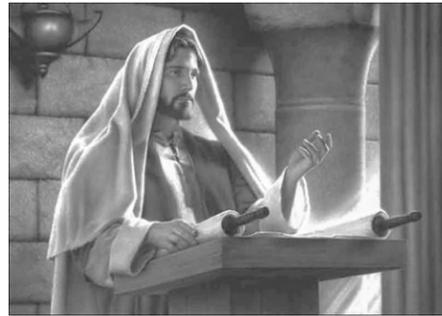


6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel, Jesus warns us that he had not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it.

Just because God loves us, does not mean he has to do what we want him to do. We can't manipulate God or guilt trip him into doing what we want. It's humbling for us to realize that we are not entitled to his favour. God chooses to help us with perfect freedom from a place of pure love. The law that he gave to us was not meant to limit us, but to ensure we use our freedom in a way that is good for us and others.

Love requires freedom, and freedom means we have to respect the other person's ability to say "no" to us. If we truly desire to be in a mature relationship with God, then we need to respect this freedom and ensure we use our freedom in a way that gives God glory, which will strengthen our relationship with God and others.

Today as we celebrate the Eucharist, a sacrifice made freely on our behalf, let us repent of the times we've trespassed against God and our neighbor, and embrace the gift of God's law and the true freedom it leads us to.

Cheridan Sanders; Toronto, ON

FR. PASTOR'S REFLECTION

In order to properly understand Jesus' message in today's Gospel, one needs to put themselves in the position of an Israelite of that time; a man who often experienced confusion in the religious aspect of his life. On the one hand, God chooses a nation by giving it a Law, which is about mission, dignity and responsibility. On the other hand, official scholars of the Law break it up into over 600 detailed regulations, difficult to remember, let alone to fulfill. Where to find Life in all of this? How to see the Light in this labyrinth of commands and prohibitions?

The teacher from Nazareth clarifies this confusion not only with wisdom but also with real power. "You have heard that it was said that... And I tell you..." With his proclamation of the kingdom and with his lifestyle Jesus presents change and newness. He returns to the Law and the prophets, declaring that they are necessary, wise and redemptive.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

James William Dworak,
son of Daniella & Christopher

Zosia Lomotowski,
daughter of Magdalena & Adam

We welcome both children
to our Church community and
congratulate their parents and Godparents.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

Agata Kinga Michalczyk,
daughter of Elzbieta and Ryszard
&

Piotr Gorniak,
son of Anna and Krzysztof

who are preparing for Holy Matrimony.

Retreat

Father Ron Rolheiser will lead a retreat on *Spirituality and the Seasons of Our Lives*, **March 6th – 8th, 2020** at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road in Mississauga. For more information and to register please call (905) 278-5229.

Confirmation for Adults

Classes for adults wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation begin this **Friday, February 21** at **8 p.m.** in Sr. Faustina Room. 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.** Classes are held in English and Polish. Call the parish office to register.

Movie Screening



In the year of St. John Paul II, the Parish Council invites all parishioners to a screening of the movie *The Divine Plan*. This is a full-length documentary which analyzes the collaboration between Pope John Paul II and President Ronald Reagan, a collaboration that formed after assassination attempts on their lives. The film raises important question of whether their partnership at the end of the Cold War and the fall of Soviet communism was accidental or providential. Film director Robert Orlando interviews Church experts, politicians and public officials. The film also addresses the relations between the United States and the Catholic Church. The movie is in English and runs for 105 minutes. The screening will take place on Sunday, **February 23rd at 8:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. No admittance fee. <https://www.thedivineplanmovie.com/>

New Kneelers

Recently, all kneelers in the church and in the perpetual adoration chapel have been repaired and the upholstery was replaced. They were badly damaged by children standing on them and by adults keeping their feet on the kneelers. This is why we ask all children and adults no to place their feet on the kneelers. The entire project cost \$16,000.

Families of John Paul II

Young families are invited to consider joining **Families of John Paul II**, a parish group which studies the works of John Paul II and lives by his charism. Contact information can be found on the cover of the Polish bulletin under „Wspólnota Rodzin JP II”.

Thank You!



