

The parable of the ten bridesmaids used to strike me as unreasonably harsh. Why, I wondered, were the "wise" ones so unhelpful to their "foolish" sisters? Could they not have simply shared their oil? Further reflection, however, brings to light some other aspects of the story. In some respects the ten are all the same. All of them fall asleep. Later on, all are called to accompany the bridegroom into the wedding banquet. What distinguishes five of them as wise, however, is that they have come prepared. When the call is heard, therefore, they are the ones who are ready and able to respond. The others are foolish because, though they hear the same call, they are not in a state of readiness to answer that summons. Note the importance of the words "wise," "ready" and "awake." We hear in them echoes of the first reading's descriptions of wisdom: she is given to those "who desire her," who desire her," who" rise early to seek her," who are "vigilant." In our efforts to be faithful disciples we need to be available, to be always open to God's call whenever it comes, even – or especially – in places of darkness and unexpectedness. God understands our weaknesses and our failings. The disposition of our hearts is what makes all the difference.

Krystyna Higgins, Guelph, ON

First reading: Wisdom 6.12-16 Responsorial Psalm: My soul thirsts for you, O Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13

Rose # 10 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE & DONUTS will be sold today by Pro Life Group.

A new Coffee & Donuts schedule for 2018 is available in the parish office.

MEMORIAL OF ST. MARTIN - today -Sunday, November 12th there will be an opportunity to purchase Poznan's specialty: St. Martin's Croissants, prepared on an original recipe from Poznan.

CHRISTMAS CARDS) & BLESSED CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPŁATEK) will be available in the parish hall

next weekend.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 12th 2017 Vol. 38, No.46 Line State Centre State Control State Centre State Control State Centre Stat

Baptisms



The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Maximilian Gerald Stanley Kozurno son of Sylvia & Gerald Julia Chowaniec daughter of Anna & Stanislaw Emily Catherine Piecko daughter of Malgorzata & Radoslaw

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.



CANADIAN POLISH CONGRESS

Mississauga District www.kpk-mississauga.org mississauga.kpk@gmail.com Extends an invitation to the

Polish-Canadian community, all Polish organizations, and to elected representatives to commemorate

> **Polish Independence Day** and Remembrance Day

today - Sunday, November 12, 2017 Program of event:

11:00am - Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Mississauga. The Mass intention is for Poland.

12:00pm - Procession to the Monument to Polish Patriots at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre followed by flag rising and wreath laying ceremonies.

> We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone!

NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY

is a national holiday in Poland celebrated every year since 1937 on November 11th to commemorate the anniversary of Poland's assumption of independent statehood in 1918 after 123 years of partition by Russia, Prussia and Austria.

On this same date in Canada. we commemorate **REMEMBRANCE DAY** in memory of Canadian soldiers who died in the cause of freedom

On Sunday, November 19th our **Youth is inviting for PEROGIES** and unpasteurized HONEY. Please support our Youth preparing for Panama WYD.

From the Pulpit

With these last Sundays of the Church year, we prepare for the season of Advent and look forward in hope to the coming of Christ at the end of time. With joy we await God's breaking into human history. But are we ready? The parable of the ten bridesmaids poses that question. They are like Christians with lamps burning, waiting for their Lord. There is a delay; when he finally arrives, the foolish ones are still unprepared, and are locked out of the The suddenness of the bridegroom's arrival requires readiness on the part of all who would join in the feast of the kingdom. How could we be so foolish as not to prepare for that joyful reunion with the Lord? The first reading calls us to seek the wisdom of God; it is so easily found. In the psalm we express our longing for God as goal of our search. Finally, St. Paul's letter tells us why we search and why we wait expectantly: it is our longing to be with the Lord always. Our Christian hope is to share in Christ's glory forever.



CATHOLIC FAMILY RADIO invites you to the 28th International Festival of Religious Song, which will take place on November 25-26 at John Paul II Polish Culture Centre.

This year's theme will be the words of St. Luke "Peace to you." Lk 24.36

The International Festival of Religious Song has been a tool of evangelization from the very beginning, 28 years ago. Music and song have repeatedly proven matchless in expressing the deepest of human experiences, and in it, our experience of God.

Special guests:

Katarzyna Chęsy – Missionary in Karaganda, Kazakhstan (Saturday, November 25th)

Fr. Elio Dennis Lopez Paredes OMI & Band from Peru (Sunday, November 26th)

Information & tickets reservation \$35.00-adults & \$ 25.00 - youth &children 416 588 0555 www.radiorodzina.com

In Short

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Tuesday, November 14th - Holy Mass and the exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary will take place at 7:00pm Mass. Meeting following the Mass in the John Paul II Cultural Centre at

PRAYER EVENINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF

TAIZE - You are cordially invited to a prayer evening in the spirit of Taize led by the Praise and Worship Group ADOREMUS on Saturday, November 18th following the evening Mass from 8:00pm-9:00pm. We pray singing Taize songs, listen to a formation talk on selected themes in spirituality, do a guided meditation on the Gospel and allow some time for private prayer in silence around the icon of the cross.

