



The journey towards strengthening our faith can be disconcerting. Take Abraham, for example. He put his trust in forging a covenant with God to father his people. He demonstrated and unshakable conviction

in believing God's incredible promise. Abraham and the disciples in today's readings are our examples. The gift of faith becomes their guiding light from darkness that leads them closer to God. In today's Gospel, the apostles Peter, John and James witness a series of divine events. They experience the holiness of Jesus in his transfiguration. His appearance changes while he prays on the mountain and meets Elijah and Moses. To cap it off, God directly commands the apostles to listen to Jesus, his Son and Chosen One. These extraordinary events confirm what Jesus had revealed to his faithful followers about his death and Resurrection, and his identity as the Son of God. These readings can strengthen our own faith. Like his disciples, we are asked to trust Jesus and follow him in our spiritual journey. The readings show the possibility of experiencing God through sacred moments. As ordinary followers, we can find God in prayer, readings and our everyday lives. As our light and salvation, Jesus will give us the courage, hope and strength to overcome our trials. Ultimately, faith will help us fulfill God's will.

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First reading: Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Second Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1
Gospel: Luke 9.28b-36

Rose # 20 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by **Brass Band Orchestra**.

PARISH ENVELOPES USRES – Sets of envelopes that were not collected will be passed onto other parishioners. Therefore, we ask all envelopes users not to use envelopes from previous years.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY for 2018 - Copies of the statement are available in the church narthex.

HELP FOR ALICJA

A 36 year-old Alicja from Mississauga - the kindest, most generous person and most loving wife and mom of a 3.5 year-old boy is looking for our help. She is fighting for her life after being diagnosed with the most aggressive type of breast cancer (invasive ductal carcinoma) which has now spread to her bones and right lung. All treatments, traditional and alternative are being looked into. She is in the process of getting second opinions from multiple cancer centers and research universities throughout the United States, China and Poland (average cost for a one-week treatment is approx. 10,000 USD). This battle is going to be expensive, and it is going to be a long recovery. Alicja's friends are fundraising to help her and her family with medical costs, prescriptions and anything she may need. If you would like to make a contribution, they would be extremely grateful. No amount is too small to make a difference. Offerings can be done through Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/904485426/posts/10161470034955427?sfns=mo>

Second Sunday of Lent

Baptisms



The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Christopher Augustine Belardo son of Ursula & Michael
Anthony Kulpa son of Katarzyna & Adrian
Hanna Marceline Mosor daughter of Aleksandra & Jacek
Olivia Osuch daughter of Daria & Wojciech
We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

Parish Family Album

We are in the process of taking pictures for our parish family album. 1100 families signed up for the album already. The parish family album will be ready by the end of September; therefore all picture taking has to be done by Easter. We still encourage our other parishioners to register for photo sittings online, at kolbe.ca
There are still spots on April 12 & April 13.

The Holy Scriptures – The Book of Life

This motto signaled the beginning of the Lenten reading of the New Testament in our parish. Last Sunday we distributed 2,500 pages of chosen excerpts of the Word of God. It means that New Testament was read six times last week by our parishioners. Today again, excerpts of the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles will be distributed to the parishioners in the parish narthex. The purpose of this initiative is to bring us close to the Holy Scriptures which is the Book of Life and God's autobiography. We encourage our parishioners to participate in the beautiful Lenten campaign.

ENGLISH LIVING ROSARY GROUP

One of the requirements of the Living Rosary in our Parish it to attend the exchange of mysteries in our Parish on the first Sunday of the Month. In order to support, those who do attend the exchange of mysteries, we have combined the regularly attending members of Rose #29 and Rose #16 into the empty spots of Rose #32. We have also started a waiting list for the next Rose so that as we grow with another 20 people we can re-animate Rose #29 and #16. The leader of Rose #32 is Theresa Rowinski, and the alternate is Jeanne Betkaluk. Members of the new Rose #32, will be contacted. If you are interested in joining a Living Rosary group, or were a member of one of these Roses and not been contacted, please contact Teresa Rowinska or Jan Prymicz. We will accommodate everyone who is interested.

From the Pulpit



Today we would like to welcome Fr. Tomasz Skibinski a Dean of Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in Toronto to our parish. Fr. Tomasz will explain the initiatives of the Archdiocese of Toronto, specifically ShareLife.

