

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Be silent, and come out of him!” Jesus teaches us today. How often do we wish these words could be spoken to an anxiety that we are experiencing? Part of the gift Jesus gives us each day is the ability to say “enough” to a source of suffering in our lives. Silence becomes a method of approaching the source of our troubles. Often in silence we gain the gift of insight into our immediate concerns. Psychologists may offer an explanation that illustrates the benefits of taking the time to allow our minds to obtain a second or third opinion on a matter before us. On the other hand, Jesus offers us a few words to use as a guide. In silence we are allowed to create a time and space for inspiration and perspective. These become a sort of modern day “words of the prophets” for us – speaking to our particular time and circumstance. The gift of prophecy works in many ways – in good times and bad – to reassure us that all will be well as we have the faithful assurance from the rock of our salvation. Consider the flow of water and its enormous power, especially when experienced in silence. Surely the creator of the water must possess even more impressive powers. So let us say a prayer of thanksgiving today for the gift of this teaching.

John O'Brien, Oakville, ON

First reading: Deuteronomy 18.15-20
Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7.32-35
Gospel: Mark 1.21-28

Rose # 22 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by Families of John Paul II.

PANAMA WYD MEETING will be held today - Sunday, January 28th at 8:00pm in the parish hall. Meeting will include an information session and catechesis. **Last chance to sign up!**

YOUTH GROUPS

Thursday Group (high school students up to 18 years old) meets every **Thursday at 8:00pm in St. Maximilian/Fr. Bak Room** (new Catechetical Center). **Friday Group** (19 - 30 years old youth) invites for meetings on **Friday at 8:00pm in Br. Anthony Room**. Contact Fr. Marcin Serwin

TWO CROWNS
Tickets are sold out!
 Parish Council would like to invite all with tickets to a new film “Two Crowns” revealing life of St. Maximilian Kolbe. **Show in Polish (with English subtitles) will take place at JPPI Polish Culture Centre on Friday, February 16th at 7:30pm.**
Please, note that Holy Mass on Friday, February 16th will begin at 6:30pm due to the projection of the film “Two Crowns”. The Way of the Cross will begin at 6:00pm.

OFFERATORY ENVELOPES FOR CURRENT & NEW USERS FOR 2018 – are displayed in the church narthex in alphabetical order according to the family name. We would like to thank all those who support our parish using weekly envelopes. Please pick up your envelopes at your earliest convenience if you have requested a set. We would also like to ask new parishioners, all those not using envelopes, to consider using weekly envelopes. Please ask for your set at the parish office. All users of the envelopes are asked to write their name, last name and address on the first “beginning offertory” envelope in order to match the envelope number with the family name signed for it. **Parishioners who did not pick up their envelopes for 2018 are asked to do as soon as possible. Envelopes that were not collected will be passed onto other parishioners. We also ask not to use envelopes from previous years.**
INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - We are in the process of preparing the income tax receipts for the previous year. We ask all parishioners who recently changed their address to inform us of the change. You may do so by calling the parish office, or by filling out the green forms found in the narthex of the church and placing the filled out forms in the Sunday collection.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY
 What is the purpose of my life? What is the meaning of marriage and family? Are sexual desires sinful? Does God care about the quality of my sexual relationship? What does it mean to be man or woman in today’s world? Come and discover Theology of the Body, given to us by Saint Pope John Paul II. It will forever change the way you look at your relationships, body, marriage, sexuality and the teachings of Catholic Church.
An Introduction to the Theology of the Body is a DVD-based study for adults and is held in English on Wednesdays at 8:00pm.
There is a separate group for men and women, each group will meet every second Wednesday. in St. Maximilian Kolbe Room (downstairs new catechetical center).
Contact: kolbetobstudygroup@gmail.com

The World Day for Consecrated Life Friday, February 2

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Friday, February 2, 2018 and in parishes on the weekend of January 27/28, 2018. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.

