

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's Gospel is most appropriate as we begin a new year. Baptism is a powerful sacrament that transforms us into children of God and makes us a new creation. It is a sacrament of rebirth through which are given the graces to embark on our journey as children of God.

When Jesus was baptized, the Spirit descended from heaven like a dove and remained on him. John testified to this by proclaiming that Jesus is the Son of God. His witness to Christ was inspired by the Holy Spirit which also opens our eyes to God's reality in the world.

We are united as Christians through baptism, and we are sealed by the Holy Spirit who protects and guides us throughout our lives. What a grace it is to be walking in the Christian faith, accompanied by the Holy Spirit! It is always a joyful occasion to welcome the newly baptized into the family of Christ.

During the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, let us join the universal Church in praying for Christians everywhere, especially for those who are forced to leave their homes and countries due to persecution. We unite with them in their suffering and their witness to Christ in the world, as we are joined to them in one baptism.

Sarah Escobar; Ottawa, ON

First Reading: Isaiah 49.3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm:
Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-3

Gospel: John 1.29-34

Coffee and Donuts are being served by Jubileusz 2000.

Holy Rosary is being led by Rose #4.

Next week's **Second Collection** will be taken for the building and renovation fund.

FR. PASTOR'S REFLECTION

John the Baptist testifies about Jesus by pointing to Him as the Savior of all people and the true Son of God. Christ is a Servant of God, foretold by the prophet Isaiah, who will bring salvation to the whole world. Every Christian is called to be like John the Baptist, to be a witness of Christ and to bring Christ's salvation to all people. Saint Paul – an Apostle of all Nations – accomplished this mission well. Today he reminds of our call to holiness and apostolate.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Alan Kulinski,
son of Ewelina & Adrian

We welcome Alan to our Church community and congratulate his parents and Godparents.

First Communion & Confirmation

Mandatory catechesis for all parents of First Communion children is this **Sunday, January 19th at 4 p.m.** in the church (Polish) and in Bro. Anthony Room (English).

*** NEW DATE ***

Mandatory catechesis for all parents of Confirmation candidates is on **Sunday, February 2nd at 4 p.m.** in the church (Polish) and in Bro. Anthony Room (English).

Retreat for Confirmation Candidates will take place on **Saturday, February 1st** at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the retreat concludes with Eucharist at 4 p.m. Details can be obtained from each child's catechist.

Confirmation for Adults

Adults wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will need to attend four classes on **February 21st and 28th**, and **March 13th and 20th at 8 p.m.** in Sr. Faustina Room (New Catechetical Centre). Please bring a copy of your Baptism Certificate to the first session. Adults will be confirmed on **Holy Saturday, April 11th, 2020 at 8 p.m.** Call the parish office to register.

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.**



Our parish will mark the beginning of the celebrations with a solemn Mass on **February 2nd at 11 a.m.** The celebrant and homilist will be Fr. Alfred Grzempa OMI, Provincial of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Closing celebrations will take place on the weekend of **May 30th and 31st, 2020.**

The Parish Council has prepared two events to mark John Paul II's 100th birthday. 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.

Marriage Preparation Course

will run on 7 consecutive Mondays from **February 10th to March 23rd**. Cost: \$100. Couples may sign up by calling the parish office.

NEW Parish Office Hours

On Wednesdays, the parish office is open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and again from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. consecutively.

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.

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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration, traditionally held between January 18th (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul).

In the Gospel of John, Christ prays for his disciples before going to the cross. He asks that his followers "may all be one," as he and the Father are one, "so that the world may believe" and have life in his name (John 17). Christian unity is here made central to the very being of the Church and to its mission and witness.

The worldwide celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is both the seed and the fruit of this striving for 'unity in diversity'. This time of shared prayer, reflection, and fellowship invites Christians of different traditions to deepen our relationships and to live and witness together throughout the year.

204th Anniversary of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate



"January 25th, 1816 is the beginning of our congregation, characterized by the missionary spirit of Eugene and his companions to respond to the situation of the Church by preaching the Gospel to the poor and most abandoned. They responded to this missionary call by coming together in poverty and joy to live in apostolic community."

Father Louis Lougen OMI, Superior General

Lord our God, loving Father, we humbly pray to you for all our missionaries, heralds of the Gospel. May our prayers reach their hearts that they may feel our love, our strength, our faith. May our prayers reach their hearts that they continue with your zeal the mission you entrust them with.

Upcoming Events

Radosc-Joy Christmas Concert will take place on **Sunday, January 26th at 4 p.m.** in the parish hall. The event includes caroling, a nativity play, and a performance by Sokoły. Tickets at \$15 (adults) and \$10 (seniors and children) are available from members of Radość-Joy.

Golec Orkiestra will be in concert on **January 31st at 8 p.m.** at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga. The repertoire includes old and new hits as well as Christmas songs and carols. Tickets are available online at www.livingartscentre.ca or by calling (905) 306-6000.

Friends of the Polish Scouts (Wigry and Wieliczka Tribes) are hosting a Carnival Dance on **Saturday, February 1st at 7 p.m.** at JPPII Polish Cultural Centre. Come for a delicious dinner, a hot buffet, dessert, lots of prizes, and dance. Music provided by IMPULS Band. Tickets at \$50 are available from Magda at (416) 270-6665.

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.

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.

2019 Parish Statistics

In the year **2019** we welcomed **171** new members into our parish community through the sacrament of Baptism, **127** children received their First Holy Communion, **123** were confirmed, **39** marriages were blessed and **135** members passed from this to eternal life. Please remember to take care of and pray for one another and our parish community

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 20th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for Helena
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Eddy Niedziela – parents
- For God's blessing and health for Stanislaw Janik on his 91st birthday – daughter with family

TUESDAY, January 21st Saint Agnes

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Anna Milkowska (17th anniv.) sister with family
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Elizabeth & Eugene Szuty – work colleagues
- ✚ Tadeusz & Maria Winiarz – Sapkowski family

WEDNESDAY, January 22nd

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Henryk and Leon
- In thanksgiving for Malgorzata on her birthday
- 19⁰⁰ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, January 23rd

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving on the 95th birthday of mom Natalia – daughter with family
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Halina Trzcinska-Kowalczyk – husband and children
- Special intention for health and God's blessing for son Marek Miskowiec on his 50th birthday and grandson Michal on his 17th birthday

FRIDAY, January 24th Saint Francis de Sales

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Jadwiga Boryczka – daughter-in-law and children
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Maria & Mieczyslaw Gorecki – son with family
- Special intention for Mother Mary's protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Michal on his birthday

SATURDAY, January 25th

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
204th Anniversary of the Founding of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Franciszka & Eugeniusz and Józef and Tadeusz Wisniowski – son with family
- 17⁰⁰ ✚ Jan Trychta – wife and son Dawid with wife
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Tadeusz and all deceased from Kluz and Panasiuk families

SUNDAY, January 26th

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Jan Kędziak (20th anniv.) – daughter with family
- 9³⁰ ✚ Maria & Jozef Bajon – daughter and family
- 11⁰⁰ ✚ Fr. Stanislaw Bak OMI (25th anniv.)
- 13⁰⁰ ✚ Bronisława & Kazimierz Oblak - family
- 14³⁰ For God's blessing for the Oswiecinski, Milewski, and Kolba families
- 19⁰⁰ Special intention for God's grace and blessing for Tammy, Jennifer, and Maria