

Starting today, before the final blessing at each Mass, we will recite the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, Patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto.



My brother, Pat, has a favourite expression. I asked how he is, he often says "Living the dream." I suspect the younger brother in the parable of the prodigal son thought he too was living the dream when he took "his share" of his father's estate. Sadly for him, it didn't work out well, and he had to come grovelling home. It was his good fortune that his father was a godly man and received his son with open arms and even a celebration. The parable's focus then shifts to the odder son. Many would commiserate with him; he had slaved for his father and was never disobedient. But now he sees the party for his younger brother, and he indulges in what is poison for the soul - resentment. What he has forgotten is that he already has a deep, abiding relationship with his father; he has riches beyond compare. Often we too forget. We who have received the gift of faith take for granted the sacrifice of Jesus and the wonder of the sacraments. We must also accept hardships and seek transform our suffering into concern and generosity towards those in need. Father, help us always to return to your open arms and your merciful heart. Amen.

Harry McAvoy, Newmarket, ON

First reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12
Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21
Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

Rose # 22 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by Families of JPIL.

KOLBE YOUTH GROUP would like to invite also today for HONEY and on Sunday, April 7th for PIEROGIES FROM SUPREME PIEROGIES!!!

RCIA PROGRAM - The second scrutiny of the elect (catechumens) will take place today during 9:30am Mass.

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION will be taken for Share Life.

We would like to invite all parishioners as well as all youth to our Lenten Retreat; therefore all meetings and classes that are held during the Retreat Time from April 5th - April 12th as well as during the Holy Week should be cancelled.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Baptisms

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Andrzej Marczynski son of Katarzyna & Cezary
Angelo Wilczak son of Gabriela & Wojciech
Eva Aniol daughter of Monika & Marcin
Sophia Emily Slezak daughter of Paulina & Adam
Julie Kubaczkowski daughter of Magdalena & Grzegorz

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Bp. John Boissonneau gave the Sacrament of Confirmation to 118 of our young parishioners on Saturday, March 30th.



THANK YOU TO OUR CATECHISTS

who prepared our youth for the sacrament of Confirmation - Fr. Marcin Serwin, Sr. Karolina Szymkowiak, Katarzyna Czechoska, Dorota Jasinski, Ewa Markiewicz, Karolina Radziwon, Mark Misiak, Adrian Dziewiecki, Marek Serwin, Iza Pitula and Julia Smolko. A special thank you goes to Fr. Pawel Pilarczyk - the coordinator.

CATECHISM MEETING FOR PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN

will be held today - Sunday, March 31st at 4:00pm in the church in Polish and in the parish hall in English. Attendance Mandatory!

Parish Family Album

We are in the process of taking pictures for our parish family album. 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. Today again, we encourage reading together the Gospel according to Matthew Chapter 27. 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.

From the Pulpit

LENTEN RETREAT IN ENGLISH WITH Bp Frederick Henry from Calgary April 5th - April 7th

LENTEN RETREAT IN ENGLISH

Friday, April 5th

6:30pm The Way of the Cross (in Polish)

7:00pm Eucharist with homily (in English)

Saturday, April 6th

5:00pm Eucharist with homily

Sunday, April 7th

9:30am Eucharist with homily

LENTEN RETREAT IN POLISH

Will be held from Saturday, April 6th at 7:00pm

- Friday, April 12th and will be led by Fr. Mieczyslaw Halaszko OMI

a missionary from Poland.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

at our parish will take place on

Monday, April 15th

& Wednesday, April 17th at 6:00pm

Please, do not wait until the last moment to go to confession. You can make use of this sacrament by coming a half an hour early before every Mass.

PLEASE NOTE!

On Sundays, confessions are not heard during Holy Mass. It is the duty of every catholic to participate in Holy Mass from the very beginning up to and including the final blessing. Any other activity during Mass is not allowed, including reading the bulletin.

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

2 IV - Tuesday Youth English

5 IV - Friday Crusade for Liberation Polish

12 IV - Friday Altar Servers at 6:15pm Polish

LENTEN 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.

WHY DO WE COVER THE CRUCIFIX?

In keeping with Polish Lenten Traditions, from next Sunday up until Good Friday, the Cross with Christ Crucified will be veiled.

This is time to discover the meaning of redemption in the mystery of the suffering and death of Christ on the cross.

In Short

ShareLife

Today, the Archdiocese of Toronto will be conducting the annual collection of charitable donations for ShareLife. After Holy Communion, a second collection will be taken for this purpose. St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish is the largest parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto, however, our charitable donations for ShareLife are modest in relation to other, much smaller parishes. Last year, we collected \$80,000 for ShareLife. For comparison, here are the amounts donated by several neighbouring parishes:

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish- \$413,372

Blessed Sacrament Parish- \$344,210

St. Gregory's Parish-\$273,512

St. Patrick's Parish, Markham- \$260, 162

St. Clement's Parish- \$216, 769

Is it possible for every family to make a charitable donation of \$100 once a year? On behalf of Cardinal Thomas Collins, we thank you sincerely, may God repay you!

