

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baptisms



The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:
Michael Mirochna son of Renata & Pawel
Jacob Sztajfij son of Natalia & Michal

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 On Monday, February 13th

Fr. Grzegorz Nowak will be celebrating his birthday and on this occasion we wish him health, joy and energy in his pastoral work. Let the challenges of everyday activities allow him to see the beauty and the depth of life.

February 12, 2017
To Married Couples throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto,

On the occasion of Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto, be assured of my prayers and gratitude for all those who have nurtured and strengthened the sacramental bond of matrimony. In my travels throughout the archdiocese, I continue to be inspired by loving couples who faithfully support one another and share their abundant talents with the church in diverse and creative ways.

It is important that the church affirm married couples throughout their journey. It is my prayer that your local parish provides both a spiritual home and welcoming community where you may find other couples and a loving community to both support and nourish you through the joyful and challenging moments of your relationship.

We also pray and extend loving support to those who have lost a spouse or experienced the anguish of a broken relationship. Our archdiocese is blessed with many programs and resources to assist with marriage enrichment, counselling and pastoral care. I encourage you to visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage or speak with your own parish on how to best access these services.

Once again, as we celebrate Marriage Sunday, thank you for your incredible witness and fidelity. May God continue to bless you now and always!

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas Cardinal Collins

Thomas Cardinal Collins
 Archbishop of Toronto



We would like to thank all those who made contribution last Sunday, to cover the costs of the memorial "A Quiet Moment" and its installation.

Last Sunday Second collection was \$14,242.00

We thank all parishioners for their understanding and generosity. God Bless! We want the monument to be ready for Easter and blessed on Sunday of Divine Mercy. Our guest this year will be Bp Wacław Depo from Czestochowa, Poland.

This monument 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.

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

NEW AUDIO SYSTEM

We installed a new audio system in our parish hall. The entire system comes from the same company RDUCH ELEKTROAKUSTYKA that installed our church sound system. We installed all new speakers, sound buffers as well as digital microphones of best quality and longevity.

2017 Parish Campaign ShareLife Sunday Collections April 2 | May 7 | June 4

Living the Gospel...

ShareLife is more than an annual appeal – it is the way that we bring the hands of Christ to those in need! One of the core directions of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love, and our support for ShareLife helps to bring this to life, not only in our archdiocese, but also around the world.

Each year, thousands of people turn to a ShareLife agency for help. Our agencies provide service in an environment that is infused with Catholic values, bringing the Gospel message to the marginalized.

When we support ShareLife, we are making more than a financial contribution – we are demonstrating that the Catholic community is actively making a difference in the social service network in our archdiocese!

Thank you for your support of ShareLife!

In Short

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - on Tuesday, February 14th following Holy Mass at 7:00pm and the exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary. After Mass, a meeting will be held in the Knights of Columbus room at the John Paul II Cultural Centre

BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE – Saturday, February 18th from 9:00am to 4:30pm at Canada Christian College 50 Gervais Dr., Toronto. Serviam Ministries is hosting its 2nd Annual Men's Conference. Join Fr. Larry Richards and Archbishop of Montreal, Christian Lepine, for a day of prayer and fellowship, and the chance to be emboldened and challenged in your faith by becoming the man God created you to be. Day includes Mass, confession and adoration. Special father/ son rates available. Priests, Religious and seminarians get in free. Registration at info@ServiamMinistries.com to ensure a spot. More info: www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up or call at 1-888-522-2070

ANNIVERSARY MASS – February 26th at 11:00am for couples celebrating their wedding anniversary & 1:00pm for the blessing of children celebrating their 1st baptism anniversary. Please forward the names to the office at 905 848-2420

ATTENTION COUPLES PLANNING THEIR CHURCH MARRIAGE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

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.

VOCATION RETREAT "Is God calling you to be an...Oblate?" – For Young Men ages 16 and up – April 28 to 30, 2017 at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre at 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga. Registration: Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI 905 848 2420 or email mserwin@omiap.org

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.

BURIAL OR CREMATION

The Sovereign Pontiff Francis, in the Audience granted to the undersigned Cardinal Prefect on 18 March 2016, approved the present Instruction, "Ad resurgendum cum Christo" regarding the burial of the deceased and the conservation of the ashes in the case of cremation. To rise with Christ, we must die with Christ: we must "be away from the body and at home with the Lord". With the Instruction Piam et Constantem of 5 July 1963, the then Holy Office established that "all necessary measures must be taken to preserve the practice of reverently burying the faithful departed", adding however that cremation is not "opposed per se to the Christian religion" and that no longer should the sacraments and funeral rites be denied to those who have asked that they be cremated, under the condition that this choice has not been made through "a denial of Christian dogmas, the animosity of a secret society, or hatred of the Catholic religion and the Church".