This year charitable imitative called "ShareLife" will begin on March 31st in our Archdiocese. On this day all parishes of our Archdiocese will organize a second collection for this case. Please give generously.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Will be held on Mondays (for children), Tuesdays (English) and Fridays (Polish) at 6:30pm. Indulgence may be obtained by participating in the Way of the Cross or Lenten Lamentations under regular conditions, as well as praying „It is I, o good and most sweet Jesus” on every Friday of Lent.

SCHEDULE OF GROUPS LEADING THE WAY OF THE CROSS at 6:30 pm

19 III – Tuesday Scouts English
22 III - Friday Families of JP II Polish
29 III – Friday Pro-Life Group Polish
2 IV – Tuesday Youth English
5 IV – Friday Crusade for Liberation Polish
12 IV – Friday Altar Servers at 6:15pm Polish

LENTE LAMENTATIONS

We warmly invite you to grow with us in prayer and reflect on Christ's passion during Lenten Lamentations every Sunday at 6:15pm. Passion sermons are part of Lenten Lamentations, celebrated almost exclusively in Poland on each Sunday during Lent. This year, our Pastor Fr. Janusz Blazejak is giving the passion sermons.

CHILDREN LENTEN RETREAT WITH BP ANTONI DŁUGOSZ March 24th-27th

Bp. Antoni Dlugosz will lead the Lenten Retreat for Children in Polish in our parish, which will begin next Sunday, March 24th and continue for the next three days at the evening Masses at 7:00pm. All youngest parishioners are invited for their retreat through song and pictures with Bishop Antoni Dlugosz. We invite all families to attend.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP GROUP ADOREMUS invites you on Friday, March 22nd following the evening Mass from 8:00pm-9:00pm for prayer evening with Mother Mary.

In Short

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH – Tuesday, March 19th - Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron of the universal church, principal patron of Canada. Pope Pius IX proclaimed him the patron of the Universal Church on Dec. 8, 1870.

PRO LIFE GROUP – Pro-Life Group, which was established by our parish, is asking all of the parishioners for a daily silent prayer for the unborn children. We ask that all parishioners join this beautiful initiative of praying for unborn children. All that is needed is one hour of your time. We invite everyone to the Divine Mercy Chapel and to pray in the intention of life, every day between 8:00am and 8:00pm during the entire duration of Lent. Help save lives by joining the 40-day initiative and praying for mothers and their unborn children.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF AN UNBORN CHILD - it is an act for the protection and defense of the unborn. We invite all willing to spiritually adopt an unborn child during the Mass on Saturday, March 23rd at 8:00am. Spiritual Adoption consists of a prayer in the intention of a child endangered in the womb of a mother. It lasts 9 months and consists of a daily prayer of one mystery of the Holy Rosary, as well as a short prayer in the intention of a child and its parents. We encourage everyone to take part in this initiative.

10th ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE & A MOTHER-DAUGHTER EVENT CALLING ALL GIRLS - Dynamic Women of Faith will be hosting its annual conference for Catholic women on Saturday March 23, 2018 from 8:00am-4:00pm at JP II Polish Cultural Centre in Mississauga with an opening Mass celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish at 9:10am. There is a mother - daughter event Calling ALL Girls the evening before – Friday, March 22nd from 7:00pm-10:00pm! For more information including registration fees and location visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or call 905 907-1042

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 June 30th to July 7, 2019. The retreat will be led by Fr. Pawel Sawiak & Fr. Bartosz Ponichtera along with the vocal group "Strong in Spirit." New, as well as previous participants are encouraged to join. Cost \$620.00 Info: www.mocni.jezuici.pl For registration please contact Magda at www.magis.webs.com or email magis0007@gmail.com or 905 301-7544

Catechism Meetings

CATHECHISM MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION YOUTH will be held today - Sunday, March 17th at 4:00pm in the church in Polish and in the parish hall in English. Attendance Mandatory! CATECHISM MEETING FOR PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN will be held on Sunday, March 31st at 4:00pm in the church in Polish and in the parish hall in English. Attendance Mandatory!

MEETING FOR ROSARY SOCIETY LEADERS' will be held on Thursday, March 28th following the evening Mass in the parish hall at 7:30pm. Attendance mandatory! During the meeting there will be also picture taking for our parish album.

PASSION MUSIC CONCERT – Choir from West Pomeranian University of Technology in Szczecin invites to a concert at St. Maximilian Kolbe on Saturday, March 30th at 8:00pm in the church. Free admission! The same concert will also take place on Sunday, March 31st at 8:00pm at St. Casimir's Church in Toronto.