ANNUAL SLAVIC FESTIVAL - will take place on Sunday, November 19th at 4:00pm in the parish hall and will include performance by Slavic Groups. The event will express the beauty common to the cultures of all Slavic nationalities.

SECOND COLLECTION - on Sunday, November 19th will be taken for Shepherd's **Trust**. The Shepherd's Trust is an Archdiocesan retirement program that provides elderly and infirm priests with the financial support they require to lead a dignified life after their many years of service to us.

FRIENDS OF OBLATE MISSION **MEETING** – Friday, November 24th at 7:30pm. Meeting will be led by Fr. Adam Filas.

OFFERATORY ENVELOPES – are available for all who wish to support our parish financially. Those who already have envelopes pick them up once a year, usually at the beginning of December. All who wish to receive envelopes are asked to contact the **parish office.** Offerings can be used as a tax write-off. Tax certification for every year is mailed to parishioners at the end of February.

2018 PARISH CALENDAR - was issued already and is available in the parish hall today. Cost \$5.00. Our new calendar illustrates parish life as well as informs about all important parish events. We encourage each family to have one.

RCIA - is a preparation program for adults (19+) who wish to fully take part in the life of the Catholic Church, or to be baptized. Meetings are held every Wednesday at St. Eugene de Mazenod Room at 7:30pm (New Catechetical Centre). Adults wishing to be confirmed only may partake in a special program that begins in the season of Lent. Sign up-parish office.

Other Events

FREE CATHOLIC **ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR**



Saturday, November 18th 2017 at 2:00pm

Catholic Cemeteries and the Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper
- How to ensure your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney
- Estate Trustee selection
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, burial and funerals

An estate planning kit will be provided at no cost. Refreshments will be provided.

Location: Assumption Cemetery (6933 Tomken Road, Mississauga) **RSVP: Frank Jannetta, Catholic Cemeteries** 416.733-8544 ext. 2023 or fjannetta@ccfs.ca<mailto:fjannetta@cc-fs.ca>



THE KING YOUTH **CONFERENCE 2017 – Saturday, November** 25th from 8:30am-6:00pm - Going deeper: "Becoming Fire to Ignite the World (Luke 3:16)" - inspiring talks, fellowship, amazing music -Holy Mass and Adoration at Canada Christian College at 50 Gervais Dr., Toronto. For more info call Pauline Susanto 647 669-7524 or Susie Pereira 416 577-5851 or ccrctorontoinfo@gmail.com



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN - April 30th - May 10th 2018 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan under the spiritual direction of Fr. Janusz Blazejak. In the program: Haifa, Nazareth, Cana of Galilee, the Yardenit Baptismal Site, Petra, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Masada and Dead See. Cost: \$ 3.990.00 (taxes included). **Info: Polimex** Travel 905 238-6683 ext 427 (ask for Mira)



II POLISH CREDIT UNION FOLKLORE FESTIVAL - will take place on Sunday, November 12th at 2:30pm at John Paul II Polish Culture Centre. Free admission!

ANDRZEJKI DANCE – Saturday, December 2nd at 7:00pm Music provided by "NON STOP ILUSION". Dinner by Jan Gromada Tickets \$50.00 are available at Polish Culture Centre 905

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 13th

8:00 🕏 Stanislaw Beben – daughter Grazyna & family

19:00 ♣ Miroslaw Kamieniecki (7th anniv.)

₩ Witold Witarowski – daughter & family TUESDAY, November 14th

8:00 ♣ Jozef Gazurek (1st anniv.)

19:00 Pr Andrzej Toakrz – son

Special intention for God's blessings for Vilkas & Jankowski families - family

WEDNESDAY, November 15th

8:00 P Ryszard Mantaj – daughter & family

♥ Wiktoria Janusz – daughter & family

19:00 Group Intentions

THURSDAY, November 16th

8:00 \$\P\$ Janusz Kasak - family

19:00 🕏 all deceased from Fraczkowski & Buczynski

🕆 all deceased from Lisik & Augustyn families & Tadeusz

FRIDAY, November 17th

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00 \$\frac{1}{4}\$ Stanislaw Kielbasinski (5th anniv.) – son & family 19:00 ₱ all deceased from Felendzer & Leia & Iwanek & Trapszo & Kubiak families - family

[†] Tomasz Ujda - mother

SATURDAY, November 18th

8:00 \$\P\$ Stanislaw Hejmo & all deceased from Szot & Stanuch families

17:00 \$\P\$ Janina Wlodarczyk - sons & family

19:00 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Edward Wilk (4th anniv.) -wife & family SUNDAY, November 19th

Jozef Taborowski - Maria

11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS 13:00 🕏 Jerzy & Karol Rogowski & Jan & Helena

Gryglik **14:30** ♣ Tadeusz Bialy (2nd anniv.) – son Wlodzimierz

& family

19:00 \$\frac{1}{2} Janina Dobosz (9\text{th} anniv.) - husband & family

THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER **INTENTIONS – NOVEMBER 2017**

CHRISTIANS IN ASIA

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

