



# Fourth Sunday of Easter

He calls us by name. After a long winter, spring finally arrives in the Yukon, sometimes as late as May. When it comes, it is like a sudden revelation. First, a faint tinge of green sweeps across barren hillsides. In just days, trees burst out in full leaf. Long silent, held fast in a snow-covered land, life breaks free, filling the valleys and mountains to the brim. Renewed by the increasing warmth of the sun, northerners deeply savour this abundance of creation. How many times have I climbed high to try to take in this majesty even more deeply from the vantage of some mountain pasture? In the words of the Bard of the Yukon, Robert Service, "it's the beauty that thrills me with wonder, it's the stillness that fills me with peace." No matter what we have suffered or how much we have been asked to endure, the hope-filled offer of new life presents itself over and over again to us physically and spiritually. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter called out to the "corrupt generation" of his day. "Repent, and be baptized," he urged. Do we hear the voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, calling today? What does Jesus tell us of his vocation? "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Green pastures await us if only we enter through his gate.

Michael Dougherty Whitehorse, YT

**First reading:** Acts 2.14a, 36b-41  
**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2.20b-25  
**Gospel:** John 10.1-10

Rose # 49 will lead the rosary this week.

**COFFEE & DONUTS** will be sold today by **Knights of Columbus** for the parish needs.

**Knights of Columbus invite us for a delicious sauerkraut, sausages and pierogis.**

**Members of the group will be also selling Charity lottery tickets - \$5.00 each Main prize - \$200,000.00 in cash!!**

**TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION** will be taken for **Share Life**. A second collection for ShareLife will take place in all parishes of the Archdiocese of Toronto. ShareLife supports 40 Catholic organizations, which help families, handicapped, new immigrants, young pregnant women, as well as single mothers, the elderly, children and youth. It also supports missions and the education of priests. These agencies are carrying the evangelical message to those in need. *We encourage everyone to support this cause.*



**THE CANADIAN POLISH CONGRESS MISSISSAUGA DISTRICT** invites you to the commemorations of the 226<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Polish Constitution today - Sunday May 7, 2017.** We commence with **Holy Mass at 11:00 am.** Following Holy Mass, we will march to the Polish Patriots' monument by the John Paul II Cultural Centre. Commemorations will include raising Canadian and Polish national flags, the singing of the National Anthems and short speeches. *We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone!*

## Baptisms



The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:  
*Alyssa Marie Silva daughter of Magdalena & Michael*  
*Isabella Staniforth daughter of Gabriela & Lucas*  
*Amelia Skye Dela Calzada daughter of Yessa & Vince*  
*Zoie Balacuit Salino daughter of Betsy & Ace*  
*Jakub Jozef Kurasz son of Monika & Mariusz*  
*Natalie Maria Kolodziejczyk daughter of Malgorzata & Arthur*  
*Luna Marzena Cox daughter of Katarzyna & Rene*  
 We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.



## Weddings

The following couples are planning to be married:  
*Catherine Mary Maj daughter of Barbara & Jozef*  
*Bartlomiej Lech Pedziwiatr son of Elzbieta & Andrzej*  
*Eva Wszeborowski daughter of Zofia & Kazimierz*  
*Arthur Adam Labenda son of Lidia & Roman*  
*Melissa Julia Di Pasquale daughter of Mary Theresa & Luigi*  
*Andrzej Jakub Szkolka son of Urszula & Adam*

We wish them all God's blessing.



(Second ShareLife Sunday)

May 7, 2017

Living the Gospel by providing for those in need...

"One of the core components of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love. As a Catholic community we are called to be the hands and face of Jesus in our communities. One of the ways that we do this is through our annual ShareLife appeal, which provides resources to agencies serving the poor and marginalized not only in our archdiocese, but also around the world. ShareLife is a tangible way that we can put the Gospel value to love one another as I have loved you into action, and I invite all parishioners to support the mission work of the Catholic church by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife. . ."

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

Today is ShareLife Sunday – May 7, 2017  
 Thank you for your generosity.

