

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



How far should a Christian disciple's love extend? Are there not times when we might appropriately retaliate in response to a slight or attack? The recollection of who God is, and who we

are because we belong to God – the theme of all of this Sunday's readings – provides a challenging response.

Christian love is meant to be limitless, extending beyond the local communities and comfort zones of disciples, and embracing even enemies and evildoers. We are not to obliterate our opponents, nor to exact revenge, even if taking only an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. The extent of a disciple's obligation exceeds treating others the way we would like to be treated. A disciple's love gives priority to the other's welfare first.

Disciples aim to emulate God's love, which is selfless, forgiving and unconditional. Such a love has called all creation into being, is ongoing, redemptive and life-giving. Such a love seeks the salvation of all. We can recognize all of this is the gifts of Jesus Christ, who announced the reign of God and freely gave himself up to death on a cross, and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church's midst. Crowned with such steadfast love and mercy, we strive to imitate the perfection – wholeness, holiness – of God with unreserved service of God and neighbor.

Christine Mader; Waverley, NS

First Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48

Coffee and Donuts are being served by Kolbe Youth.

Holy Rosary is being led by Rose #10.

Today's Second Collection will be taken for the Building and Renovation Fund. **Next week's Second Collection** will be taken to offset the cost of radio Mass transmission from our parish.



Income Tax Receipts were mailed out four weeks ago.



FR. PASTOR'S REFLECTION

This coming Wednesday we begin the holy and redemptive period of Lent. The external sign of our entry onto the path of repentance and conversion will be the placing of ashes on our foreheads and our undertaking of various forms of penitential practices.

The ashes remind us that everything earthly has arisen from the dust of the earth and will again turn into dust. Lent is a time of penance, fasting, penitential practices, and prayer, all of which serve our conversion and prepare our hearts for the Resurrection of Christ.

The Precepts of the Church call on all Catholics to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and Holy Communion at Easter, and to refrain from loud parties and festivities. Everyone is encouraged to take up penitential practices in the name of Christ. These could include giving up smoking, drinking, gossiping, or indulging in sweets; deciding to be kinder to one another, spending less time watching TV or using the internet. Choose one of these practices to fully experience the season of Lent. Do this for the crucified Christ.



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WEDNESDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

8 a.m. / 10 a.m. / 7 p.m. – in Polish

5:30 p.m. – in English

Lenten Alms will be collected at each Mass.

FASTING

Ash Wednesday is an obligatory day of fasting for Catholics ages 14 to 60. On this day, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding for individuals from age 14 onwards. Please note that the Church encourages the practice of fasting even for those who are not required to do so.

Lenten Lamentations
Come grow with us in prayer and reflect on Christ's passion during Lenten Lamentations each Sunday of Lent at 6:15 p.m. (in Polish)

Stations of the Cross

Mondays at 6:30 p.m. for children

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in English

Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in Polish

Parish Groups responsible for leading the Stations of the Cross:

Fri.	Feb. 28	Domestic Church
Tue.	Mar. 3	Scouts
Fri.	Mar. 6	Families of JPHI
Tue.	Mar. 10	Knights of Columbus
Fri.	Mar. 13	Kolbe Pro-Life
Tue.	Mar. 17	Kolbe Youth
Fri.	Mar. 20	Holy Rosary Society
Mon.	Mar. 23	Bp. Antoni Dlugosz
Fri.	Mar. 27	Gold Rose Apostolate
Fri.	Apr. 3	Altar Servers (6:15 p.m.)

Plenary Indulgence during Lent

During Lent, plenary indulgence under regular conditions may be obtained by participating in the Stations of the Cross or Lenten Lamentations, as well as by praying "It is I, o good and most sweet Jesus" on each Friday of Lent.

Book of Sobriety

Lent is a wonderful opportunity to take up abstinence from alcohol. The Church calls us to individual and community prayer for sobriety, so that there are no more people and families among us who suffer from alcohol, smoking, and drug addictions. A Book of Sobriety is placed beside the Altar of Relics. Individuals and families are encouraged to sign their names as a pledge to take up abstinence during Lent.



Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites all parishioners to join 40 Days for Life – a global prayer campaign to defend the lives of unborn children. In our parish, this campaign takes the form of silent prayer in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration and runs for the entire period of Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday. We strongly encourage the entire parish to join us in praying to save the lives of unborn children. **All that is needed is an hour of your time.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Evianna Katarzyna Marie Godek,
daughter of Amber and Piotr

We welcome Evianna to our Church community and congratulate her parents and Godparents.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

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

25 th Anniversary	Lucja & Jan Dadej Agnieszka & Dariusz Forys
46 th Anniversary	Jadwiga & Jan Szulc
47 th Anniversary	Danuta & Ryszard Janicki
60 th Anniversary	Bronislawa & Aleksander Dluzen

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.

Faithful Departed



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

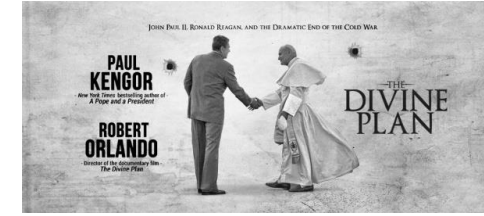
- ✠ Henryk Gruszczynski, 61
- ✠ Krzysztof Ciesla, 66
- ✠ Danuta Polenceusz, 66
- ✠ Danuta Sondej, 70
- ✠ Jan Bledzinski, 75
- ✠ Jan Kania, 82
- ✠ Krystyna Grabiec, 85
- ✠ Bernice Kinal, 87

New Kneelers

Recently, all kneelers in the church and in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel were 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 not to place their feet on the kneelers. The entire project cost \$16,000.

Upcoming Events

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 this Sunday, **February 23rd at 8:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. No admittance fee.

<https://www.thedivineplanmovie.com>

Retreats

Fr. 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.

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.

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 Czestochowa 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.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 24th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Mieczyslaw & Genowefa Lewicki – son
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Aniela & Tomasz Dobrolecki and Slawomir Kostecki – family
- ✠ Michael Warski (2nd anniv.) – wife and friends

TUESDAY, February 25th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For continued grace for Katarzyna on her 30th birthday – parents
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For the grace of faith and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Agnes Mieczkowski on her birthday
- ✠ Richard Jankowski – sisters and brother

WEDNESDAY, February 26th

Ash Wednesday

- 8⁰⁰ ○ Thanksgiving for Barbara on her birthday
- 10⁰⁰ ○ Thanksgiving to St. Anthony for all received graces – Janik family
- 17³⁰ ✠ Adolf Rygiel (1st anniv.) – wife and children with families
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Andrzej Fluder (1st anniv.) – friends

THURSDAY, February 27th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For health, God's blessing, and gift of faith for Marek – grandmother
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef Zoltek – wife with family
- ✠ Marian Grochowski – daughter with family

FRIDAY, February 28th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Eugeniusz Oltarzewski – wife and children
- 18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross in Polish**
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Mieczyslaw Basta – daughter with family
- ✠ Marianna & Roman Tomczak – friends

SATURDAY, February 29th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Mieczyslaw Stryczula (5th anniv.) and Tadeusz Gut (31st anniv.) – sister and daughter
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Franciszka Wos
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Andrzej Przychocko (8th anniv.) and deceased family members – wife with family

SUNDAY, March 1st

- 8⁰⁰ ○ Special intention for all members of the Rosary Society
- 9³⁰ ✠ Marianna, Stanislaw, and Joanna Kowalczyk
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For parishioners and benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Jadwiga & Albin Pigiel – daughter with family
- 14³⁰ ✠ Bronislawa & Kazimierz Oblak – family
- 18¹⁵ **Lenten Lamentations**
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Granddaughter Alicja Lewandowski, son Henryk Bujnowski, husband Henryk Bujnowski – Teresa Bujnowski