

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



When my children were young, I developed an unexpected nightly ritual. Before going to bed, I went into their rooms and checked that they were asleep in their beds. I *knew* they were there – where else could they be? – but until I could see with my own eyes that they were safe, I could not get to sleep. Such is the protective instinct of parents.

Imagine what must have gone through Saint Joseph's mind when an angel came to him late one night and confirmed his worst fear – his child was in mortal danger and he had to do something. He got up instantly and, abandoning work, home and all social connections, hastily packed and led the child and mother away to safety.

To protect his child he chose to give up everything and become a refugee in a strange land. Such is the protective instinct of parents.

All parents want what Saint Joseph wanted – a safe home for their children. Some are forced to flee danger and become refugees, as he did. Others are more fortunate, and can stay in their homes and protect their children by ensuring them clean air, pure water, nourishing food, good education and a future filled with hope.

For parents, Saint Joseph offers a perfect lesson in parenting – take care of your children.

Patrick Gallagher; Toronto, ON

First Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

Holy Rosary is being led by Rose #1.

Today's **Second Collection** will be taken for the church renovation fund.

Faithful Departed

The following parishioners have passed away recently and entered into the eternal life with Christ:

- ✠ Karolina Skrzypek, 40
- ✠ Tomasz Olszewski, 57
- ✠ Krzysztof Szkopiak, 60
- ✠ Frank Kolodziej, 80

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

FR. PASTOR'S REFLECTION

The New Year is a great mystery to all of us – we don't know what awaits us. We do know what is already behind us, but only God knows what is yet to come. We are fully aware of the tasks that will have to be undertaken, but there is always a fear of whether we will be able to manage or not run out of strength and ability.

We wish all our dear parishioners a very happy New Year 2020.

May God send His blessing

and the much needed gifts of peace and love. Although the New Year is a great unknown, we know we are not alone for God is with us and He is Lord of history and time.

May He support us all, lead us safely,

and protect against all evil and dangers.

Thank you all for your kindness and support.

May the Lord let his face shine upon you and send down His blessing.

Happy New Year!

Today we pray for all families and in a special way for couples who celebrate their wedding anniversaries. On the occasion of today's feast, we wish all families the courage to build healthy and happy homes founded on the principles of our faith. Let us entrust to the Holy Family of Nazareth the families of our parish and our families in our homeland.

The annual blessing of children takes place after the 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mass.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

God's grace and blessing to the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries:

30th Anniversary

Ewa & Zbigniew Romanski

35th Anniversary

**Bozena & Andrzej Chyjek
Krystyna & Wojciech Szelag**

40th Anniversary

Halina & Krzysztof Panasiewicz

45th Anniversary

Danuta & Zenon Bogucki

49th Anniversary

Elzbieta & Marian Zajac

50th Anniversary

Elzbieta & Marian Szymczak

55th Anniversary

Alicja & Kazimierz Onyszko

Alina & Michal Puclacher

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon:

Avena Lolita Bartlewski,
daughter of Julieanne & Grzegorz
Zuzanna Elizabeth Eastwood,
daughter of Urszula & Paul
Clara Maria Podbielski,
daughter of Monika & Dominik

Michelle Rajter,
daughter of Fatima & Robert

Henry Jude Wronski,
son of Aneta & Jakub

We welcome all children and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

January 1st, 2020

Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God
Wednesday, January 1st is the beginning of the New Year. It is also the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God – an obligatory feast day for all Catholics. Mass at our church will be celebrated according to the regular Sunday schedule. Non-attendance is considered a grave sin.

First Thursday of the month, January 2nd
Prayer for Vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, January 3rd
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass

First Saturday of the month, January 4th
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, January 5th
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:30 a.m.
Exchange of Rosary Mysteries
after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Mass

Confession: before each Mass

Parish Office Hours

On Tuesday, **December 31st**, the parish office will be open **from 9 a.m. to 12 noon**. Please note that beginning next year, the parish office will be open on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Christmas Octave

There is no confession during the Christmas Octave, from December 25th, 2019 to January 2nd, 2020.

Electronic Devices in the Church

The use of electronic devices (such as e-book readers, smartphones or tablets) during Mass is inappropriate and strictly prohibited. Holy Eucharist is a communal celebration and the use of such devices shut us off from that community and is distracting to others. However, electronic devices may be used outside of Mass (inside the church or Chapel of Perpetual Adoration) if they aid our private prayer, e.g. reading of the Holy Scriptures, litanies, meditations, etc. It is inappropriate to publicly point out to others that they use electronic devices for their personal prayer.

Offertory Envelopes for 2020



When using offertory envelopes, please remember to include your full name and complete address on the very first envelope for the year 2020. Thank you.