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The name derives from the gospel readings on this day which are taken from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of John. In this reading Christ is described as the Good Shepherd who, by dying on the Cross, lays down his life for his sheep. He cares for us with the greatest tenderness while he is aware too of other people who are waiting to hear his voice. There must be only one flock, only one shepherd! How does Christ view our church divisions when his love for us is patterned on the love he shares with his Father, and his work is to introduce us into that loving communion?

Jesus defines himself in terms of his uncompromisingly selfless love for his flock and his willing obedience to the Father, proven by his voluntary death. It is through Jesus, the one who was rejected and crucified, that the world is saved, Peter preaches in Acts. John's letter prepares us, God's children, to share Christ's rejection; but we will also share our shepherd's communion with the Father when at last we see God face to face. That vision will transform us!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – May 7<sup>th</sup>** - On the fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ the Good Shepherd continues to lead his people through his Bishops, priests, and deacons, and calls many to follow him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people throughout the year. The whole Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations. The first step is to live in a full Christian manner. Families with a lively spirit of faith, love and reverence contribute greatly to this work. Spiritually active parishes, where people take a full part, help to promote vocations.

**MARIAN DEVOTIONS** - The Month of May is both named for and dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Join us daily at 6:30pm for the Marian Devotions, and in Wednesdays along with the Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and on Saturdays following morning Mass.

**PROCESSIONS TO ROSARY GARDEN** – all parishioners are invited to join in a procession on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> following the evening Mass, in remembrance of 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – May 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 We ask those parishioners who normally attend Mass at 2:30 pm to take into consideration that the Communion Masses gather family and friends of the First Communion children. We ask that you mind the reserved pews for the participants and we thank you for your understanding.

First Communion in English will be held on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

Please note, there is no Mass at 5:00pm in English on that day.

## NEW PROVINCIAL OF ASSUMPTION PROVINCE

Father Alfred Grzempa OMI



On April 26, 2017,

Fr. Alfred was appointed Provincial of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Assumption Province.

His official installation will take place during the Oblate Annual Retreat on June 16, 2017.

His appointment arrived while he was participating in the De Mazenod Experience in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Fr. Alfred Grzempa was born on May 31, 1964 in Chojnice, located in the southwestern region of the Pomorskie province in Poland. The region where his family hails from is one of the most picturesque parts of Poland.

He studied at the Oblate Juniorate from 1982 to 1985, when he immediately entered the novitiate at Swiety Krzyz, and then went on to the Oblate scholasticate in Obrza.

In 1992, Bishop Zdzislaw Fortuniak ordained him as a priest. His first assignment from his provincials was in Poznan, where he served for eight years: as a missionary preaching parish retreats across Poland for two years, and in the remaining six he worked for the "Misyjne Drogi" magazine.

In October 2000, Fr. Alfred came to Canada. He served and learned English in Surrey, B.C., and later served the community of Melville, Saskatchewan. In 2002, Fr. Alfred became a pastoral associate at St. Eugene de Mazenod Mission in Brampton, until August 1, 2005, when he was named pastor of St. Casimir's Church in Toronto. Since then, Fr. Alfred has been a pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Catharines (from 2008 to 2014) and Holy Ghost parish in Winnipeg (from 2014 to 2017).

Fr. Alfred's role model is, appropriately, the famous pastor of Ars, St. Jean-Marie Vianney.

## 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF RADOSC - JOY GROUP

Radosc-Joy, founded and managed by Ania Piwowarczyk, is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

This successful group has been performing in Canada and abroad to many nationalities. Its repertoire includes patriotic, religious, folk, military and Roma songs in both Polish and English. It consists also of modern compositions reflecting the newest trends in music. The group consists of over 130 people in three age-specific groups, where the members consistently present their talents and beautiful consumes.

Special congratulations on this milestone; we wish the group another 25 successful years.

