

# Transfiguration of the Lord

**In Short**

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August is traditionally declared by the Church in Poland as the month of alcohol abstinence. The Church invites everyone to abstain from alcoholic beverages during the month of August.

**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.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – August 6<sup>th</sup>** - Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the English groups will take place following the Mass at 9:30am.

**PROCESSION TO THE ROSARY GARDEN** – on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> following the evening Mass.

**NEXT SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION – August 13<sup>th</sup>** - will be taken for Scarborough Foreign Mission which is a Canadian society of Catholic priests and laity. Motivated by the Spirit, they dedicate themselves to the person, teaching and mission of Jesus Christ.

**MASS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS** – in the intention of couples celebrating their wedding anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Please forward names to the parish office at 905 848-2420.

**PILGRIMAGE TO BUFFALO – Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** - The Rosary Family organizes one day pilgrimage to Buffalo. **In Program:** American Fatima and Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica. Info & sign up Teresa 905 495-7035 or Wieslawa 416 799-2122

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

On May 13, 2017, we celebrated the 100th 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 \$2195.00 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

**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)



The Catholic world is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. The celebrations will finish on the 13th of October 2017, marking the 6<sup>th</sup> apparition to the three shepherd children from Fatima.

The Catholic Church officially confirmed the apparition to be authentic 13 years later and Fatima became of place of pilgrimages, conversions and formation of religious vocations.

**THE "SECRET" OF FATIMA FIRST AND SECOND PART OF THE "SECRET" ACCORDING TO THE VERSION PRESENTED BY SISTER LUCIA IN THE "THIRD MEMOIR" OF 31 AUGUST 1941 FOR THE BISHOP OF LEIRIA-FATIMA (original text)**

We then looked up at Our Lady, who said to us so kindly and so sadly: "You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war is going to end: but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the Pontificate of Pius XI. When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that he is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father. To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she shall be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world".<sup>(7)</sup>

[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregation](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregation)

**ATTENTION**  
To conclude the Year of Fatima, a Marian Retreat led by Fr. Jozef Czernecki, a missionary from Poznan, Poland will be held at our parish from October 8 to 15, 2017.



**JOB OFFER** – John Paul II Polish Culture Centre is looking for a general helper assisting with the hall events. For more info please call 905 306-9900

**THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS AUGUST 2017 ARTISTS**  
That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

**FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (August 6<sup>th</sup>)**  
The feast commemorates the transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John. Jesus took the Apostles with Him up upon a mountain, and while they were on the mountain Jesus was transfigured. A voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this they fell on their faces filled with awe. Jesus came to them and told them to not be afraid. As Jesus and His disciples came down the mountain, He told them not to speak of what they had seen until He had risen from the dead.



Conference of Polish Priests for Eastern Canada would like to invite for

**THE ANNUAL POLONIA PILGRIMAGE TO THE CANADIAN MARTYR'S SHRINE IN MIDLAND**

on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>  
This year's celebrant will be Bishop Wieslaw Spiewak, CR from Diocese of Hamilton, Bermuda.  
**PROGRAM:**  
9:00am – Confession  
10:30am – Rosary  
11:15am - Entry of 35<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Walking Pilgrimage  
11:30am – Solemn Holy Mass  
3:00pm - Eucharistic Devotion

**PARISH FEAST OF OUR PATRON ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE**

Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am Mass followed by Eucharistic procession around the church. Parish organizations with their banners are asked to be ready for the procession by the exit of the church. This year's celebrant will be Bishop Wieslaw Spiewak, CR. He also will preach during all Polish Masses. Second collection on that day will be taken for the charity activities led by Bishop Wieslaw Spiewak. Any envelopes can be used for this collection.

**ST. CHRISTOPHER – PATRON OF DRIVERS BLESSING VEHICLE**

To commemorate the memorial of St. Christopher, the patron of drivers, everyone will have an opportunity to have their vehicle blessed (including bicycles and motorcycles) in the parish parking lot on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm (the day of our Parish Feast of our patron St. Maximilian Kolbe). St. Christopher was a martyr during the 3<sup>rd</sup> century and is considered since the patron saint of all drivers, travelers, as well as a patron saint of all those in danger. There are key chains and small emblems with St. Christopher appearance available in the parish hall.

