



Given that I try to drink eight glasses of water a day, I cannot truly relate to the thirst expressed in two of today's readings. Literally, I don't know the desert and I don't go to the well for water. Yet today's gospel is one of my favourites. I hear the back and forth of the conversation between the woman and Jesus. And I laugh as I picture them splashing water, living water gushing up to eternal life! A line in the first reading that does resonate with my experience is the complaining of the Israelites in the desert. When I do not see God's hand concretely and explicitly visible in my life, I cry out as if it is God's fault. When my bucket is empty, I cry! Lent can be a tough season of prayer, fasting and giving alms. The challenges only make sense as a path to Easter. My thirst must lead me to others and to Jesus. When I thirst, will others share from their bucket? When I meet others who thirst, will I share from mine? Only then will Paul's image in the Letter to the Romans make sense – "God's love has been poured into our hearts."

Sr. Susan Kidd, CND Charlottetown, PE

**First reading:** Exodus 17.3-7  
**Responsorial Psalm:** O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!  
**Second Reading:** Romans 5.1-2, 5-8  
**Gospel:** John 4.5-42

**Rose # 41** will lead the rosary this week.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS** will be served today by **Polonia Brass Band**.

**RCIA PROGRAM** – The first scrutiny of the elect (catechumens) will take place today during 9:30am Mass.

*Today - an opportunity to obtain Easter cards in the parish hall.*

**THE POLISH SCOUTING ASSOCIATION IN CANADA** - is hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> International Polish Scouting Jamboree from July 29 to August 12, 2017, at the Tamaracouta Scout Reserve in the Province of Québec.

We are expecting 1300 participants from countries around the world where the Polish Scouting Association outside of Poland (PSA International) is active. The Jamboree will be comprised of 5 parts – a Boy Scout Jamboree, a Girl Scout Jamboree, and a Rangers/Rovers Jamboree, as well as a Jamboree for Senior Scouts and the Scouting Auxiliary.

The cost associated with an undertaking of this magnitude, which includes the purchase of all the necessary equipment, is very high despite the fact that all participants pay an attendance fee and cover their own travel costs.

We are counting on your support and cordially invite you to join us at our **Ball, "Canada Awaits"** on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at **Anapilis Hall (2185 Stavebank Rd., Mississauga)**. Tickets \$65.00 Info & reservation Teresa Berezowska 416 499-8545 or [terri.ber@sympatico.ca](mailto:terri.ber@sympatico.ca) or Konrad Dabrowski 647 338-7004 or [konraddabrowski@hotmail.com](mailto:konraddabrowski@hotmail.com)

# Third Sunday of Lent

## Baptisms



The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

*Hanna Sliczniak daughter of Beata & Lukasz  
Emilia Capala daughter of Joanna & Arkadiusz  
Matthew John Nicalek son of Ewa & Daniel  
Victoria Motyka daughter of Angelika & Krzysztof*

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.



Living the Gospel by providing for homeless youth...

On a given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20 per cent of the total homeless population. In Toronto, estimates of homeless youth range from 900 to 2,000 nightly. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House have been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. 75 % of these youth have been matched with mentors and have also made progress in strengthening their life skills and family relationships, getting them ready for life on their own. In addition, the ShareLife funded Youth In Transition programs which help youth in foster care to transition to independent living.

Sunday, April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH** – Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> - Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron of the universal church, principal patron of Canada. Pope Pius IX proclaimed him the patron of the Universal Church on December 8, 1870. Joseph having died in the "arms of Jesus and Mary", he is considered the model of a pious believer who receives grace at the moment of death. He prays especially for families, fathers, expectant mothers (pregnant women), travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people in general.

**MEETING FOR ROSARY FAMILY LEADERS'** will take place on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> following the evening Mass.

### CONFERENCE OF POLISH PRIESTS IN EASTERN CANADA

is organizing a pilgrimage to Wilno on the occasion of the Feast of the Divine Mercy on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Holy Mass will be celebrated by

**Archbishop Wlclaw Depo** from Czestochowa, Poland.

Sign-up for the bus pilgrimage is possible in the parish hall today - Cost \$35.00  
Info: Wieslawa 416 799-2122

## Pastor's Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that even a cup of water given to one of His littlest disciples will merit a reward in heaven. In essence, the passage about Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob reveals the mystery of Jesus.

In today's society, people often want to take control of everything in their life. Convinced that they are invincible and powerful without limits, they would even believe that they can reach salvation with their own strength. Today, people try to quench their spiritual thirst at the well of secret knowledge and relaxation techniques. For this reason, they turn to horoscopes; throw money away on psychics and other paradoxical things. However, in such experiences of 'self-fulfillment', there is no room for the real Christ. At least not for the Christ we know from the Gospel passages.

The time of Lent is also a call for us to stop believing in superstitions, psychics, a time to stop reading horoscopes and finally start believing in the Gospel and Christ.

Today, let us strongly desire to meet Christ and open our hearts widely to His invitation. We can be sure that Jesus wants to become our deepest thirst, the Source, which we can always turn to. Just as Jesus waited for the Samaritan woman in the warmest part of the day, He also awaits us with His Mercy, which is an endless source: pure and alive.

