



Samuel has been commissioned by God to choose a successor to Saul. Like us, Samuel frequently judges by appearances, while God judges by the heart. Samuel's selection of David and Jesus' healing the blind man in today's gospel speak to us of God's choices. Jesus sees in the blind man someone with great potential who moves from a world of darkness to collaborate with Jesus. He will be the one to display the work of God and reveal Jesus to others. The readings call us to move from our blindness to the revelation of God in Jesus. To believe is to come to the light, while to disbelieve is to be spiritually blind and walk in the darkness. Paul reminds us that when we are committed to Christ, we become children of the light, and earlier in his letter to the Ephesians he prays that his community might have "the eyes of your heart enlightened" (1.18). "I once was blind but now I see." John Newton composed *Amazing Grace* and based it on his own conversion experience, after which he began a life-long ministry of reconciliation. The blind man received not only the gift of sight but also the gift of faith. May we like him experience this Lent as a true conversion of heart.

Fr. Jack Lynch, *SFM Scarborough, ON*

First reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
Second Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14
Gospel: John 9.1-41

Rose # 42 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by **Altar Servers**.

An unpasteurized organic BUCKWHEAT & MULTIFLOWERS HONEY will be available in the parish hall as well.

RCIA PROGRAM – The second 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 9th 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 22nd at **Anapolis Hall (2185 Stavebank Rd., Mississauga)**. Tickets \$65.00 Info & reservation Teresa Berezowska 416 499-8545 or terri.beres@sympatico.ca or Konrad Dabrowski 647 338-7004 or konraddabrowski@hotmail.com

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Baptism



The following child will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

*Krystian Michael Chojnowski
son of Jessica & Michal*

We welcome Krystian and congratulate his parents and godparents.



"Living the Gospel" locally and around the world...

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it is volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Our annual appeal provides resources to 42 agencies, bringing much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, consider your ability to "Live the Gospel" by helping those who are vulnerable and in need, and make a contribution to ShareLife.

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

YOUTH MASS – will take place today, Sunday, March 26th at 7:00pm at St. Maximilian Kolbe followed by a meeting at 8:00pm in the parish hall. The topic of the conference: "True Passion of Christ".

CONFIRMATION - Bp. John Boissonneau will give the Sacrament of Confirmation to our youth on Saturday, April 1st at 4:00pm. There will be 130 candidates from our parish.

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST PLAY - we would like to invite you to attend a rendering of Christ's Passion. This event will take in Polish, in the parish hall on Friday, April 7 at 8.30pm, and on Sunday, April 9 at 8.00pm. The passion play, with its beautiful setting and costumes, accompanied by inspiring music, will provide us with an opportunity to strengthen our vocation and preparation in light of the approaching Easter. *There is no greater demonstration of faith, than God's infinite love for humankind...*

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 22nd. 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
Radio Maryja is organizing their bus pilgrimage as well and their bus will leave on Saturday, April 22nd at 6:00am from St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish parking.

Pastor's Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

We have entered the second part of Lent. We have just finished the Lenten Retreat for children as well as the Lenten Retreat in English. Next week, the Lenten Retreat for adults in Polish will commence.

Lenten Retreat is a special and an extraordinary period. It is a time of learning, where we learn prudence, wisdom and during which time we become better people. It is also a well know time of penance for centuries. For this reason, everyone participated in Lenten Retreats through the world, including the Pope, Bishops, Priests, Married Couples, Students, Singles, as well as Divorcees. The Church wants to include everyone regardless of their status or geographical location.

The Lenten retreat is a profound time of repentance, self-reflection and conversion. During the time of Lent, let us ask ourselves: where is my faith? Do I believe more with each day in God's everlasting covenant? Do I genuinely trust God and lean on Him in all aspects of life? Do I show my love for God by fully respecting His commandments and the entire teaching of the Catholic Church? Do I focus on God's presence in my prayer? As we continue our pilgrimage here on earth, let us profoundly examine our conscience, participate in the sacrament of confession with a contrite heart and undertake meaningful resolutions to work on our weaknesses in a spirit of faith, hope and courage.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – April 23rd

This year's celebrant will be **Archbishop Wlclaw Depo** from Czestochowa, Poland.

Program:

9:25am - English Mass
10:45am – Gathering around „A Quiet Moment” monument
10:50am – Blessing of the monument
11:00am - Feast of the Divine Mercy Mass
12:00pm – Eucharistic Procession around the church

We ask all parish organizations as well as Polonia Brass Band to be ready for the blessing of the monument and following the blessing to go in procession to the church.

Lent Time



SCHEDULE OF GROUPS LEADING

THE WAY OF THE CROSS at 6:30 pm
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

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.