The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased, because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, "unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine". When, for legitimate motives, cremation of the body has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the competent ecclesial authority. The reservation of the ashes of the departed in a sacred place ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community. For the reasons given above, the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted. Only in grave and exceptional cases dependent on cultural conditions of a localized nature, may the Ordinary, in agreement with the Episcopal Conference or the Synod of Bishops of the Oriental Churches, concede permission for the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence. **Nonetheless, the ashes may not be divided among various family members and due respect must be maintained regarding the circumstances of such a conservation.**

In order that every appearance of pantheism, naturalism or nihilism be avoided, it is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewellery or other objects. These courses of action cannot be legitimized by an appeal to the sanitary, social, or economic motives that may have occasioned the choice of cremation. **When the deceased notoriously has requested cremation and the scattering of their ashes for reasons contrary to the Christian faith, a Christian funeral must be denied to that person according to the norms of the law.** <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en>



FAMILY DAY – Sunday, February 19th from 11:00am-5:00pm at JPPII Polish Culture Centre Attractions for children and adults. Polish food. Free admission.

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ST. VALENTINES DAY
 February 14th

On that day take the opportunity to show those you love how much they mean to you. Also do not forget the heavenly Father!

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.

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
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13th at 6:30pm.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 13th

8:00 ☩ Tadeusz Gal – uncle & his family
 18:30 Fatima Prayer
 19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Fr. Grzegorz Nowak OMI on his birthday
 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Konard - parents

TUESDAY, February 14th Saints Cyril and Methodius

8:00 ☩ Petronela & Walenty Planeta - family
 19:00 ☩ Lucja Hecold (12th anniv.) – daughter Anna
 ☩ Kazimierz Tomaszewski - wife

WEDNESDAY, February 15th

8:00 ☩ Caroline Kapitan – Zofia & Edmund Parwicki
 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for son Maciej and for wife Jolanta

THURSDAY, February 16th

8:00 ☩ Katarzyna Krupa-Chwast (14th anniv.) – sister & family
 19:00 ☩ grandparents from Sulej & Wojcik families
 ☩ Barbra Sikorska (7th anniv.) – daughter & family

FRIDAY, February 17th

8:00 ☩ Helena & Edward Nitek - son
 19:00 ☩ Rozalia & Adam & Stanislaw - sister
 Special intention for Zubel family – Malgorzata & Eugeniusz

SATURDAY, February 18th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Wieslawa & Aleksander on their wedding anniversary
 17:00 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Wojna family
 19:00 ☩ father Jozef Dudzki (1st anniv.) - son

SUNDAY, February 19th

8:00 ☩ Wladyslawa & Ludwik Tomaszewski – children & their families
 9:30 ☩ Kazimierz Kondefer – daughter & her children
 11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
 13:00 ☩ Henryk & Stefania & Czeslaw Fraczkowski & Kazimierz & Waleria Buczynski
 14:30 ☩ Mirosław & Weronika & Jozef & all deceased from Krzewinski i Bedo families
 19:00 ☩ Regina & Maksymilian & Malgorzata & Bronislaw Jasinski - family



Today's scripture passages echo and re-echo the same essential concept. The verses of Psalm 119 will guide our response. "Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart." The reading from Matthew's Gospel is packed with potential actions, optional responses and possible consequence. "But I say to you" signals that the stakes are being raised to a whole new level. We find the same approach in the reading from Sirach: fire and water, life and death, good and evil. The Lord is not interested in half measures or lukewarm responses. Pick one or the other; there is no room here to sit on the fence. The message is unchanging: come to the Lord completely. This should not surprise us, for it is from the One who chose to empty himself completely and become one of us to show us the way to God. It comes from the One who lived among us and then gave himself up to pain and death for us. It comes from the One who fully and absolutely understands what it is to be human. And it comes with the promise that we can spend our whole life in a constant and profound relationship with divine grace and love, immersed in God forever.

Marilyn J. Sweet, Falmouth, NS

First reading: Sirach 15.15-20
Responsorial Psalm: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.6-10
Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37

Rose # 36 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by Families of JPPII.

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION will be taken for Oblate Fathers Missions.

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

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - Receipts were mailed already to all parishioners who gave offerings over \$50.00.

FAMILY DAY – Monday, February 20th. Office will be closed on Saturday, February 18th and open again on Tuesday, February 21st.

"SOUL DOCTOR" – *Your home is where your heart is* - a documentary on a remarkable story of Bishop Wieslaw Antoni Krotki, a Polish Missionary among Canadian Inuit. The call of the heart that led a youth from Jaworzynka to the most demanding missions in the snows of the Arctic, where he became a soul doctor. **DVD's - \$15.00 are available in the parish office.**