

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



What did Jesus cling to? Not to the fleeting glory of crowds shouting, "Hosanna!" Paul says Jesus didn't even cling to his divine position: he "did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, "becoming human. He accepted the suffering and pain of human life. He lived in vulnerability, God's Suffering Servant, not hiding his face "from insult and spitting." But he did not cling to suffering...he did not let it become the final word. Not even on the cross. He clung, instead, to his identity as God's beloved. He clung to his relationship with the Father. Even in his agony, he remembered who he was. He final, heartbroken, cry was, nonetheless, a cry of faith, a prayer from Psalm 22: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" He clung to what he knew best: he was God's beloved; he trusted in God. And God did not let him down. Paul assures us, "God highly exalted him." We need to be reminded that evil, hatred, suffering and death don't have the final word. Jesus gives us this gift. He shows us that life is stronger than death; love is stronger than hatred; faith and hope are stronger than fear and suffering. He shows us that we, too, are God's beloved. Let us cling to this love.

Dinah Simmons Halifax, NS

First reading: Isaiah 50.4-7
Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Second Reading: Philippians 2.6-11
Gospel: Matthew 26.14-27.66

Rose # 43 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by Radosc-Joy Ensemble Group.

PIEROGIES FROM SUPREME PIEROGIES will be sold by our Youth in the parish hall following the Masses.

We are warmly invited for pierogies: cabbage & mushrooms, fruits (strawberry or blue berries), potato & onions, potato & cheddar cheese, sweet cheese, cottage cheese, meat and more. Please, support our Youth travelling to Rome!



LAST SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION

for Share Life was \$28,490.00 and we would like to thank for your support!

Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community...

Taavi wasn't engaged at his school or in extracurricular sports and as a Deaf person, he faced obstacles trying to join his hearing peers. His mom encouraged him to try to participate in the Deaf community. His life changed when he joined a Deaf basketball fun day hosted by Silent Voice and met Mike, Director of the Silent Voice Child and Family Program. He joined a Deaf sports team, began a co-op position with Silent Voice in his 4th year of high school, and was hired as a counselor in the Silent Voice Sign Language Summer day camp. He continues to volunteer at Silent Voice and says, "I'm grateful to ShareLife -supported Silent Voice and want to be a role model for Deaf kids, like Mike was to me." Last year more than 600 deaf children received help through ShareLife-supported Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps. Next ShareLife Sunday is May 7, 2017

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS

We would like to thank **Fr. Marcin Serwin** for leading the Marriage Preparation Classes as well as lay couples who supported him during the entire program: **Halina & Waldemar Paliga, and Helen & Richard Blazejewicz** as well as **Julita Koprianiuk** for leading **Natural Family Planning**. 32 couples completed the course. Next course is scheduled for fall 2017.

CONFIRMATION

Fr. Bp. John Boissonneau gave the Sacrament of Confirmation to 130 of our parishioners on **Saturday, April 1st**.



THANK YOU TO OUR CATECHISTS - who prepared our youth for the sacrament of Confirmation - **Maria Boryczko, Ewa Markiewicz, Dorota Jasinski, Katarzyna Czechowska, Stefania Glowacki, Karolina Radziwon, Monika Ulman, Mateusz Pacyna, Adrian Dzwiecki** and **Sister Karolina Szymkowiak**. A special thank you to **Fr. Wojciech Stangel** for his dedication and coordination.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to thank all those, who helped in installing the Holy Family/ProLife monument, especially the Parish Committee for their efforts. Special thanks go to **Mr. Bogdan Peszko** for preparing the plinth for the monument, as well as, the owner of **KOZMUS**, **Mr. Kazimierz Stachelek** for donating and installing the marble on top of it. We would also like to mention **Mr. Kazimierz Wszedorowski** and his employees; as well as **Jan Prymicz, Marek Krulisz, Edward Wojtysiak, Tomasz Mularski, Leszek Lata, Kazimierz Olejkowski, Tadeusz Siuda, Piotr Dejnicki** and **Bronislaw Grela**. Additionally, special thanks go to **Mr. Piotr Kaczmarczyk** from **K & B CNC Precision Machining Ltd.** for preparing and donating a bronze plaque for the monument, as well as **Mr. Ignacy Kania** for preparing the stainless steel base for the plaque.

Weddings

The following couple is planning to be married:

*Karolina Angelica Skruch daughter of Lidia & Marek
 Alexander Wladyslaw Galant son of Maria & Janusz*

We wish them all God's blessing.



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 **Saturday, April 8th & 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...*

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.**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - April 23rd

This year's celebrant will be **Archbishop Wacław Depo** from **Częstochowa, 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.



WORLD DAY OF YOUTH - Today, April 9th - Church also celebrates World Day of Youth instituted by Pope John Paul II.

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.

We would like to remind you that the last chance to confess is on Wednesday, prior to Easter. During the Triduum and the Octave, there will be no confession in our parish.

As a result of Reconciliation there will be no Mass Group Intentions at 7:00pm on April 12th

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

On **Tuesday, April 11th at 6:00pm**
Youth & Scouts are welcome!
We invite especially our youth, who can use this opportunity to complete their volunteer hours required for their high school diploma.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

With **Prayer Group & Domestic Church** through **Mississauga's streets on Good Friday, April 14th at 9:00am** (leaving our parish)
Info: 647 299-8870

PARISH OFFICE - will be closed on **April 14th** which is Good Friday and **April 15th** - Holy Saturday.