Online Giving Now Available

Please note that you are now able to submit Sunday offerings through on-line payments. To use this method, visit www.kolbe.ca, click on *support* in the top right-hand corner and then *donate*. You will be transferred to the Archdiocese of Toronto website where you will choose your church and fill out a form. You can make a one-time donation or choose a weekly option. Parishioners using this form of parish support will receive a tax certificate directly from the Archdiocese of Toronto.



In our consumer culture, it's easy to forget those who are less fortunate. One remedy is to make a gift to ShareLife on behalf of your loved ones. In doing so, you embody ShareLife's mission to live the Gospel by providing for those in need. To make a tax deductible gift, you can donate securely online at sharelife.org/donate or by calling 416-934-3411 or 1-800-263-2595. May God bring peace and joy to you and your loved ones this season!

Liturgy of the Word for Children

We are still looking for Polish-speaking young adults or teachers willing to lead the Liturgy of the Word for children at the 11 o'clock Mass. Interested individuals are asked to speak to Fr. Pawel Pilarczyk.

UPCOMING EVENTS

100th Birthday of St. John Paul II

On May 18th, 2020, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Saint John Paul II. The Parish Council has prepared two events to begin this special celebration. On February 2nd and 9th, our parish will host an exhibition entitled *Eucharistic Miracles*, which will show all Eucharistic miracles in the history of the Church. Another is the peregrination of the *Triptych of John Paul II*. Following in the footsteps of this Great Saint, we wish to entrust ourselves, our families, our parish, the Church and the entire world to the protection of the Mother of God. Main celebrations are scheduled to take place on the weekend of May 30th and 31st, 2020.

AA Open Meeting will take place on **Monday, December 30th at 8:30 p.m.** in Br. Anthony Room. Individuals struggling with the problem of alcoholism and families of alcoholics are welcome to attend.

RADIO MARYJA BANQUET

will be held on **Sunday, January 12th, 2020** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Mass will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. and banquet will begin at 4 p.m. Tickets at \$60 are available from:

- Health from Nature Store (416) 532-9805
- Something Special Store (905) 629-2347
- Polish Cultural Centre (905) 306-9900
- Joanna Szydłowska (905) 818-1040
- Joanna Strzezek (905) 845-3553

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Gold Rose Apostolate is organizing a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, a place of spiritual rescue for everyone. There you will experience miracles, changes, conversions and healings. There, through Mary's intercession, you can pray for others. Pilgrimage dates: **April 26 – May 6, 2020**. For more information call Marzena: (647) 284-1631.

Events at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre
events@jp2pcc.ca



December 31, 7 p.m. – 3 a.m.

New Year's Eve Party with the Kompot Band. Dinner prepared by Master Chef Jan Gromada, open bar, lottery, photo booth. Tickets: \$140 per person / Info: (905) 306-9900

Thank You

To all individuals and families who generously donated poinsettias and made our Christmas Manger especially beautiful.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 30th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Marianna Bialy (5th anniv.) – son with family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's grace for the Rogala and Dabrowski families
- ✠ Izydora & Tadeusz Slotwinski (12th anniv.) – son with family

TUESDAY, December 31st St. Sylvester I

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Marian Trychta (5th anniv.) – mother and brother Dawid with wife
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Esperanza Estoy (4th anniv.) – family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Boleslaw Ulinski – family

WEDNESDAY, January 1st Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Mieczyslaw Jarzabek – brother
- 9³⁰ ✠ Leon & Helena Skrobucha, Jan & Albina Brozny, Jan Brozny
- 11⁰⁰ ○ Special intention for Mother Mary's protection for the Sienko family
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Boleslaw Rybka – Witold with children
- 14³⁰ ✠ Jakub Glowinski - parents
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Marek Kaczanowski (1st anniv.) – wife and children

THURSDAY, January 2nd

- St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen**
- 8⁰⁰ ○ Special intention for health and God's blessing for parents Lidia & Józef Czerniecki
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for all priests and religious – Gold Rose Apostolate
- ✠ Zdzislaw Piwowarczyk – friends

FRIDAY, January 3rd The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for Karolina on her birthday – parents
- For God's blessing in the new year for the Zamarlik family
- 10⁰⁰ ○ Thanksgiving for Wladyslawa & Stanislaw on their wedding anniversary
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Janina Grabowska – daughter with family

SATURDAY, January 4th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For all members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 17⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and graces for Marcin Guzda – parents
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Malgorzata Lesniakowska – sister with husband

SUNDAY, January 5th Epiphany of the Lord

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Holy Rosary Family
- 9³⁰ ○ For blessings and health for Josie Krysiak – Dworak family
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For parishioners and benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Aniela & Jozef Podczerwinski and deceased members of Antolak family
- 14³⁰ ✠ Marianna Basak (7th anniv.) – son Jan and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased members of Serwin, Drobiecki, and Mroz families – family