All are welcome to come to a special Mass presided by **Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick today – Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s Basilica, 83 Power St., Toronto** to celebrate with and pray for these men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD & THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On February 2, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is also a day of a consecrated life where consecrated people take vows and dedicate their lives to God.

The date of Candlemas is established by the date set for the Nativity of Jesus, for it comes 40 days afterwards. Candlemas therefore corresponds to the day on which Mary, according to Jewish law (see *Leviticus* 12:2-8), should have attended a ceremony of ritual purification. The gospel of *Luke* 2:22-39 relates that Mary was purified according to the religious law, followed by Jesus’s presentation in the Jerusalem temple, and this explains the formal names given to the festival.

In Poland, the feast emphasizes Virgin Mary, as on that day Mary was purified according to the religious law, followed by Jesus’ presentation in the temple.

Friday, February 2nd – Masses will be held at 8:00am & 10:00am & 7:00pm (all in Polish).
This is also a First Friday of the Month.

On Friday we will come to church with our candles, which we will bless so that they remind us of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ for the entire year, especially during difficulties.

This feast also ends the traditional period of Christmas Carol singing.



From the Pulpit

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH February 1st – Prayer for vocations at 6:30pm.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH – Feb. 2nd VISITING THE SICK (by our parish Fathers) – please forward names to the parish office. Masses are at 8:00am, 10:00 am and 7:00pm. Confession starts at 6:00pm.

FAMILIES OF JPPI – would like to invite to join married couples during their retreat with Fr. Pawel Pilarczyk in Melrose, ON February, 2nd-4th. Cost \$300.00 per family. Info: Karolina or Jacek 647 400-0163

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH – February 3rd - Mass and First Saturday Service are at 8:00am.

SAINT BLAISE – Saturday, February 3rd- Church celebrates memorial of St. Blaise. Blaise is traditionally believed to intercede in cases of throat illnesses, especially for fish-bones stuck in the throat. **Traditionally in Poland small candles and apples were brought to be blessed. A blessing of St. Blaise will be given on February 3rd following the Masses.**

PRAYER EVENING WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Fr. Pio’s Adoremus Prayer Group invites on Saturday, February 3rd from 8:00pm – 9:00pm 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 SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – Feb.4th Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the **English groups** will take place following the Mass at 9:30am

VALENTINE’S DAY DANCE organized by **Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate in Canada (MAMI)** will be held on **Saturday, February 10th from 6:00pm at St. Casimir’s Church parish hall in Toronto.** Included are: supper with wine, cold buffet, extraordinary atmosphere and a prize draw. Music will be provided by DJs Maciek & Bocian and there will be a surprise guest performance. Tickets - \$50.00/person. *All profits will go towards children (half orphans) who are part of the organization of single mothers of Oblate Missions in Bolivia.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - on **Tuesday, February 13th** 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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE - The course will be held from **Monday, January 29th – March 12th 2018.** Classes will be held on from 8:00pm to 10:00pm, for a total of 7 classes (all on Mondays). Cost \$100.00

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE FOR SECOND UNIONS – couples should attend a specialized marriage preparation offered by the **Catholic Family Services.** **Information/registrations call: 416 921-1163**

ADULTS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION - Meetings for adults preparing for the sacrament of confirmation will take place on following **Fridays: February 23rd & March 2nd & 9th & 16th at 8:00pm** in Sister Faustyna Room (new Catechetical Centre). Classes will be held in both languages Polish and English. All those interested are asked to contact the parish office at 905 848 2420. *A copy of the baptismal certificate is mandatory upon registration.*

WOMEN’S LENTEN RETREAT WEEKEND at **Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga – February 16th - 18th.** The retreat will be preached by the Centre team - Oblate Father Pawel Ratajczak and Mrs. Anne Hales. A beautiful way to begin the season of Lent. **For information or registration please call 905-278-5229.**

