next to the building which houses the Office of Papal Charity. The idea for this particular sculpture came to the artist on Christmas night, when he saw a homeless man lying on a bench. Many reproductions of the sculpture may already be found in various parts of the world. A second sculpture by the same artist, depicting Jesus as a beggar is located by the entrance to the Hospital of the Holy Spirit in Rome, near the Vatican.

<https://www.sculpturebytps.com/>

OFFERATORY ENVELOPES FOR CURRENT & NEW USERS FOR 2017 – are displayed in the narthex by the main church entrance in alphabetical order according to the family name. 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.

Parishioners who did not pick up their envelopes for 2017 are asked to do as soon as possible. Envelopes that were not collected will be passed onto other parishioners. We also ask not to use envelopes from previous years.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - We are in the process of preparing the income tax receipts for the previous year. We ask all parishioners who recently changed their address to inform us of the change. You may do so by calling the parish office, or by filling out the green forms found in the narthex of the church and placing the filled out forms in the Sunday collection. **Receipts will be mailed in February to all parishioners who gave offerings over \$50.00.**

PRAYER EVENINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZE – You are cordially invited to a prayer evening in the spirit of Taize led by the Praise and Worship Group **ADOREMUS on Saturday, January 21st following the evening Mass from 8:00pm-9:00pm.** We pray singing Taize songs, listen to a formation talk on selected themes in spirituality, do a guided meditation on the Gospel and allow some time for private prayer in silence around the icon of the cross.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – January 18th - 25th The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on **January 18th - 25th.** Those dates were proposed in 1908 by Paul Wattson to cover the days between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul, and therefore have a symbolic significance. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism.

ADULTS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION - Meetings for adults preparing for the sacrament of confirmation will take place on following **Fridays: March 3rd & 10th & 24th & 31st at 8:00pm** in Br. Anthony Room. Classes will be held in Polish. All interested are asked to register themselves by coming to the parish office. *A copy of the baptismal certificate is mandatory upon registration. ADULT CONFIRMATION is planned for Holy Saturday, April 15th 2017 at 8:00pm.*



200th Anniversary of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Assumption Province cordially invite you to the closing celebrations of the 200th anniversary of the foundation of Oblate Congregation. On **Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 3:00pm** a Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at St. Eugene de Mazenod Church in Brampton. The Presider and homilist will be Cardinal Orlando Quevedo OMI Archbishop of Cotabato, Philippines. Thomas Cardinal Collins as well as many other Bishops confirmed their attendance. We invite all priests, religious brothers and sisters, parish communities, organizations, and all people of goodwill to join us for this event. Following the Eucharist a standing reception will take place at Millennium Gardens Banquet Hall located beside the church (20 Polonia Ave, Brampton).

CONFERENCE ON THE TOPIC OF ISLAM

On **January 24th, 2017 at 7:00pm** Cardinal Quevedo OMI from the Philippines will give a talk at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre at 4300 Cawthra Rd. in Mississauga. He will speak on the following topic: **Is it possible to have a dialog between Christianity and Islam in view of shocking events that are present in today's world? We invite everyone to attend. There are no tickets for this event. However a donation box will be at the entrance to the hall to help cover the costs of the conference.**

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 Lisbon by Air Canada Sign up & info Polimex 905 238-6683 ext. 427 ask for Mira

In Short

ATTENTION COUPLES PLANNING THEIR CHURCH MARRIAGE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE DATE CHANGE

The next course will be held from **Feb. 27th – April 3rd 2017.** Classes will be held on Monday from 8:00pm to 10:00pm, for a total of 6 classes. Cost \$100.00 Sign up – parish office.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE FOR SECOND UNIONS – couples should attend a specialized marriage preparation offered by the Catholic Family Services 416 921-1163.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 16th

8:00 † Anna Milkowska (14th anniv.) – sister & family
19:00 † Jozefa Krawiec (anniv.) - daughter
Special intention for God's blessings for Malgorzata on her birthday

TUESDAY, January 17th Saint Anthony

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Teresa and her family
19:00 † Helen Pogor – daughter Kelly & family
† Franciszek Siewak – daughter & family

WEDNESDAY, January 18th

8:00 † Stefan Gumula (4th anniv.)
† Jozefa Bielanska (7th anniv.) – daughter & family
19:00 **Group Intention**

THURSDAY, January 19th

8:00 † Kazimierz Tomaszewski - wife
19:00 † Helena & Jozef & Czeslaw & Zbigniew Szymczuk & Stefania Mazur – Helena Rebizak
Special intention for God's blessings for children: Natalia & Dawid & Krzysztof & Adam & Oktawia & Michelle

FRIDAY, January 20th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Leonardo
19:00 † Maria & Antoni & Leszek & Gizela Szczepan - son & family
Special intention for God's blessings for Sikora & Wyszowski families

SATURDAY, January 21st Saint Agnes

8:00 † Anna & Jan Skobel – daughter & family
17:00 † Kazimierz Tomaszewski - sons
19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Lucyna & Bogdan Mochocki on their 50th wedding anniversary - children

SUNDAY, January 22nd

8:00 † Maria & Mieczyslaw Gorecki – son & family
9:30 † Franciszek Cwik – daughter & family
11:00 **FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS**
13:00 † Stanislaw Bulej (32nd anniv.) & Wanda Bulej (25th anniv.) – daughter & family
14:30 † Zofia & Wladyslaw Jankowski - grandson
19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Jadwiga & Wacław on their 56th anniversary stay in Canada