



# Baptism of the Lord

## Baptism



The following child will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

*Lucy Harper Stawarz daughter of Stefanie & Henryk*

We welcome Lucy and congratulate her parents and godparents.

## OBLATE RETREAT January 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>

The Oblates will be away on their annual Retreat. We sincerely ask the faithful for their prayers on behalf of our Oblates so that God may bless them during this time of retreat and renewal.

May they be renewed in Spirit so they may renew us the people of God.

There will be no morning or evening Masses for the entire week including Wednesday evening Group Intention Mass due to the absence of priest in our parish. At 6:30pm, Rose # 10 will lead the rosary that week.

### GROUP MASS INTENTIONS

Please, note that there will be no Group Mass intentions on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OPLATEK** for the group members and their families on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>  
Tickets: Jozef 416 908-3801

### OFFERATORY ENVELOPES FOR CURRENT & NEW USERS FOR 2019

are displayed in the church narthex in alphabetical order according to the family name.

We would like to thank all those who support our parish using weekly envelopes. Please pick up your envelopes at your earliest convenience if you have requested a set. We would also like to ask new parishioners, all those not using envelopes, to consider using weekly envelopes. Please ask for your set at the parish office.

All users of the envelopes are asked to write their name, last name and address on the first "beginning offertory" envelope in order to match the envelope number with the family name signed for it.

Parishioners who did not pick up their envelopes for 2019 are asked to do as soon as possible. Envelopes that were not collected will be passed onto other parishioners. We also ask not to use envelopes from previous years.

In today's liturgy, Jesus experiences a river-baptism, and God's voice is heard proclaiming Jesus to be the Beloved Son of God with the visible presence of the Holy Spirit bearing witness. Do you remember your baptism? Have you ever witnessed someone else's baptism? What do you recall from these baptism liturgies? In today's scriptures, we do well to listen for echoes of our own baptism and the baptisms we have witnessed: water, Spirit, the Trinity, a faith-filled community gathered. This Gospel recounts the final event we celebrate in the Christmas season. The Christmas season looks beyond the baby in Bethlehem. Each feast peels back the layers a little further, each revealing the truth of Jesus of Nazareth from a different perspective. Jesus is the one in whom God keeps the promises made through Isaiah. He will show to the world the glory, justice, power and abundant love of God. And us? Through baptism into Christ, we share in his life in God and in his promise-keeping mission in the world. By our baptism we can lay claim to that divine declaration: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Do you celebrate your baptism date anniversary? Today is a fitting time to do so.

Margaret Bick Toronto, ON

**First reading:** Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11  
**Responsorial Psalm:** O bless the Lord, my soul!  
**Second Reading:** Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7  
**Gospel:** Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

Rose # 10 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by the Catechists.

### RADIO MARYJA OPLATEK

will be held today - Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> - 2:30pm Mass at St. Maximilian Kobe and 4:00pm-banquet at Polish Culture Centre.

### PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - January 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on

January 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>. Those dates were proposed in 1908 by Paul Wattson to cover the days between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul, and therefore have a symbolic significance. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism.

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in Jordan.

Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God.

The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

*Baptism of the Lord is encouraging us to renew our baptismal vows, which our parents took in our name on our baptism day.*

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time comprises two periods: the first period begins the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday; the second period begins on the Monday after Pentecost, the conclusion of the Easter season, and continues until the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. Both of these periods of time, combined, are the longest time in the liturgical year.

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

On the first day of week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions.

Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from the apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's resurrection.

Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.

## From the Pulpit

The Canadian bishops remind us that euthanasia is incompatible with the Sacraments!

Parliamentary legalization does not change the moral law in any way - remind the Canadian bishops - in connection with the law passed in Canada, allowing for euthanasia. They emphasize that this practice still remains a "grave sin against the dignity of human life" and cannot be reconciled with the sacrament of the anointing of the sick or the often-related to it, Sacrament of Confession.

Absolution can only be obtained in the case of conversion and ones changing of the decision about the so-called "assisted suicide". Thus, if one deliberately decides to choose euthanasia, they cannot receive absolution or the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, because they consciously continue to live in conscious grave sin.

The same applies to catholic funerals of people who made the choice of euthanasia. Although the Church allows Christian burials of those who committed suicide, this is due to the fact that the motives and circumstances of those who chose to end their own life are not known to us. However, in the case of euthanasia, it is a conscious choice that is known earlier. The refusal of the last ministry - the bishops explain - serves to show that the choice of such an individual is contrary to the Christian faith. Therefore, a person who asks for euthanasia will not be able to have a Catholic funeral.



