

First Sunday of Lent



Baptisms

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:
 Allison Catherine Gal daughter of Lori & Alexander
 Adrian Jacek Stadnik son of Justyna & Artur
 Sandra Jankowski daughter of Katarzyna & Patryk
 Janina Szybalski daughter of Dorota & Damian
 Michael John Podbielski son of Monika & Dominik
 We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.

AUDITIONS FOR THE PARISH CHOIR & REHEARSALS – are led by Ewa Czepielewska and take place every Tuesday from 8:15pm in Br. Anthony Room. All singing voices invited! More info: kolbechoir@gmail.com



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 \$2195.00 plus 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

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus responded to the Holy Spirit's direction and went into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Through his willingness to enter a weakened state, Jesus showed his love for us and the ways in which we can find strength. Through him, in him and with him, we can find renewal, freedom and the joy we seek. Who has not been in a weakened state – emotionally wrought, spiritually tired, or physically suffering? Who has not been just plain worn down? Do you have your own launch sequence when seeking comfort? Do you deliberately walk by the bakery on your way to work? Or to bar? Do you flirt with the stranger at the coffee shop? Does the pressure let up a bit? Does the relief from your discontent last? Yet here is our God, who loves us, knowing our dark ways, showing us the way to lasting comfort and freedom: serving only the Lord. On our own? No. In our weakness, God is strong for us. This Lenten season is our 40 days. Let us embrace the Eucharistic love that will create a clean heart in us and renew in us a steadfast spirit. May we allow the Holy Spirit to restore the gladness of our salvation. Let us allow God to lead us out of our desert.

Johanne Brownrigg Orleans, ON

First reading: Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18; 3.1-7
Responsorial Psalm: Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Second Reading: Romans 5.12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

Rose # 39 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by Scouts for the parish needs.

ELECTION OF ENROLLMENT OF NAMES for the catechumens of our RCIA Program will be held today at 9:30am Mass.

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

OFFERATORY ENVELOPES FOR CURRENT & NEW USERS FOR 2017
 We ask not to use envelopes from previous years.

A YOUNG MARRIED COUPLE with valid work visa in Canada is looking for the job offers for 2 years which are needed to obtain additional points that will help them to apply for the status of permanent residence in Canada. Both are graduates from University of Economy in Warsaw. Please contact them if you are able to help at agatacanada@gmail.com

Pastor's Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent

We began the holy season of Lent. We place ashes on our foreheads as an external symbol of entering the road of penance. Ashes remind us that everything comes from nothing and will turn into nothing again.

The season of Lent is a time of fasting, sacrifices, as well as prayer; its aim is to prepare our hearts for a fruitful celebration of our Lord's Resurrection.

Commandments of the Church require us to restrain from participating in parties during the season of Lent, as well as to confess and receive Holy Communion during Easter.

Last Sunday, I encouraged everyone to give up something for Christ. It is still not too late. What will you give up? Smoking, alcohol, wasting time online? Perhaps you will try to be more understanding towards your spouse, or other family members. Perhaps you will give up sweets, gossiping or watching TV.

Pick just one thing so that you can fully experience the season of Lent. Do this for the crucified Christ.

Lent Time

SCHEDULE OF GROUPS LEADING THE WAY OF THE CROSS at 6:30 pm

7 III - Tuesday Knights of Columbus English
 10 III - Friday Domestic Church Polish
 14 III - Tuesday Scouts English
 17 III - Friday Prayer Group Polish
 21 III - Tuesday Children's Retreat
 24 III - Friday Pro-Life Group Polish
 28 III - Tuesday Youth English
 31 III - Friday Crusade for Liberation Polish
 4 IV - Tuesday Retreat Time (in Polish)
 7 IV - Friday Altar Servers Polish

THE WAY OF THE CROSS
 Will be held on Mondays (for children), Tuesdays (English) and Fridays (Polish) at 6:30pm.

Indulgence may be obtained by participating in the Way of the Cross or Lenten Lamentations under regular conditions, as well as praying „It is I, o good and most sweet Jesus” on every Friday of Lent.

LENTEN LAMENTATIONS
 We warmly invite you to grow with us in prayer and reflect on Christ's passion during Lenten Lamentations every Sunday at 6:15pm.

