

What a fizzle the wedding feast might have been had Jesus not intervened! In today's Gospel, we see Jesus saving the couple's dignity by providing wine when they had run out. Jesus overcomes his reluctance to reveal himself at that moment, and he is exceedingly generous with the quality and quantity of the wine he contributes. Indeed, Jesus is concerned for the dignity of every person. As I write this, I have come from a Sunday mass where a newly arrived refugee family was welcomed - a father, mother and three young girls. Each one of the five said a simple "Thank you" to the congregation which has given generously to help them through their first year in Canada. They were migrants first, fleeing their home in desperation. I tried to imagine what they must have gone through and left behind, the patience and hope they surely needed during their long wait in a camp, and now the courage they will need to settle in a new country and learn a new language. Saint Paul reminds us that we are given the gifts of the Spirit to use for the common good. Today, as we remember migrants and refugees, let us resolve to use our gifts to give others their dignity.

Beth Porter, Richmond Hill, ON

First reading: Isaiah 62.1-5 Responsorial Psalm. Declare the marvelous works of the Lord among all the peoples. Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.4-11 Gospel: John 2.1-12

Rose # 11 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by the Kolbe Pro Life Group.

GRANDMOTHER & GRANDFATHER DAY IN POLAND January 21st and 22nd

In Polish tradition on these days we celebrate our Grandparents day. We wish them a lot of joy and health and God bless them!

VOLUNTEERING

We are looking for volunteers for a period of 2 weeks to help prepare for setting up of the parish album.

Volunteers will be needed in the parish hall during the sittings; calling parishioners to remind them of the date and time of their sitting; helping with registration for our seniors, etc.

Please fill out a volunteer registration form and give it to one of the Fathers or call the parish office. Thank you and God bless!

"Second Sunday in Ordinary Time »

Baptism

The following child will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

> Henry Andrew Najjar son of Justyna & Wissam

We welcome Henry and congratulate his parents and godparents.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The theme for the week of prayer in 2019, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ..." is inspired by Deuteronomy 16:18-20.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18th - 25th.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES - JANUARY 20th - A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on June 20. This January observance was instituted by Saint Pius X in 1914. "The phenomenon of migration today is providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth, who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation." (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012)

OFFERATORY ENVELOPES FOR **CURRENT & NEW USERS FOR 2019**

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

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 2019 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.

From the Pulpit

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish 40th Anniversary

This year St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish celebrates the 40th Anniversary of its establishment. Parish Council has prepared many events to thank God for our parish. but what is most important, is to prepare spiritually for this momentous occasion. Among other things, we have planned:

Friday, March 1st and Sunday, March 3rd complimentary screenings of "Fatima, Message for our Times", and a meeting with the director Jaroslaw Manka and Slowomir Skiba, president of the "Polonia Christiana Foundation" of the Institute of Father Piotr Skarga.

Our guest for the Feast of Divine Mercy will be Archbishop Tadeusz Wojda of Bialystok.

Bishop Andrzej Przybylski of Czestochowa will be presiding over the celebrations of the Feast of the Assumption in Midland and in our parish.

In September, there will be 3 meetings with Father Professor Sergiusz Nizinski, exorcist from Poznan.

The first week of October, there will be a Marian retreat, according to the Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary of St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, preached by Polish missionary Father Grzegorz Pawlus, OMI

The main celebrations will take place October 6th. and our guest will be Bishop Wieslaw Smigiel of

For the 40th Anniversary of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, we would like to prepare a Parish Family Album with pictures of the families of our parish. This will be a beautiful keepsake, and as well, a good opportunity to get to know each other.

The picture taking sittings will take place March 4th - 7th and March 9th in the parish hall.

Up to 4 appointments can be made for the same time, as there will be 4 photographers. IPC Canada Photo Services Inc., a well-known Canadian company will be taking the pictures and producing the albums.

During each sitting, one free picture will be taken for the album. You will receive a complimentary album. There will also be an option to purchase pictures and picture packages. You can also purchase more albums. Parishioners are asked to register for photo sittings online, at kolbe.ca



January 22 - January 27, 2019

The 34th World Youth Days will take place on January 22-27th, 2019 in the capital of Panama. As the chairman of the local organizing committee, Archbishop Jose Domingo Mendieta, said, the choice of the date of the meeting was dictated by climatic reasons, because January is the summer, dry, month in Panama. In addition, it is a dry season that promotes

the organization of outdoor events. An important pastoral argument for the organization of WYD at the beginning of the calendar year is also the fact that from mid-December to Ash Wednesday, students and students in Central America are on

The theme of the meeting appointed by the Pope is the words of the Mother of God, taken from the Gospel according to Saint Luke: "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. (Lk 1:38).

holidays.

Tomorrow, on Monday, January 21, 115 young people from Oblate Parishes will depart for World Youth Day and will be accompanied by Father Marcin Serwin, Father Woiciech Stangel, Father Paul Patrick, Sr. Karolina Szymkowiak and Sr. Klaudia Radzewicz. We ask all parishioners to keep our young people and their guardians in their prayers during their stay in Panama.