January 22 - January 27, 2019

The theme for the 34th World Youth Day, 2019 is, "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:38).

The verse comes from Luke's Gospel account of the birth of Jesus being foretold, when the angel Gabriel came to Mary announcing that she would conceive and bear a son that she would call 'Jesus'. Despite the initial confusion ("How can this be, since I have no husband?"), Mary gave her firm assent and trust to God by saying "May it be done to me according to your word."

## In Short

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw offers undergraduate nursing degree in Polish and English.

Registration deadline is February 11, 2019.

The program can be taken either in Polish and English and both Poles and foreigners are welcome to apply. This 3 year full time nursing program is free of charge for all students throughout all study time.

More information can be found at

<https://collegium-medicum.uksw.edu.pl/pielgniarstwo> or at the Registration Office at 011 48+ 22/ 569 68 32; 569 96 93; 569 96 94; 569 96 92 (office hours Monday-Friday from 9:00am-2:00pm); or email at [irk@uksw.edu.pl](mailto:irk@uksw.edu.pl)

Detailed information for foreigners at

[admission@uksw.edu.pl](mailto:admission@uksw.edu.pl)

Registration for Candidates in English at

[https://irk.uksw.edu.pl/?change\\_lang=en](https://irk.uksw.edu.pl/?change_lang=en)

Registration for Candidates in Polish at

<https://irk.uksw.edu.pl/>

**ADOREMUS PRAYER GROUP OPLATEK** will take place on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm at St. Maximilian/Fr. Bak Room (New Catechetical Centre). Please, note there is no Mass at 7:00pm on that day.

**PRaise AND WORSHIP GROUP ADOREMUS** invites you on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> following the evening Mass for prayer evening with Mother Mary.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE** - The next course will be held from February 25<sup>th</sup> - April 8 2019. Classes will be held on Monday from 8:00pm to 10:00pm, for a total of 7 classes. Sign up - parish office. Cost \$100.00

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE FOR SECOND UNIONS** - couples should attend a specialized marriage preparation offered by the Catholic Family Services. Information/registrations call: 416 921-1163

## Catechism Meetings

CATECHISM MEETING FOR PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN

will be held on

Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm

CATHECHISM MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION YOUTH

will be held on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm  
**FIRST COMMUNION** in 2019 is planned for:

English group -

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 4:00pm

Polish Tuesday group -

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 2:30pm

Polish Saturday group -

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 2:30pm

**CONFIRMATION** is scheduled for Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 4:00pm

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**RADOSC-JOY CHRISTMAS CONCERT** - Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the church hall. Guest performers: Jubileusz 2000 Choir. Tickets \$15.00 and Seniors & Children \$10.00 can be obtained in the parish hall on Sunday or from the group members. Admission by tickets only!

**SCOUTS KARNAVAL DANCE** - Friends of the Polish Scouts ZHP cordially invite you for the KARNAVAL DANCE, on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm at JPII Polish Cultural Centre in Mississauga. Tickets \$60.00 & info: - Magda 416 270-6665 or Joanna 647 281-5008 Delicious Dinner & live band IMPULS.

## St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In 2019 we will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of our parish. The parish anniversary is an opportunity to express our gratefulness to God and to people for 40 years of the existence of our community. Throughout the whole year we will be thanking God for the gift of our parish, this living community which worships God and sustains the faith of our forefathers. Soon our Parish Council will be working on specific plans concerning the anniversary celebrations and events, and we will share this information with you very shortly.

## Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 NO MASS

19:00 NO MASS

TUESDAY, January 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00 NO MASS

19:00 NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, January 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00 NO MASS

19:00 NO MASS

THURSDAY, January 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00 NO MASS

19:00 NO MASS

FRIDAY, January 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00 NO MASS

19:00 NO MASS

SATURDAY, January 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Apolonia Trzeciakowska - daughters & their families

17:00 ☩ Ryszard Leszczewski

19:00 ☩ Helena Babiarczy (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.) - daughter & family

SUNDAY, January 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Franciszek Cwik (8<sup>th</sup> anniv.) - family

9:30 Special intention for God's blessings for Monika on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday

11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

13:00 ☩ Bronisława & Kazimierz Oblak - family

14:30 ☩ Edward Jantos (10<sup>th</sup> anniv.) - wife & children

19:00 ☩ Michalina Janusz - son & family