## In Short

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE** – Pro-Life Kolbe Group invites you to the **March for Life** in Ottawa, on **Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**. Theme of this year's march is "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" (Mt 25, 40) Fr. Wojciech Kurzydo and s. Karolina Szymkowiak will lead the group. Cost of the trip: \$50 per person. **Sign up & info Magda 647 330-9121**

**DISCO SPRING DANCE** – Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at JP II Polish Culture Centre. Dance led by DJ Jack. Tickets \$25.00

**MISSISSAUGA POLISH DAY 2017** – Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at Celebration Square at 300 City Centre Dr. from 12:00pm – 11:00pm. The theme of this year's festival is to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>, Polish style. [www.mississaugapolishday.ca](http://www.mississaugapolishday.ca)

**FIRST GATHERING OF MAMI MEMBERS FROM ACROSS CANADA – June 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>** – Mission Symposium of MAMI members from Oblate parishes across Canada at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre at 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga Info: 905 452-MAMI (6264) or [www.oblateworldmissions.org](http://www.oblateworldmissions.org)

**IGNATIAN RETREAT** – We would like to invite everyone for yet another Ignatian Retreat (in Polish), which will take place at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster, Ontario from **July 2 to July 9, 2017**. The retreat will be led by Fr. Pawel Sawiak & Fr. Zbyszek Szulczyk along with the vocal group "Strong in Spirit." New, as well as previous participants are encouraged to join. Cost \$620.00 *Evangelization evening will be held on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm & Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm & Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish.*

Retreat for Children (7-8 years old) will be held on **Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00pm-5:30pm** in the parish hall at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Cost \$20.00 Info: [www.magis.webs.com](http://www.magis.webs.com) or email [Magis0007@gmail.com](mailto:Magis0007@gmail.com) or 905 301-7544

## 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF APPARITIONS 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. On this occasion our parish is organizing a second pilgrimage to Fatima from September 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. 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

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE & GREAT FEAST in Mexico December 9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

In program: Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City, Puebla, Taxco with possibility to extend the stay for 3 nights in 5\* Hotel (all inclusive) in Acapulco. Cost: \$1648.00 + taxes \$255.00 Info & reservation Polimex Travel Inc. 905 238-6683 (ask for Mira ext. 427) or at [www.polimex.com](http://www.polimex.com)

## ADVERTISEMENTS

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CARASSAUGA 2017

## EXPERIENCE THE WORLD FESTIVAL OF CULTURE

May 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

The Polish Pavilion will be held 1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd., Mississauga Passports: \$10 or \$12 by the door

Info: Janina 905 542-1237 or 905 615-3010

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, May 8<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Eugeniusz Hul (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.) – sister & family  
 18:30 **Marian Devotion**  
 19:00 ☩ Krystyna Szuba – daughter Monika & family  
 ☩ Malgorzata Motyka - children

### TUESDAY, May 9<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Tadeusz & Maciej – wife & children & sister  
 18:30 **Marian Devotion**  
 19:00 ☩ Anna & Jozef Dworak – Selwa Family  
 ☩ Jozefa & Ludwik Mielnik & Maria Pasierb - daughter & sister

### WEDNESDAY, May 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Stanislaw Palka – daughter in law & family  
 Special intention for God's blessings for children - parents

18:30 **Marian & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion**

19:00 **Group Intentions**

### THURSDAY, May 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Henryk Olszewski – daughter & family  
 18:30 **Marian Devotion**  
 19:00 ☩ Wladyslawa & Stanislaw Rygiel - daughter  
 ☩ Maria & Bogumila & Bronislaw & Wojciech - niece

### FRIDAY, May 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Zofia & Stanislaw Sienko - family  
 18:30 **Marian Devotion**  
 19:00 ☩ sister Janina Wendel – Kalin & Wendel families  
 Special intention for God's blessings for mother & children & grandchildren & great grandson

### SATURDAY, May 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for children – parents & grandmother

8:30 **Marian Devotion**  
 16:00 **Intention for Children receiving First Holy Communion (English Group)**

19:00 ☩ Jerzy (40<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – daughter Krystyna

### SUNDAY, May 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ parents Zofia & Mikolaj Misiewicz & Franciszka & Wladyslaw Maleszyk – Misiewicz family

9:30 ☩ Jozefa & Wladyslaw Kazmierczak & Anna Kazmierczak - Zbigniew

11:00 **FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS**  
 13:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Stanislaw on his birthday as well as for his daughter Justyna on her birthday

14:30 **Intention for Children receiving First Holy Communion (Polish Tuesday Group)**

18:30 **Marian Devotion**  
 19:00 ☩ Ignacy Blaziak – daughter & family