We wish to thank **Robert Sikora** for modifying and correcting the audio-visual system in our church. He also improved the monitoring system and installed additional cameras in the church. There are now 16 cameras inside and outside the church building, as well as 6 additional cameras monitoring the parking lot. Robert Sikora spent many days modifying the entire system and performed his work pro bono. Thank you very much! **We highly recommend the services of Robert Sikora, NJ TechSYSTEMS in the field of monitoring and camera installations. Contact: (647) 688-6676.**

Income Tax Receipts



All parishioners should have already received their tax receipt by mail. In total, some 3,000 receipts were mailed out, which means that this many families use parish envelopes to support our parish. Thank you all for your financial support. Without you, it would be difficult to maintain our church building and pay the bills. We encourage all parishioners to use Sunday envelopes. They can still be obtained today after Mass from one of the priests or from Sister Karolina. Thank you again for your financial support. May God bless you!

Attention – Fraud!

Recently we have noticed an increase in robbery crimes targeting the elderly. The police calls everyone to be extra vigilant and use common sense before offering our savings to fraudsters who prey on the naivety and good heart of the elderly. No one should give money to anyone who requests it over the phone, allegedly because a family member is ill or was involved in an accident and needs cash right away. Apparently, e-mails have also been sent allegedly from a priest asking for “gift cards.” Don't be fooled! Priests never send such emails to anyone. This is a scam and some of our parishioners have already been robbed of substantial sums.

Upcoming Events

Retreat for High School Students

Youth Teams of Our Lady (YTOL) movement will be hosting a retreat for high school students, grades 9-12, from Sunday **March 15th** to Friday **March 20th**. The retreat will take place in Acton. For more information, please contact Mrs. Anna Jach at (519) 571-9241.

Dynamic Women of Faith

at Le Treport Banquet Hall in Mississauga

An Evening for Mothers & Daughters

Friday, March 27th, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, March 28th

8:30 a.m. – Registration

9 a.m. – Conference 4 p.m. – Mass

Information and Registration

(416) 907-1042

www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

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.

Pilgrimage to Washington

In the year of Saint John Paul II, the Rosary Society is organizing a 3-day pilgrimage under the spiritual direction of Oblate Fathers to the American Częstochowa in Doylestown, PA and the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Pilgrimage dates: **May 22-24, 2020**. Information and registration: Teresa (905) 495-7035 and Wieslawa (416) 799-2122.

Events at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre



Ostatki Dance – February 22, 7 p.m.

Dinner prepared by Chef Jan Gromada. Tickets at \$60 per person can be purchased at JP II Centre and Pegaz Bookstore.

JP II Cultural Centre is offering to host **First Communion Dinners** on May 10th and May 17th at 4 p.m.

Info: (905) 306-9900 events@jp2pcc.ca

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 17th

8⁰⁰ Special intention for the strengthening of faith and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Nicole and Adrian – parents
19⁰⁰ ✚ Elzbieta & Antoni Drobiecki – daughter with family
For health and God's blessing for Klara, Sara, and Monika – grandmother and mother Elzbieta

TUESDAY, February 18th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Rozalia, Stanislaw, and Adam – family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Stanislaw, Maria, and Stanislaw Raczynski, and Miroslaw Kraska
✚ Marian Sapkowski – Winiarz family

WEDNESDAY, February 19th

8⁰⁰ o Thanksgiving to St. Joseph for received graces – Janik family
✚ Mother Wladyslawa Batko – daughter and son with families
19⁰⁰ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, February 20th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Krystyna & Zenon and their children – sister
19⁰⁰ ✚ Jacek & Helena Zaszewski – son with family
✚ Edward Kuziora – wife with family

FRIDAY, February 21st

8⁰⁰ ✚ Stanislaw & Henryka Kuczynski
19⁰⁰ ✚ Ludwik Podgorzec and parents – son with family
For God's blessing and health for the Tarkowski family

SATURDAY, February 22nd

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8⁰⁰ ✚ Janusz Kasak (7th anniv.) – family
17⁰⁰ ✚ Alexander Justin Rabczak (1st anniv.) – parents with family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Bronislawa Szuber – son with family

SUNDAY, February 23rd

8⁰⁰ ✚ Edward Kuziora – daughter Wieslawa
9³⁰ ✚ Monika & Zdzislaw Slawski – son with family
11⁰⁰ For couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries
13⁰⁰ ✚ Zbigniew Karczmarczyk (4th anniv.) – wife with children and grandchildren
14³⁰ ✚ Halina & Antoni Szelest – daughter with husband
19⁰⁰ ✚ Rozalia Gabiga – husband with children

First Reading: Sirach 15.15-20

Responsorial Psalm:

*Blessed are those
who walk in the law of the Lord.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37

Coffee and Donuts are being served by the Youth Choir.

Holy Rosary is being led by Rose #8.

Next week's **Second Collection** will be taken for the Building and Renovation Fund.