LENTEN AIMS – March 3rd - 4th - The Association of St. Vincent in Mississauga and Toronto supports the homeless and the poor. **The Parish Committee decided to join this initiative and organize a collection of clothing and other household supplies that can be donated to the poor of the GTA.** All things will be passed directly to the Association of St. Vincent. The collection will take place on **Saturday, March 3rd from 10:00am to 2:00pm and Sunday, March 4th from 8:00am to 3:00pm.** There will be a car parked by the garages in the church parking lot. **Donation Guidelines: St. Vincent the Paul accepts bedding, drapes and textiles, boots and shoes, clothing and coats - any and all, towels, new toys only. We ask that any clothing is clean and in good condition.**

Pilgrimage

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN – April 30th – May 10th 2018 - ONLY 6 SPOTS LEFT!! - 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 Sea. Cost: \$ 3,990.00 (taxes included). **Info: Polimex Travel 905 238-6683 ext. 427 (ask for Mira)**

OSTATKI DANCE organized by the John Paul II Cultural Centre will be held on **Saturday, February 10th.** Music provided by Impuls and dinner by Chef Jan Gromada. Tickets \$55.00 can be purchased by contacting office at 905 306 9900

FAMILY FUN DAY – Sunday, February 18th from 11:00am - 5:00pm at JPPI Polish Culture Centre Attractions for children and adults. Free admission!

Mass Intentions

- MONDAY, January 29th**
 8:00 ☩ Marian & Jan Trychta - family
 19:00 ☩ Franciszek & Aleksandra Jedrusiak – daughter Helena
 Special intention for God’s blessings and for health for Ryszard and for Szulga & Pawka families
- TUESDAY, January 30th**
 8:00 ☩ Marian Kmiotek (8th anniv.) - children
 19:00 ☩ all deceased from Bata & Zoltowski families – Eugeniusz
 Special intention for God’s blessings for Krystyna & Wladyslaw Liczner on their 58th wedding anniversary – sons & their families
- WEDNESDAY, January 31st Saint John Bosco**
 8:00 ☩ Jan Kedziak (18th anniv.) – daughter & family
 Special intention for God’s blessings for Liliana & Bogdan on their 5th wedding anniversary
- 19:00 Group Intentions**
THURSDAY, February 1st
 8:00 Special intention for God’s blessings for children & grandchildren - mother
 19:00 Special intention for God’s blessings for priests & religious men and women - Apostolate “Golden Rose”
 Special intention for God’s blessings for Malgorzata Rzodkiewicz on her birthday
- FRIDAY, February 2nd The Presentation of the Lord**
 8:00 Special intention for God’s blessings for Maria Krzeszowiec on her 83rd birthday – daughter & family
 ☩ Mieczyslaw & Genowefa Lewicki - son
 10:00 ☩ parents Kazimiera & Czeslaw Bogdanowicz – son & family
 19:00 ☩ Zeneusz & Marian & Maria & Mariusz Gajus – mother & sister & family
- SATURDAY, February 3rd Saint Blaise**
 8:00 Intention for Rosary Family & Knights of Mary Immaculate
 17:00 ☩ Tadeusz Chudzinski (3rd anniv.) – wife Barbara & children & grandchildren
 19:00 ☩ Czeslawa Lyzwa (anniv.) – sons & family
- SUNDAY, February 4th**
 8:00 Intention for members of the Holy Rosary Family & Knights of the Mary Immaculate
 9:30 Special intention for God’s blessings for children & grandchildren – parents & grandparents
- FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS**
 13:00 ☩ Lidia Nowotniak – children & sisters & family
 14:30 ☩ all deceased from Barszcz & Warpas & Pujdak families - family
 19:00 ☩ Janina & Regina & Jan Dobosz

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The following members have left our community, and entered into the eternal life with the Lord in December & January:
The Late: ☩ Damianek Karlinski ☩ Roland Rozycki 60,
 ☩ Krystyna Lizniewicz 80, ☩ Zdzislaw Szal 87,
 ☩ Michael Kinal 84, ☩ Stanislaw Kostelecki 62,
 ☩ Jan Jaroszynski 66, ☩ Lucjan Bartos 86.
Eternal Rest Grant unto Them and Let Your Light Shine upon Them.