CONFERENCE OF POLISH PRIESTS IN EASTERN CANADA

Invites all to Wilno on the occasion of the Feast of the Divine Mercy on Saturday, April 27th The Holy Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Tadeusz Wojda from Poland. Bus pilgrimage to Wilno on the occasion of the Feast of the Divine Mercy on Saturday, April 27th Sign-up for the bus pilgrimage is possible in the parish hall next Sunday. Cost \$40.00 Info: Wieslawa 416 799-2122 Radio Maryja is organizing their bus pilgrimage as well and their bus will leave on Saturday, April 27th at 6:00am from St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish parking

EASTER BANQUET - Radio Maryja would like to invite everyone for the Easter Banquet on Sunday, April 28th - at 2:30pm - a Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, followed by the banquet at 4:00pm at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Dinner provided by Jan Gromada as well as an Easter concert by Anna Wojcik accompanied by Bartosz Hadala are also included in the program. Tickets \$55.00 can be obtained by calling Joanna Szydłowska at 905 819 1040 or Joanna Strzerek: 905 845-3553.

LENT TIME BOOK OF ALCOHOL ABSTINENCE THE LIBERATION CRUSADE

is a voluntary commitment to abstain from alcoholic beverages. Everyone is invited to join the Crusade and abstain from consuming alcoholic beverages, especially during the Lent time.

A special book is placed at the altar of St. Maximilian Kolbe and the relics, where everyone is welcomed to write their name and last name, not adding intention or reason to join.

Additionally, the intentions will be prayed in front of the Most Sacred Sacrament and you can add your intention by contacting Danuta or Krzysztof Wojcik 905 272-3717

Pilgrimages

PILGRIMAGE WITH THE ROSARY FAMILY TO QUEBEC – June 7th - 9th Rosary Family organizes a three day pilgrimage to Shrines of Quebec with Fr. Witalij Podolan, OMI. Info & sign up today in the parish hall or through Teresa 905 495-7035 or Wieslawa 416 799-2122

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of our parish, a pilgrimage to Holy Land will take place between the 20th and 28th of October 2019 For more information please contact Polimex at: 905 238-6683 ext. 427 (ask for Mira).



JP II POLISH CULTURE CENTRE is looking for an Event/Marketing Coordinator. Info 905 306-9900 ext. 22 or email at gm@jp2pcc.ca. Applications will be taken until March 29th.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 18th

8:00 ✚ Jozef Jemiolo – wife & daughters
18:30 The Way of the Cross for Children
19:00 ✚ John Ziolkowski (3rd anniv.) - Lucy Dworak & family
Special intention for God's blessings for Marcin & Weronika & Dominik on their birthday

TUESDAY, March 19th Saint Joseph

8:00 ✚ Helena & Jozef Szczurek - son Stefan & family
18:30 The Way of the Cross (Eng.) – Scouts
19:00 ✚ Antonina & Jan & Stanislaw & Jan Beben – family
✚ Michal Piekny - parents

WEDNESDAY, March 20th

8:00 ✚ Jozefa Kolodziej - grandson
✚ Jan Piersiak (20th anniv.)

19:00 Group Intentions

THURSDAY, March 21st

8:00 ✚ Czeslawa Wysoczanska – daughter & family
19:00 ✚ Czeslawa & Jozef Bil & all deceased from Bylina & Bil families – son & family
✚ Maria & Marian Polniaszek - daughter

FRIDAY, March 22nd

8:00 ✚ Mieczyslaw Feret (22nd anniv.) –wife & children
✚ Agnieszka Rumianowski – nephew Edward & family

18:30 The Way of the Cross (Pol.) – Families of JP II
19:00 ✚ Wladyslaw Armatys – wife & daughters & their families
✚ all deceased from Zalecki family

SATURDAY, March 23rd

8:00 In intention of unborn children – Pro Life Group
17:00 ✚ Anna Ozga – daughters & their families
19:00 ✚ Genowefa (19th anniv.) & Tadeusz Gabiga – son & family

SUNDAY, March 24th

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 ✚ Andrzej & Wladyslawa - daughter
9:30 ✚ Helena & Boleslaw & Aleksander Golojuch
11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS
13:00 ✚ Jozef Mendela – wife & daughter & family
14:30 Special intention for God's blessings for Wiktorina on her 8th birthday
18:15 Lenten Lamentations
19:00 ✚ Marian Cisko – sister Teresa & family