**TODAY WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME**

Fr. Jozef Wcislo, OMI, a dean of the Oblate Seminary in Obra, Poland (Wyzsze Seminarium Duchowne). Fr. Józef is well known in our parish and stays with us helping during the month of August.

**On Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, A XXXV ANNUAL WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO THE CANADIAN MARTYR'S SHRINE IN MIDLAND IS LEAVING.**

The theme of the pilgrimage will be "The Mighty One has done great things for me and Holy is His Name" (Luke 1:49).

We wish all pilgrims many blessings and protection of Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**BUS PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND On Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

All who reserved bus tickets are asked to contact Wieslawa on August 6<sup>th</sup> following each Sunday Mass in the parish hall and pay for their reserved spots.

**Baptism**

The following child will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Maja Uma Shankar daughter of Joanna & Umashankar  
We welcome Maja and congratulate their parents and godparents.



**Weddings**

The following couples are planning to be married:

Teryn Leigh Lottamoza daughter of Grace & Michael  
Jeffrey Alexander Smith son of Oksana & Wayne  
Eva Teresa Deichsel daughter of Krystyna & Edward  
Wayne Godwin Azzopardi son of Agnes & Joseph

Valeria Stefania Ayesta Luna Victoria daughter of Blanca & Francisco  
Konrad Karol Wojtczak son of Barbara & Edward

Daniela Victoria Piraino daughter of Martina & Nicola

Kevin Joseph Makor son of Linda & Drago  
Joanna Elzbieta Warzyszynska daughter of Maria & Mariusz  
Cedrick Alexander Joseph O'Shaughnessy son of Ann & Patrick

We wish them all God's blessing.

**CHANGES IN THE BULLETIN** - We ask the leaders of parish organizations to notify the parish office of any changes in the contacts names and phone numbers that appear on the outermost page of the bulletin.



Today's readings erupt with images of a God whose immensity is beyond our understanding. They take us from Daniel's dream vision of a fiery "Ancient One," to the psalm's evocation of God's all-encompassing power, to the disciples' mountaintop experience of the transfigured Jesus bathed in light and flanked by the prophets. It is little wonder that Peter, James and John cower in fear at the voice of this terrifying and overwhelming God! How can we dare to even think about, let alone approach, such awesome immensity? For Christians, the answer is found in Jesus himself. See what happens next in the Transfiguration scene. What does Jesus do when the three disciples fall to the ground in terror? Bending down to touch them, he says the words that he repeats so often in the Gospel narratives: "Do not be afraid." And after the swirling maelstrom of light and sound and heart-stopping majesty, suddenly they see only "Jesus himself alone." To echo Peter's words in his eyewitness account of the Gospel event, we would "do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place." The transcendent God who is beyond our wildest imaginings is the same God who tenderly invites each of us into an intimate relationship of love. This is a profound mystery and priceless gift.

Krystyna Higgins, Guelph, ON

**First reading:** Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14  
**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.  
**Second Reading:** 2 Peter 1.16-19  
**Gospel:** Matthew 17.1-9

**Rose # 65** will lead the rosary this week.

**COFFEE & DONUTS** will be sold today by Pro-Life Group for the needs of the parish.

**CIVIC HOLIDAY – August 7<sup>th</sup> –**

We would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable day.

**THANK YOU & GOD BLESS**

We would like to thank again the owners of EUROMAX FOODS for sponsoring a hot meal as well as Joanna Wiorek, Andrzej Wroz, the owners of SWEET TEMPTATIONS and SWEET SALAD for the food provided for a group of forty scouts and guides from Lithuania, Belarus and Ukraine attending the International Meeting for the Polish Scouting and Guiding Association. Scouts will be accommodated in our parish hall again on August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> and leaving on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Any food donations will be much appreciated. God bless!