RETREAT TIME
 19 - 22 III - Children Retreat - Bp Antoni Dlugosz
 24 - 26 III - English Retreat - Bp William Nolan
 1-7 IV - Polish Retreat - Fr. Daniel Biedniak, OMI

LENT TIME BOOK OF ALCOHOL ABSTINENCE

THE LIBERATION CRUSADE is a voluntary commitment to abstain from alcoholic beverages. The term "crusade" indicates a spiritual battle with evil, where prayer is fundamental. Members of the Crusade are committed not only to abstain from drinking, but also to help others who struggle with alcohol addiction. Everyone is invited to join the Crusade and abstain from consuming alcoholic beverages, especially during the Lent time.

Give something up in the intention of another person.

A special book is placed at the altar of St. Maximilian Kolbe and the relics, where everyone is welcomed to write their name and last name, not adding intention or reason to join.

Additionally, the intentions will be prayed in front of the Most Sacred Sacrament and you can add your intention emailing to: krucjata.marzanna@hotmail.com

In Short

PRO LIFE GROUP

Pro-Life Group, which was established by our parish, is asking all of the parishioners for a daily silent prayer for the unborn children. We invite everyone to the Divine Mercy Chapel and to pray in the intention of life, every day between 8:00am and 8:00pm during the entire duration of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. Help save lives by joining the 40-day initiative and praying for mothers and their children.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – Mar. 5th
 Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the English groups will take place following the Mass at 9:30am

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS (SPRING FORWARD, FALL BACK) – Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00am on March 12th. Don't forget to change your clocks on the night of March 11th to March 12th to one hour forward.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - on Tuesday, March 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.

LENTEN RETREAT WITH THE LIBERATION CRUSADE – March 24th-26th in Melrose. Cost \$150.00 Info & sign up Danuta & Krzysztof Wojcik 905 272-3717

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga for the weekend of March 31st – April 2nd. THEME: "The Call to Peace". PREACHED BY THE CENTRE TEAM. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR REGISTRATION PLEASE CALL 905-278-5229.

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

PILGRIMAGE WITH THE ROSARY FAMILY - The Rosary Family is organizing a 3 days pilgrimage to Marian Shrines in Ottawa, Montreal & Quebec City from June 9th - 11th. Info & sign up: Wieslawa 416 799-2122 or Teresa 905 495-7035

RETREAT TIME

We would like to invite all parishioners as well as all youth from dance and vocal groups and Scouts to our Lenten Retreat. All meetings and classes that are held in the parish hall should be cancelled during Retreat Time from March 19th – 22nd.

CHAPEL OF THE DIVINE MERCY – ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Chapel is open 24/7 (The entrance is located beside the parish office) We invite all the faithful to prayer and perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

For further information/registration call: Mr. Andrzej Chmura at 905 949-1237

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 6th

8:00 ☩ Apolonia Maksimowski – son Edward & family
 18:30 The Way of the Cross for Children
 19:00 ☩ Jozef Mendela – wife & daughter & family
 ☩ Roman Janusz (5th anniv.) - daughters

TUESDAY, March 7th

8:00 ☩ Stanislaw Baran & Jozef & Wladyslaw Szywala - children
 10:00 In intention of Senior Kobe Club members
 18:30 The Way of the Cross (Eng.) – Knights of Columbus
 19:00 ☩ Helena & Stanislaw Romasz – grandson & family

WEDNESDAY, March 8th

8:00 ☩ Caroline Kapitan – Maria & Joseph Surski
 ☩ Ryszard Leszczewski – Jozef & Maria Tobola
 19:00 Group Intentions

THURSDAY, March 9th

8:00 ☩ Elzbieta Glodkowska (7th anniv.) – sister & family
 19:00 ☩ Aleksander Prymicz
 ☩ Andrzej Gilowski & Maria Kaczanowska – daughter & family

FRIDAY, March 10th

8:00 ☩ Izabela Zeglen - parents
 18:30 The Way of the Cross (Pol.) – Domestic Church
 19:00 ☩ Paulina & Jan Szorc & Alicja Meczowska & all deceased from Szorc family
 ☩ Lana Konarkowski – niece & family

SATURDAY, March 11th

8:00 ☩ souls suffering in purgatory
 17:00 ☩ Ted Jarosz – T. Hapiuk
 19:00 ☩ Edward Calko (1st anniv.) – wife & family

SUNDAY, March 12th

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 ☩ Aleksander Grabowski & Zygmunt Dobrowolski – daughter & her husband & daughter in law & her son
 9:30 ☩ Maria Justin – Justin family
 11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS
 13:00 ☩ Felicja & Stanislaw Chabinka & all deceased from Szabla family
 14:30 ☩ Janusz Rzodkiewicz (5th anniv.) - wife
 19:00 ☩ husband Ryszard & mother Gertruda