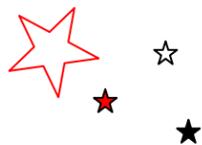


Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Baptisms

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:
Tomasz Wojtis son of Michelle & Pawel
Hailey Jankowski daughter of Anna & Marc
Julia Summer Sobaszek daughter of Katarzyna & Michal
 We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.



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/>

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 the case of a telephone call asking for a loan, please remember to:

- Ask for the personal information of the person claiming to represent a relative or friend
- Not act in haste and postpone the transfer of funds (preferably for a few days)
- Not give in to the pressure of the scammers
- Confirm the information received with other family members

It is important to remember that, under no circumstances, should you transfer money to a person who you do not know personally, or let them into your home. When contacted by these individuals, try to remember as many details about their appearance, behaviour, and vehicles.

Does it not strike you as amazing that Jesus calls on ordinary people to become his first disciples? Jesus wants them to join him in a new kind of community and to experience intimately a loving and faithful relationship with him and with each other. It is a call to proclaim "the good news of the kingdom" to all people they will encounter and minister to. What would so profoundly influence their decision to become Jesus' first disciples? I believe it was their faith in and desire for the love of God that inspired them to bring love and hope to a dark world. They were being given the opportunity through God's gift of grace to change their ways and participate as a community in God's plan of love and salvation. During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, let this gospel serve as a reminder that Jesus summons all of us to be in real relationship with him and with those around us. As Christians in community, let us listen to Paul who reminds us we are "united in the same mind and for the same purpose," to serve and care for those around us, especially for the poor. It is in communion with Jesus that our hope and promise of God's abundant grace are to be found – a pure gift for all of us.

Julie Cachia, Toronto, ON

First reading: Isaiah 9:1-4
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18
Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23

Rose # 33 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by our Youth.

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



RADOSC-JOY invites all to their Christmas concert, "JASELKA, KOLEDA, & HERODY". Sunday, January 29, at 4:00pm in the parish hall. Tickets \$10.00

As of Monday, we will be preparing our church for the ordinary time and Christmas decoration will be removed. At the same time we warmly encourage you to pray at the Bethlehem manger, since it will be removed soon.

In Short

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.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL CONCERT - Join us at Mary, Mother of God School for an evening of live music on Saturday, January 28th, 2017 at 7:30 pm. Our wonderful house band will take us on a journey through the 60's, 70's, 80's, and beyond! Tickets are \$20 (19 years old and older, please). Munchies, desserts and coffee (Cash Bar). For tickets, please call: 416-531-7897

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD & THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Thursday, February 2nd – Masses will be held at 11:00am & 7:00pm (all in Polish).

On Thursday, we will come to church with our candles, which we will bless so that they remind us of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ for the entire year, especially during difficulties. This feast also ends the traditional period of Christmas Carol singing.

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.

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.

Other Events

DANCE ON THE OCCASION OF 60th ANNIVERSARY OF EXISTENCE organized by SCOUTS from Baltyk Group will be held on Saturday, February 4th at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church at 3609 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga. Music provided by "IMPRES". Tickets are \$75.00 (adults) & \$45.00 (youth). Info & tickets Mateusz 416 903-9881 or Tomek 647 457-7077. All proceeds go towards Scouts needs.

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 this week.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 23 rd	
8:00	No Mass
19:00	No Mass
TUESDAY, January 24 th	
	Saint Francis de Sales ★
8:00	No Mass
19:00	No Mass
WEDNESDAY, January 25 th	
	The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
8:00	No Mass
19:00	No Mass
THURSDAY, January 26 th	
	Saints Timothy and Titus ★
8:00	No Mass
19:00	No Mass
FRIDAY, January 27 th	
8:00	No Mass
19:00	No Mass
SATURDAY, January 28 th	
	Saint Thomas Aquinas
8:00	☩ Wladyslaw Kmiec (1 st anniv.) – sister Celina & family
17:00	Special intention for God's blessings for Joanna & Mateusz and for Faltyn family
19:00	Special intention for God's blessings for Maria & Jerzy on their 39 th wedding anniversary
SUNDAY, January 29 th	
8:00	Special intention for God's blessings for Jolanta & Jessica & Albert & Mariusz & Christine & Tristan & Michal & Alexandra
9:30	☩ Mieczyslaw Grabowski – Ilnicki family
11:00	☩ Fr. Stanislaw Bak, OMI
13:00	Special intention for God's blessings for Monika & Gabriel Pliszka & their family on their 10 th wedding anniversary
14:30	Special intention for God's blessings for Boleslawa Walczak on the occasion of her 90 th birthday – daughters Jolanta & Maria & their families
19:00	☩ Wanda & Zdzislaw Romanowski - grandson