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Countdown for Lent



ASH WEDNESDAY – March 6th
Masses with the blessing of ashes
at 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:30pm (Eng.)
and 7:00pm.

GROUP MASS INTENTIONS
Please, note that there will be no Group
Mass intentions on Wednesday,
March 6th.

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS A UNIVERSAL
DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE
FROM MEAT FOR ALL FROM 14
YEARS AND UP, AND A STRICT FAST
(ONE FULFILLING MEAL AND TWO
SMALLER MEALS) OBLIGES THOSE
FROM 18-60 YEARS.**

*The Church encourages the practice of
fasting even for those who are not
required to do so.*

LENTEN ALMS
will be collected during Masses
on Ash Wednesday.
(Special envelopes can be found in
a yearly envelope sets).

This coming Wednesday, March 6th we began the holy season of Lent. We place ashes on our foreheads as an external symbol of entering the road of penance. Ashes remind us that everything comes from nothing and will turn into nothing again.

The season of Lent is a time of fasting, sacrifices, as well as prayer; its aim is to prepare our hearts for a fruitful celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. Commandments of the Church require us to restrain from participating in parties during the season of Lent, as well as to confess and receive Holy Communion during Easter.

We encourage everyone to give up something for Christ. It is still not too late. What will you give up? Smoking, alcohol, wasting time online? Perhaps you will try to be more understanding towards your spouse, or other family members. Perhaps you will give up sweets, gossiping or watching TV. Pick just one thing so that you can fully experience the season of Lent. Do this for the crucified Christ.

I was once on a cave exploration trip in Alberta. Using ropes and special ladders, we went exploring a huge 300-metre-deep cave with a maze of passageways. One guide and I wanted to get to the very bottom. At one point, deep down in the cave, we stopped for a snack. My guide took off his glasses to adjust his helmet. It was complete, utter darkness and dead silence down there. Shortly after leaving our snack spot, my guide noticed he had left his glasses behind. Without his glasses, his eyesight was quite blurred. We never found the glasses. He was no longer able to guide me. In today's Gospel, Jesus says when it comes to really knowing what is in a person's heart, we are like blind guides. We really don't see, even if we think we do. Our eyesight is blocked by our own weaknesses and faults. Jesus invites us to "first take the log out of your own eye." This is about a conversion of heart, grounded in an ongoing, prayer life. The Lord wants to free us of our burdens. We repent, he forgives us and helps us change our ways. What joy and freedom! Thus, with the psalmist, we want to declare his "stead-fast love in the morning," and his "faithfulness by night."

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First reading: Sirach 27.4 - 7
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.54-58
Gospel: Luke 6.39-45

Rose # 18 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by **Scouts for the needs of the parish.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – March 3rd Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the **English groups** will take place following the Mass at **9:30am.**

Baptisms



The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Natalia Nieweglowski daughter of Mary & Alan
Lukasz Edward-William Brozda son of Lindsay & Tomasz
Izabella Kochman daughter of Justyna & Bartosz

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

The Holy Scriptures – The Book of Life

This motto will signal the beginning of the Lenten reading of the New Testament in our parish. An initiative of the Parish Council, it involves dwelling and reflecting upon chosen excerpts of the Word of God.

On the First and Second Sunday of Lent, excerpts of the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles will be distributed to the parishioners.

If everyone takes a proposed text, within the span of one week, the whole Gospel and Acts of the Apostles will have been read.

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.

'Ready, Study Go! Poland' at the Study and Go Abroad Fair in Toronto

For the sixth time in row, Consulate General of the Republic of Poland invited Polish Universities to attend "Study and Go Abroad Fair" the largest education fair in Canada.

This year five Polish Universities will present their educational offers at Toronto Fair.

The Fair will be held today - March 3rd at the Toronto Metro Convention Centre at Front Street between 1:00-5:00 pm.

Recruitment experts from Wroclaw Economy University, Medical University of Lodz, Medical University of Warsaw, Medical University of Wroclaw, and Jagiellonian University from Krakow will present you with their outstanding programs at the "Ready, Study, Go! Poland" booth.

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 Teresa 905 495-7035 or Wieslawa 416 799-2122

From the Pulpit

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.

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.

