

3rd Sunday of Lent



The
Season
of
Lent

I once did a day hike in a desert-like landscape on a hot day in July. By noon, I had no water left in my water bottle. I began to experience an increasingly painful thirst. My throat was parched. My whole body was crying for water while the desert sun kept beating down on me.

The desert can be an image for a period of suffering that we experience in our lives. We can feel so drained, so tired of pain, so distressed. We thirst for some relief, for a better time. We languish.

The Samaritan woman was thirsty. Not just for water but mainly for a better life. She meets Jesus who offers her hope. In fact, he makes a promise to her: "The one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." This sounds too good to be true. But Jesus insists by saying that he is offering her life in all its fullness. She believes in him and her life is transformed.

Jesus invites us today to follow him more closely. As the psalm says, "O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord." By listening to his infinitely merciful and caring voice, we can bring to him the parched and hurting parts of our lives and be transformed.

Emmanuel Martel
Kanata, ON

First Reading: Exodus 17.3-7

Responsorial Psalm:

O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!

Second Reading: Romans 5.1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4.5-42

Coffee and Donuts are being served by Brass Band.

Holy Rosary is being led by Rose #13.

The Rite of Peace

Since many people suffer from flu and colds, we ask parishioners not to shake hands with the people around them. Instead, make a reverential bow of the head and say, "Peace be with you."

*"If you want to follow me,
take up your cross every day..."*
Please join us for the following:

Lenten Lamentations
Sundays 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

The Stations of the Cross will be led by:

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.)

Let us embrace Lenten sobriety with more courage. 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.

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.

Lenten Retreat Schedule

March 22nd – 25th for children, in Polish,
led by Bp. Antoni Dlugosz
March 27th – 29th for adults, in English,
led by Bp. Frederick Henry
March 29th – April 3rd for adults, in Polish,
led by Fr. Andrzej Juchniewicz OMI



Spiritual Adoption of the Conceived Child will take place on **Thursday, March 26th** during the **7 p.m.** Mass.

What is Spiritual Adoption? It is a prayer for a conceived child whose life is threatened with abortion. It lasts nine months and involves praying one decade of the Holy Rosary and a short prayer for the child and the child's parents. Please join us and help save many lives from abortion. Application forms are at the back of the church. More info: (905) 897-0550 (Krystyna) or kolbe.prolife@gmail.com

Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Dorian Klich,
son of Agata & Witold
Olivia Marie Oryschak,
daughter of Pamela & Justin

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bp. John Boissonneau will confirm
our youth on **March 21st at 4 p.m.**
There will be no English Mass at 5 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please note that there is no confession during Sunday Mass. It is each Catholic's duty to attend Mass from the very beginning until the final blessing. Leaving the church before the blessing or being notoriously late is a venial sin. Doing anything but participating in Mass is not allowed; this includes reading the bulletin.

We ask the faithful to leave the confessional door open after their confession.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

Brooke Sayewich,
daughter of Nancy and Paul
& **Jakub Binkiewicz,**
son of Teresa and Miroslaw

Annabel Maria Coelho,
daughter of Eva Maria and Denzil Joseph
& **Marek Dorna,**
son of Lidia and Roman

Magdalena Maria Pierog,
daughter of Anna and Stanislaw
& **Hicham Roumieh,**
son of Nzha and Elias

who are preparing for Holy Matrimony.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites all parishioners to join 40 Days for Life – a global prayer campaign to defend the lives of unborn children. This campaign takes the form of silent prayer in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration and runs throughout Lent. All that is needed is an hour of your time.



Servant of God, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, will be beatified on June 7th, 2020 at Plac Pilsudski in Warsaw, Poland. Those who live outside of Poland and would like to receive entry cards for the beatification ceremony should contact the parish office no later than March 24th.

Euthanasia

The federal government has introduced new legislation expanding the eligibility criteria for euthanasia. There is no longer a requirement that the person receiving euthanasia be terminally ill. Under this legislation, any serious incurable illness, disease, or disability would render one eligible for euthanasia. This is a new chapter of death on demand. Canada has cast aside restrictions at a far quicker pace than any other jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia.