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH - April 4th - Prayer for vocations at 6:30pm. "Golden Rose" Apostolate, which is an apostolate of prayer and fasting for priests working in our parish exists already for quite some time in our parish. Info: Marzena at 647-284-1631 or Beata at 416-453-2014.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - April 5th VISITING THE SICK (by our parish Fathers) - please forward names to the parish office. Masses are at 8:00am, 10:00am and 7:00pm. Confession starts at 6:00pm.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - On April 6th - Mass and First Saturday Service are at 8:00am.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - April 7th Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the English groups will take place following the Mass at 9:30am.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - on Tuesday, April 9th 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.

FRAUD PREVENTION

Every year we see a lot of frauds and scams and the Peel Regional Police makes us aware that recently modified money scam is used again. For example an upset person calls you stating they are a family member and they may use the person's name and claim they need money to be bailed out immediately. A second person will take the phone, claiming to be an officer or lawyer who will give you instructions on how to wire the money. Usually older members of our community are the victims. Please be extra cautious while taking phone calls.

Other Events

CAMINO, A PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. JAMES

You are invited to attend a special conference about a pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. James today, March 31st after the evening Mass in the parish hall. The goal of pilgrims migrating along the route of Camino de Santiago is to reach the Cathedral of St. James the Apostle in Santiago de Compostela. The grave and body of St. James, one of the 12 Apostles of Christ, are found in the Cathedral.



THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST PLAY - will once again be presented in our parish, on Palm Sunday, April 14th at 8:00pm. The Pascal Mystery is the story of Jesus' sufferings, and the bringing to completion of our Lenten retreat, which concludes the preceding day. Every year, the Paschal Mystery draws a large audience, left with unforgettable and lasting impressions. This is proof that an artistic play is a wonderful medium joining 2 worlds: the material and the spiritual. The performing actors, special effects and music give one the impression of being a participant in the Pascal Mystery! Come and see!

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 today. 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 Szydlowska at 905 819 1040 or Joanna Strzerek: 905 845-3553.

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)

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IGNATIANT 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.jezuicy.pl For registration please contact Magda at www.magis.webs.com or email magis0007@gmail.com or 905 301-7544

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 1st

8:00 ✠ Zenon Koczwara - wife
18:30 The Way of the Cross for Children
19:00 ✠ Lucjan Stachal & Wladyslaw Brzozowski - family
✠ Czeslaw & Hieronim Walczak

TUESDAY, April 2nd

8:00 ✠ Piotr Sas - sister & family
10:00 In intention of Senior Kolbe Club members
18:30 The Way of the Cross (Eng.) - Youth Group
19:00 ✠ Roma & Jerzy Zabinski - children

WEDNESDAY, April 3rd

8:00 ✠ Edward Kosjanik (anniv.) - daughter Wanda & family
✠ Regina & Andrzej & Stefania & Edmund Skotnicki - family

19:00 Group Intentions

THURSDAY, April 4th

8:00 ✠ all deceased from Augustynowicz & Malek families - Malek family
19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for priests & religious men and women - Apostolate "Golden Rose"
✠ Wladyslaw & Michal Ilnicki - Barbra & family

FRIDAY, April 5th

8:00 ✠ Joanna & Eugeniusz Plonski & Eugenia - family
Special intention for God's blessings for Franciszka Baran on her 85th birthday - daughter & family
10:00 ✠ Zofia & Wladyslaw Jasinski - daughter
18:30 The Way of the Cross (Pol.) - Crusade for Liberation
19:00 (Eng.) ✠ Stanislaw & Anna Guzda - son & family

SATURDAY, April 6th

8:00 Intention for Rosary Family & Knights of Mary Immaculate
17:00 Special intention for God's blessings for children and for family - parents
19:00 ✠ Helena Graff (2nd anniv.) - daughter & family

SUNDAY, April 7th Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Intention for members of the Holy Rosary Family & Knights of the Mary Immaculate
9:30 ✠ Florian Nierychlo - wife & children
11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS
13:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Renata & Tomasz Pliszka

14:30 Special intention for God's blessings for Jadwiga & Edward Romasz on their 50th wedding anniversary
18:15 Lenten Lamentations
19:00 ✠ Stanislaw Zabielski - son & family

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The following members have left our community, and entered into the eternal life with the Lord in March: The Late:

✠ Adolf Rygiel 75, ✠ Helena Sieradzka 83,
✠ Mieczyslaw Gniotek 71, ✠ Tadeusz Kostrzynski 63,
✠ Barbara Janik 75, ✠ Malgorzata Kowalewski 64,
✠ Marianna Winiarz 85.

Eternal Rest Grant unto Them and Let Your Light Shine upon Them.