Let us desire for Jesus to transform us to make us more beautiful. Let frequent meetings with Him in prayer and in holy sacraments, especially in the Holy Eucharist, ignite in us a profound desire for the final meeting with Him, when He returns.

### LENT TIME BOOK OF ALCOHOL ABSTINENCE

**THE LIBERATION CRUSADE** is a voluntary commitment to abstain from alcoholic beverages. 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.

## Lent Time



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

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

This week will be on Monday (for children), and Friday (in Polish) at 6:30pm. There will be no Way of the Cross on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> in English due to the Children's Retreat. Mass at 7:00pm on that day will be held in Polish.

### 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.

### PRO LIFE GROUP

Pro-Life Group 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.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** – is one of the most important feasts in the Church calendar. In the Roman calendar, this is the ancient title for the feast celebrating the Incarnation of the Word. This feast is a joint celebration of Christ and the Blessed Virgin: of the Word who becomes the Son of Mary and of the virgin who becomes the Mother of God.

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF AN UNBORN CHILD** – Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> - it is an act for the protection and defense of the unborn. We invite all willing to spiritually adopt an unborn child who will take place during the Mass at 8:00am on the day of The Annunciation of the Lord.

Spiritual Adoption is a prayer for the child at risk of being killed in the mother's womb. Lasts 9 months and involves a daily prayer of one of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary as well as a short prayer for the child and his parents.

Spiritual Adoption was established after the apparitions at Fatima, becoming the answer to the call of Our Lady to pray the Rosary, penance and satisfactions for sins, which the most hurt Her Immaculate Heart. In 1987, spiritual adoption was introduced to Poland and soon adoption has spread to the entire world.

**CHILDREN RETREAT WITH BP ANTONI DLUGOSZ**  
March 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>



Today we would like to welcome Bishop Antoni Dlugosz in our parish. Bp. Antoni Dlugosz will lead the Lenten Retreat for Children in Polish in our parish, which will begin today Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and continue for the next three days at the evening Masses at 7:00pm.

Additionally, Bishop Antoni will preach homily during all Polish Masses today.

Today's collection for the poor will be offered to Bishop Antoni Dlugosz and Albertine Sisters in Czestochowa who run a house for intellectually challenged women. Bishop Antoni Dlugosz is the chaplain of this centre.

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 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>.



From Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Bishop William Nolan from Scotland will lead the Lenten Retreat in English.

Due to the Lenten Retreat, Friday's Mass at 7:00pm will be in English and the Way of the Cross at 6:30pm in Polish. The Way of the Cross will be led by Pro-Life Group.

### LENTEN RETREAT IN ENGLISH

Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm Eucharist with homily (in English)

Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm Eucharist with homily

Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Eucharist with homily

### LENTEN RETREAT IN POLISH

Will be held from Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm – Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Fr. Daniel Biedniak, OMI a missionary from Poland.

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION

at our parish will take place on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>. Info & sign up: Wieslawa 416 799-2122 or Teresa 905 495-7035

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100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On May 13, 2017, we will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> 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 and due to such high interest, we will organize a second pilgrimage from September 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 2017. It is, however, a program for those on a stricter budget but who wish to visit Fatima in the year of the 100<sup>th</sup> 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

## Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 20<sup>th</sup>

Saint Joseph, Principal Patron of Canada

8:00 ☩ Jan Sadowski – daughter & family  
☩ Jozef Jemiolo – wife & daughters  
Special intention for God's blessings for Jozef Janicki on his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday  
18:30 The Way of the Cross for Children  
19:00 ☩ Adela & Aleksander & Henryk & Mieczyslaw Biegajlo & Antoni & Rozalia Mackow – grandchildren

TUESDAY, March 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00 ☩ Jozef Gazurek  
☩ Grzegorz  
19:00 (Pol.) ☩ Agnieszka Rumianowski – nephew Edward & family

WEDNESDAY, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 ☩ Stanislaw Gluch (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.) – daughter & family  
☩ Aleksandra  
Special intention for God's blessings for Tammy & Jennifer & Maria  
19:00 In intention of Children

THURSDAY, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 ☩ Adolf Ryszka (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.) - daughter  
19:00 ☩ Krystyna & Zenon & Elzbieta & Waldemar & Dariusz Nizinski  
☩ Marianna & Stefan Marcinczak & Stanislaw & Wladyslaw & Zofia Miazek

FRIDAY, March 24<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Edward Karczewski (25<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – daughter & granddaughters

18:30 The Way of the Cross (Pol.) – Pro-Life Group

19:00 (Eng.) ☩ Janina Konaszenko – son & his wife  
☩ Piotr Niemiec – son & family

SATURDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>  
The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 Rosary  
8:00 ☩ parents Stanislaw & Jozefa & Cyprian Steblewicz - daughter  
17:00 Special intention for God's blessings Monika & Daniel Metelka on their 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary  
19:00 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Dawid on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday - Godfather

SUNDAY, March 26<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Malara family  
9:30 ☩ Helena & Boleslaw Golojuch  
11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS  
13:00 ☩ Mieczyslaw ferret (20<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – wife & children  
14:30 ☩ Czeslaw & Hieronim Walczak – daughter & family  
18:15 Lenten Lamentations  
19:00 ☩ Antoni Kaminski (39<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – daughter & family