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins

As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ wedding anniversary in 2019, they are invited to join in this special celebration.

The Mass will take place at 4:00pm on Sunday, February 10th at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Avenue, Woodbridge). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend - couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online to ensure reserved seating.

Registration and other important information can be found at:

www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling (416) 934-3400, x 523.

In Short

CONVERSION OF ST.PAUL (January 25th) -St. Paul, the indefatigable Apostle of the Gentiles, was converted from Judaism on the road to Damascus. He remained some days in Damascus after his Baptism, and then went to Arabia, possibly for a year or two to prepare himself for his future missionary activity. St. Paul untiring interest in and paternal affection for the churches

PRAISE AND WORSHIP GROUP **ADOREMUS** invites you on Friday, January 25th following the evening Mass for prayer evening with Mother Mary.

RADOSC CHRISTMAS CONCERT -Sunday, January 27th at 4:00pm in the church hall. Tickets \$15.00 and Seniors & Children \$10.00 can be obtained in the parish hall on Sunday or from the group members. Admission by tickets only!

canonical Epistles.



SCOUTS KARNAWAL DANCE - Friends of the Polish Scouts ZHP cordially invite you for the KARNAWAL DANCE, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd at 7:00pm at JPII Polish Cultural Centre in Mississauga. Tickets \$60.00 & info: - Magda 416 270-6665 or Joanna 647 281-5008 Delicious Dinner & live band IMPULS.

HUNTING BALL organized by the CANADA HUNTING CLUB will be held on Saturday, February 2nd at Millennium Gardens Banquet Centre at 20 Polonia Ave., Brampton. Music provided by "POLANIE BAND". Tickets are \$70.00 and include a venison appetizer, hot supper & dessert. Tickets may be obtained through Piast Travel 416 531-8786 or 905 270-2600 or Pegaz 905 238-9994 or Jo & John 905

CARNIVAL DANCE organized by the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be held on Saturday, February 23rd at JPII Polish Culture Centre at 4300 Cawthra Rd Music provided by POLANIE. Tickets \$50.00 Info: Jozef 416 908-

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE - The next course will be held from February 25th -April 8 2019. Classes will be held on Monday from 8:00pm to 10:00pm, for a total of 7 classes. Sign up – parish office. 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

today - Sunday, January 20th at 4:00pm **CATHECHISM MEETING FOR PARENTS** will be held on Sunday, February 3rd at 4:00pm **FIRST COMMUNION** in 2019 is planned for:

established by him have given us fourteen Sunday, May 19th 2019 at 2:30pm **CONFIRMATION** is scheduled for

Saturday, March 30th 2019 at 4:00pm

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Catechism Meetings CATECHISM MEETING FOR PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN

will be held on

OF CONFIRMATION YOUTH

English group –
Saturday, May 11th 2019 at 4:00pm

Polish Tuesday group –

Sunday, May 12th 2019 at 2:30pm

Polish Saturday group –

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 21st

8:00 \$\frac{1}{4}\$ Stefan (7th anniv.) & Stanislawa (9th anniv) Gumula - daughter & family

19:00 ♥ Emilia & Kazimierz Kozikowski & all deceasd from Kozikowski family

Special intention for God's blessings for Janina & Andrzej Szaflarski on their wedding anniversary TUESDAY, January 22nd

8:00 🕏 Jozefa & Wladyslaw Kociuba – daughter &

19:00 Florence Motyka - Czeslawa & Bozena Kulik &

† Marek Krol & Olga & Kazimierz Borek & Bozena Kosiorek (2nd anniv.) - family WEDNESDAY, January 23rd

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for father Stanislaw Janik on his 90th birthday – daughter &

♣ Jozef & Michal – sister Helena

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19:00 Group Intentions

THURSDAY, January 24th St. Francis De Sales

8:00 \$\Psi\$ Jadwiga Boryczka – daughter in law & children 19:00 \$\Psi\$ Wioletta & Marek Nawarkiewicz & all deceased from family

Special intention for God's blessings for Michal on his 4th birthday

FRIDAY, January 25th The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:00 🕏 Stanislawa Chorozak – daughter & family ₱ Ewa Grabowska (11th anniv.) – daughter &

grandson 19:00 The Maria & Mieczyslaw Gorecki – son & family Special intention for God's blessings for Chyjek & McCoul & Matthews families

SATURDAY, January 26th St. Timothy and St. Titus

8:00 ₱ all deceased from Cwalinski & Gzymal & Bogumil families - family

17:00 \$\Psi\$ Lubomir & Lechoslaw & all deceased from Winiarski & Czechowski families

19:00 ♥ Jan Jaroszynski (1st anniv.) – wife & family SUNDAY, January 27th

8:00 🕆 all deceased friends - Mieczyslaw

9:30 Special intention for God's blessings for Lachimea & Kuck families 11:00 Fr. Stanislaw Bak OMI (24th anniv.)

13:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Monika &

Gabriel Pliszka & their children 14:30 \$\Pi Aleksandra & Franciszek Jedrusiak (anniv.) -

daughter Helena & family

19:00 \$\frac{1}{4}\$ Kazimierz (25th anniv.) - wife & children