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

8 III – Friday	Dom.Church	Polish
12 III - Tuesday	Scouts	English
15 III - Friday	Rosary Family	Polish
19 III - Tuesday	Knights of Columbus	English
22 III - Friday	Pro-Life Group	Polish
29 III - Friday	Families of JPPII	Polish
2 IV – Tuesday	Youth	English
5 IV – Friday	Crusade for Liberation	Polish
12 IV – Friday	Altar Servers	Polish

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

THE COMMUNITY OF LAY CARMELITES ORDER at St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish in Brampton would like to invite everyone for a **Reflection Day on Saturday, March 9th**. The topic is "A friendly meeting with God" (in Polish) and the meeting will be led by Fr. Krzysztof Gorski OCD from Krakow, Poland. More information Wieslawa Piskorski at 416 500-8770

In Short

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH – March 7th – 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.

PRAYER EVENING WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Adoremus Prayer Group invites on Friday, February 8th following the evening Mass at 7:00pm in the church 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - on Tuesday, February 12th 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.

ADULTS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION - Meetings for adults preparing for the sacrament of confirmation will take place on following Fridays: March 15th & 22nd & 29th & April 5th at 8:00pm in Sister Faustyna Room (new Catechetical Centre). Classes will be held in Polish. All adults interested are asked to contact the parish office at 905 848 2420. A copy of the baptismal certificate is mandatory upon registration.

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.

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 JPPII 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

POLISH – CANADIAN COINS & STAMP & COLLECTIBLES SHOW 2019 –

March 3rd from 9:00am – 4:00pm
at Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd.
Sponsored by the Troyak Club. Collectible coins, medals, banknotes and stamps will be exhibited.
More information: www.troyakclub.com

Other Events

LADIES ASSOCIATION FUTURE FAITH (KOLO PAN NADZIEJA) AT SPK # 20 would like to invite to a 3 day trip to Ottawa for a **Canadian Tulip Festival from Friday, May 17th 2019**. Cost \$475.00 Registration: Mariola 416 622-1771 or Bozena 416 536 4198

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 4th
8:00 ☩ brothers Lucjan & Waclaw & Antoni Nowotnik - family
19:00 ☩ Jadwiga & Albin Pigiel – daughter Danuta & family
☩ Michael Tambureno- Hugill family
TUESDAY, March 5th
8:00 ☩ Anna & Wojciech Plewa & Piotr Sas
10:00 In intention of Senior Kolbe Club members
19:00 ☩ Jan & Jozefa Gajewski & Jozef & Jozefa & Ryszard Pydo
WEDNESDAY, March 6th
Ash Wednesday
8:00 ☩ husband Fryderyk Wisniowski – wife & family
10:00 ☩ Kazimierz Kolecki – sisiter & family
17:30 Special intention for God's blessings for Bozena & Krystyna
19:00 ☩ Tadeusz Owczarczuk – wife & family
THURSDAY, March 7th
8:00 ☩ all deceased from Nitek & Lobzin & Ucinski & all unborn children
19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for priests & religious men and women - Apostolate "Golden Rose"
☩ Maria & Tadeusz Babiarz
FRIDAY, March 8th
8:00 ☩ Aniela & Wojciech Gawron - family
Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Helena – son & family
18:30 The Way of the Cross (Pol.) - Domestic Church
19:00 ☩ Janina Hanzel (anniv.) - mother & family
☩ Jacek Pelka – Anna & Krzysztof Balinski
SATURDAY, March 9th
8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for son – parents
17:00 ☩ Anna & Stanislaw Kopycki – daughter & family
19:00 ☩ Kazimierz Daniel & Jadwiga & Marian Towarek
SUNDAY, March 10th
First Sunday of Lent
8:00 ☩ parents Helena & Tadeusz Kopec & all deceased from family – Maria & family
9:30 ☩ Henryk Chuchla (15th anniv.) – wife & children
11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS
13:00 ☩ all deceased from Witkos & Stachura families – Maria Chabinka & family
14:30 ☩ Czeslaw & Hieronim Walczak – daughter & sister Jolanta
18:15 Lenten Lamentations
19:00 ☩ Lana Konarkowska (20th anniv.) – niece & family