In his letter Cardinal Collins writes: "Under the proposed legislation, disabled Canadians with no terminal illness will now be eligible for lethal injection. People with disabilities already face substantial challenges relating to employment, housing, appropriate medical care and support. Their lives matter. They should never be seen as a burden to our society. We should be alarmed that those who have struggled for decades to be treated with equality may well be pressured, whether from family, friends or even their own health care professionals, to "ease their burden" and end their lives. These people need assisted living, not assisted death. I invite all Canadians concerned about this legislation to contact their Member of Parliament to voice their concerns."



Parishioners are asked not to use offertory envelopes from previous years.

Upcoming Events

Women's Lenten Retreat will take place the weekend of **March 20-22** at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road in Mississauga. The theme is In the Spirit of Quietude and the preacher is Fr. Peter Nowak OMI. For more information please call: (905) 278-5229.

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.

Charity Concert

Radio Polonia Toronto is organizing a charity concert with the participation of various Polish artists. All proceeds will be allocated to help organize Polish language classes for Poles in Brazil. The concert will take place on Friday, **March 27th at 8 p.m.** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre in Mississauga. Free entrance. Info: (416) 938-7141.

Władysław Reymont Foundation

Scholarship applications from the Władysław Reymont Foundation are available at: www.reymontfoundation.com
Application deadline is June 1st, 2020.

ShareLife

Living the Gospel by helping young mothers

Kristen was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. Worried she wouldn't be able to graduate from high school, she reached out to Rose of Sharon. At this ShareLife-funded agency she was able to focus on schoolwork with the help of child minding by the agency. Kristen graduated and was accepted into the medical administration program at Seneca College. "Without Rose of Sharon," says Kristen, "there's no way I would have believed college was a possibility."

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.

Text Scam Targeting Parishioners

Please be aware of scammers who send text messages to parishioners, pretend to be their parish pastor, and ask them to purchase iTunes gift cards to help sick parishioners in the hospital. Similar email scams have taken place in the past. The scams appear to target parishioners who have phone numbers listed on the front of the bulletin or on a parish website. Please note that we never send such requests by phone, e-mail, or text message. If you are a target, we recommend that you contact the police and make them aware of the situation.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 16th

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's grace, blessing, and health for Irena on her birthday – friends
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross (for children)**
19⁰⁰ ✚ Michal Piekny – parents
✚ Jan & Wladyslawa Jozwiak – daughter

TUESDAY, March 17th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Jozefa & Wladyslaw Kociuba – daughter with family
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross (in English)**
19⁰⁰ ✚ Jan & Franciszka Klis
✚ Danuta Antkowiak – sister-in-law with family

WEDNESDAY, March 18th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Cecylia & Jozef Wrobel – Ryszard with family
✚ All deceased from the Napierski family
19⁰⁰ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, March 19th Saint Joseph

8⁰⁰ ✚ Zofia & Jan Sadowski – daughter
19⁰⁰ ✚ Bronislaw Iwanek – daughter with family
✚ Jozef Taborowski – wife with children

FRIDAY, March 20th

8⁰⁰ For God's blessing and grace for Tammy on her 35th birthday
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross (in Polish)**
19⁰⁰ ✚ Jozef & Helena Kondej and parents – daughter with family
Thanksgiving for Jan & Helena Kolpak on their 42nd wedding anniversary

SATURDAY, March 21st

8⁰⁰ ✚ Edward, Joseph, Machoney
16⁰⁰ **Sacrament of Confirmation**
19⁰⁰ ✚ Eugenia & Walerian Poleszuk – daughter with family

SUNDAY, March 22nd

8⁰⁰ ✚ Parents Andrzej & Wladyslawa, and brother Jozef – daughter and sister
9³⁰ ✚ Helena & Boleslaw Golojuch
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✚ Genowefa, Henryk, and Jan Stepień – Halina with family
14³⁰ Czeslawa Wysoczanska – daughter with family
18¹⁵ **Lenten Lamentations**
19⁰⁰ ✚ Mieczyslaw Feret (23rd anniv.) – wife with children

Table Tennis Tournament

March 15th at John Paul II Cultural Centre
More info: <http://centrumtabletennis.com/>