RESURRECTION PROCESSION

we ask all parish organizations to take part in the procession during the Resurrection Mass on **Easter Sunday, April 16th at 6:00 am.**

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 Wacław Depo** from **Częstochowa, Poland.**
Info: Wiesława 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**

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.**



Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY - April 13th - a special day of gratitude for the sacraments of Eucharist and Priesthood.

Holy Mass remembering the Last Supper will take place at **6:00pm in English and at 8:00pm in Polish**. It is also a day that marks the beginning of the Passion of Christ.

In remembrance of the capturing of Jesus, following the evening Mass, the Holy Sacrament will be taken to the Altar of Repose and all-night vigil and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church.

GOOD FRIDAY - April 14th - a day marking the suffering and the death of Jesus on the cross for our sins. Holy Mass is never celebrated on Good Friday. Instead, the faithful gather for a liturgy of Good Friday, which consist of the liturgy of the word, adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

We can participate in this mystery through:

- an overnight adoration of Jesus in the Altar of Repose

- The Way of the Cross at 8:00am (in Polish)

- Liturgy of Good Friday at 2:00pm, 4:00pm (in English), 6:00pm and 8:00pm

Collection for Holy Land will be taken during the Way of the Cross and Good Friday Services.

Fasting is required on Good Friday.

It is the reduction of one's intake of food to one full meal and two small meals and complete abstinence from meat for the entire day.

HOLY SATURDAY - April 15th - a day of silence and grieving, as well as Easter Vigil, which marks the beginning of Resurrection Sunday. In the expended liturgy of the word, we will reflect on the entire history of salvation beginning from Creation until Resurrection. Proceeded by the blessing of fire and the Paschal. Active participation in this day is possible through:

- adoration of the Holy Sacrament at Lord's Tomb

- blessing of food between 9:30am and 5:00pm

- attending Easter Vigil beginning at 8:00pm



SPRING DANCE - Saturday, April 22nd at 7:00pm at **JPII Polish Culture Centre** includes great lottery - main prize - 50" TV. Tickets - \$50.00 Info: **Krzysztof 416 451-4048** or **Krys 647 295-9619**. Part of the profit will be donated to cover the cost of rehabilitation of **Piotr Grzesiak**.

CATHOLIC FAMILY RADIO SPRING DANCE - Family Radio cordially invite you for the **SPRING DANCE**, on **Saturday, April 29th 2017 from 5:30pm** at **JPII Polish Culture Centre** organized to raise funds for **Radio Rodzina**. Tickets \$45.00 Info & reservation 416 588-0555 or www.radiorodzina.com Delicious Dinner, lottery - main price **HP Pavilion Touchscreen Laptop**, live band **NON STOP - ILLUSION DJ BAND** - We hope you'll join us & support **Radio Rodzina!**

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - on **Tuesday, April 11th at 8:00pm** will be held in the Knights of Columbus room at the **John Paul II Cultural Centre**.

ANNIVERSARY MASS - April 30th at 11:00am for couples celebrating their wedding anniversary. Please forward the names to the office at **905 848-2420**

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 10th

8:00 ✠ Zofia Sadowska - daughter & family
 ✠ Edward Aiello - Siuda family
 ✠ Emilia Lisicka - husband & children
 Special intention for God's blessings and successful surgery for Leszek - friends

19:00 Confession in our parish

TUESDAY, April 11th

8:00 ✠ Leon Antkowiak - daughter & family
 ✠ Kazimiera Kasperek (5th anniv.) - husband & family
 ✠ Czesław Kosinski - wife
 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Danuta & Czesław & Olga

18:00 Cleaning of the Church (No Mass)

19:00 Confession at St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish (Brampton)

WEDNESDAY, April 12th

8:00 ✠ Wiesława Rowicz (4th anniv.) - friend
 ✠ Emilia Lisicka - Misiewicz family
 ✠ Jozef Lamczyk - Białczyk family
 ✠ Jozef Zoltek - Skrobucha family

8:30 Fatima Rosary

19:00 Confession in our parish

THURSDAY, April 13th

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

18:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper - In intention of Priests (in English)

20:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper - In intention of Priests (in Polish)

Followed by all-night vigil and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
The Blessed Sacrament will be removed from the Chapel of Divine Mercy on Holy Thursday at 8:00pm till the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday

FRIDAY, April 14th

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 Stations of the Cross (in Polish)

14:00 Good Friday Service - Veneration of the Cross (in Polish)

16:00 Good Friday Service - Veneration of the Cross (in English)

18:00 Good Friday Service - Veneration of the Cross (in Polish)

20:00 Good Friday Service - Veneration of the Cross (in Polish)

Followed by vigil at Jesus' Tomb until 7:00pm on Holy Saturday

SATURDAY, April 15th Holy Saturday 9:30am - 5:00pm

Blessing of Easter Food in the parish hall and at the John Paul II Centre

20:00 Easter Vigil Service (Bilingual) SUNDAY, April 16th The Resurrection of the Lord

6:00 Special intention for God's blessings for family

8:00 ✠ Zofia & Władysław Jasinski

9:30 ✠ Florian Nierychło (14th anniv.) - wife & daughters

11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

13:00 ✠ Maria & Jan Fieluba & Eugeniusz Jagiello - family

14:30 ✠ Sławomir Felendzer - wife & children

19:00 ✠ Grzegorz Kasprzak - wife