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



LENTEN RETREAT IN ENGLISH

Saturday, March 25th 5:00pm Eucharist with homily
Sunday, March 26th 9:30am Eucharist with homily

LENTEN RETREAT IN POLISH

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

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

at our parish will take place on **Monday, April 10th & Wednesday, April 12th at 7:00pm**
Please do not wait until the last moment to go to confession. You can make use of this sacrament by coming a half an hour early before every Mass.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The following members have left our community, and entered into the eternal life with the Lord in March:

The Late: † Michal Rokosz 96,
† Renata Rybka 92, † Jozef Zoltek 95,
† Wladyslawa Michalska 82,
† Justyna Malek 90, † Krystyna Usajewicz 94,
† Renata Demjan 75, † Jozef Stupak 73,
† Stanislaw Klimas 62, † Mariya Bazylevych 93,
† Grzegorz Kosalka 42, † Michael Greczylo 89,
† Czeslawa Wyszczanska 95.
Eternal Rest Grant unto Them and Let Your Light Shine upon Them

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL

In 1995, on Good Friday, the Chapel of Divine Mercy of Perpetual Adoration was officially opened. On August 15 of that same year, perpetual adoration of the living God began and continues until today.

Throughout the entire 22 years, there is always somebody adoring Christ in the chapel. To be present in front of the Holy Sacrament, each person receives God's grace, even if they don't feel it. Adoration is not just benefiting the individual but it also influences a community and is an invaluable treasure. The continuous prayer influences the quality of life of all of us.

Recently, due too many reasons, mainly as a result of sickness, death or moving, about 30 people had to cancel their allocated time of adoration in the Divine Mercy Chapel. As a result, there are several open spots. We ask everyone, especially those, who were never part of the perpetual adoration, to consider signing up for one hour every week. We need at least 30 people to continue the perpetual adoration. Accept Jesus' invitation and dedicate one hour of your time each week, or even once a month.

Information: Barbara and Andrzej Chmura: 905-949-1237.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY for 2016 - Copies of the statement are available in the parish hall.

PRAYER EVENING WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Adoremus Prayer Group invites on Saturday, April 1st from 8:00pm – 9:30pm in the church (following the evening Mass) for a prayer evening with the Blessed Sacrament. We praise and worship God in joyful songs, listen to a formation talk on selected themes in spirituality, do a guided meditation on the Gospel, pray for healing and receive individually a blessing with the Blessed Sacrament.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH – April 1st - Mass and First Saturday Service are at 8:00am.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – April 2nd Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the English groups will take place following the Mass at 9:30am.

EASTER BANQUET - Radio Maryja would like to invite everyone for the Easter Banquet on Sunday, April 23rd - at 2:30pm - a Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, followed by the banquet at 4:00pm at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. An opportunity to meet with guests from Torun and Chicago. Dinner provided by Jan Gromada. Prize draw, as well as an Easter concert by Karolina Podolak are also included in the program. Tickets \$55.00 can be obtain on Sunday, April 2nd following the Mass at 8:00am & 9:30am & 11:00am or calling Joanna Szydłowska at 905 819 1040 or Joanna Strzezek: 905 845-3553.

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

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 and 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

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 27th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for son
18:30 The Way of the Cross for Children
19:00 † Maria & Marian Krak & Krystyna Grabowska – granddaughter Agnieszka & family
† Jan Wolak & Jozef Stachecki & Tadeusz Piasecki & all deceased from Lepek & Zajega families

TUESDAY, March 28th

8:00 † Franciszka Kornyluk - family
18:30 The Way of the Cross (Eng.) - Youth
19:00 † Eddy Niedziela & all deceased from Siuda & Niedziela families
Special intention for God's blessings for grandchildren Sean & Justin & Kalyn - grandparents

WEDNESDAY, March 29th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI on his birthday
† Daniela Rogalska – daughter & family
19:00 Group Intentions

THURSDAY, March 30th

8:00 † Maria & Stanislaw Palka – daughter Stefania & family
19:00 † Zofia Szot (1st anniv.)
† Marek Krol & parents from both families - family

FRIDAY, March 31st

8:00 † Stanislaw & Jan Pilat – daughter & family
18:30 The Way of the Cross (Pol.) – Crusade for Liberation
19:00 † Maria Mikołajczyk - family
† Leszek Nartowicz (2nd anniv.) – sister & family

SATURDAY, April 1st

8:00 Intention for Holy Rosary Family and Knights of the Mary Immaculate
16:00 YOUTH CONFIRMATION
19:00 † Piotr Sas (anniv.)

SUNDAY, April 2nd Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Intention for members of the Holy Rosary Family & Knights of the Mary Immaculate
9:30 † Steven Zelek - parents
11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS
13:00 † Zofia & Boleslaw Bytnar & Karolina & Walenty Zajac & all deceased from Zajac family – Elzbieta & Marian
14:30 Special intention for God's blessings for son Andrzej - mother
18:15 Lenten Lamentations
19:00 † Eugenia Rybarczyk (2nd anniv.) – daughter & family