

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Anniversary of Marriage

Congratulations and may God bless to the following couples:

- 30th anniversary Joanna & Henryk Gadowski
- 30th anniversary Mariola & Dariusz Kielbasa
- 35th anniversary Danuta & Wojciech Siuda
- 45th anniversary Jadwiga & Jan Szulc
- 45th anniversary Maria & Tadeusz Wajda
- 46th anniversary Danuta & Ryszard Janicki
- 55th anniversary Barbara & Jerzy Katarzynski

We wish all of our Jubilee celebrant couples God's grace and blessings on your journey together through life.

The Holy Scriptures – The Book of Life

This motto will signal the beginning of the Lenten reading of the New Testament in our parish. An initiative of the Parish Council, it involves dwelling and reflecting upon chosen excerpts of the Word of God.

On the First and Second Sunday of Lent, excerpts of the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles will be distributed to the parishioners.

If everyone takes a proposed text, within the span of one week, the whole Gospel and Acts of the Apostles will have been read.

The purpose of this initiative is to bring us close to the Holy Scriptures which is the Book of Life and God's autobiography.

We encourage our parishioners to participate in the beautiful Lenten campaign.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF AN UNBORN CHILD - it is an act for the protection and defense of the unborn. We invite all willing to spiritually adopt an unborn child during the Mass on Saturday, March 23rd at 8:00am.

PILGRIMAGE WITH THE ROSARY FAMILY TO QUEBEC – June 7th - 9th Rosary Family organizes a three day pilgrimage to Shrines of Quebec with Fr. Witalij Podolyan, OMI. Info & sign up Teresa 905 495-7035 or Wieslawa 416 799-2122

From the Pulpit

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish 40th Anniversary

This year St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish celebrates the 40th Anniversary of its establishment. Parish Council has prepared many events to thank God for our parish, but what is most important, is to prepare spiritually for this momentous occasion. Among other things, we have planned:

Friday, March 1st and Sunday, March 3rd at 3:30pm & 8:00pm in the parish hall complimentary screenings of “Fatima, Message for our Times”, and a meeting with the director Jaroslaw Manka and Slowomir Skiba, president of the “Polonia Christiana Foundation” of the Institute of Father Piotr Skarga. **Free movie tickets were distributed already and there are no more tickets!**

Parish Families Album

For the 40th Anniversary of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, we would like to prepare a Parish Family Album with pictures of the families of our parish. This will be a beautiful keepsake, and as well, a good opportunity to get to know each other.

During each sitting, one free picture will be taken for the album. You will receive a complimentary album. There will also be an option to purchase pictures and picture packages. Payment to photo company is possible by credit card only at the time of purchase.

Parishioners are asked to register for photo sittings online, at kolbe.ca.

At the same time, today for the last time volunteers and Parish Council members will be helping with registration in the parish hall.

More than 750 families registered for the album already. Thank you!

Countdown for Lent



ASH WEDNESDAY – March 6th
Masses with the blessing of ashes at 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:30pm (Eng.) and 7:00pm.

GROUP MASS INTENTIONS
Please, note that there will be no Group Mass intentions on Wednesday, March 6th.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS A UNIVERSAL DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT FOR ALL FROM 14 YEARS AND UP, AND A STRICT FAST (ONE FULFILLING MEAL AND TWO SMALLER MEALS) OBLIGES THOSE FROM 18-60 YEARS.

The Church encourages the practice of fasting even for those who are not required to do so.

We began the holy season of Lent. We place ashes on our foreheads as an external symbol of entering the road of penance. Ashes remind us that everything comes from nothing and will turn into nothing again.

The season of Lent is a time of fasting, sacrifices, as well as prayer; its aim is to prepare our hearts for a fruitful celebration of our Lord's Resurrection.

Commandments of the Church require us to restrain from participating in parties during the season of Lent, as well as to confess and receive Holy Communion during Easter. We encourage everyone to give up something for Christ. It is still not too late. What will you give up? Turning off the phone, wasting time online? Pick just one thing so that you can fully experience the season of Lent. Do this for the crucified Christ.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The following members have left our community, and entered into the eternal life with the Lord in January/February:

The Late:

- †Henryk Nocon 71 †Elizabeth Szuty 58,
- †Jacek Pelka 42, †Wanda Wargala 76,
- †Krystyna Galaszkiwicz 78
- †Marianna Wilczura 92, †Piotr Buczel 43,
- †Kazimiera Bartoszek 87,
- †Krzysztof Lembas 61, †Jerzy Jablonski 92,
- †Piotr Purek 33, †Halina Studzinski 78,
- †Stanislaw Domanski 86,
- †Krystyna Osuchowska 85,
- †Robert Sidwinski 44.

Eternal Rest Grant unto Them and Let Your Light Shine upon Them.

In Short

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH – March 1st VISITING THE SICK (by our parish Fathers) – please forward names to the parish office. Masses are at 8:00am, 10:00am and 7:00pm. Confession starts at 6:00pm and we kindly ask to make sure it will be done by 8:00pm since there will be a movie show “Fatima. Message for our Times.”

Please do not close door after your confession!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Friday, March 1st The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically and recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentic Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - On March 2nd - Mass and First Saturday Service are at 8:00am.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – March 3rd Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the English groups will take place following the Mass at 9:30am.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE - The next course will be held from February 25th – 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

ADULTS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION - Meetings for adults preparing for the sacrament of confirmation will take place on following Fridays: March 15th & 22nd & 29th & April 5th at 8:00pm in Sister Faustyna Room (new Catechetical Centre). Classes will be held in Polish. All adults interested are asked to contact the parish office at 905 848 2420. *A copy of the baptismal certificate is mandatory upon registration.*

10th ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE & A MOTHER-DAUGHTER EVENT CALLING ALL GIRLS - Dynamic Women of Faith will be hosting its annual conference for Catholic women on Saturday March 23, 2018 from 8:00am-4:00pm at JPPII Polish Cultural Centre in Mississauga with an opening Mass celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish at 9:10am. There is a mother - daughter event Calling ALL Girls the evening before – Friday, March 22nd from 7:00pm-10:00pm! For more information including registration fees and location visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or call 905 907-1042

POLISH CLOSED TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT – today - Sunday, Feb. 24th info & registration www.centrumtabletennis.com or Chris at chris.smektala@gmail.com or 416 358-1183 or Chris at chriswspanialy@gmail.com or 647 241-2833

OSTATKI DANCE organized by the John Paul II Cultural Centre will be held on Saturday, March 2nd Music provided by Impuls and dinner by Chef Jan Gromada. Tickets \$55.00 can be purchased by contacting office at 905 306 9900

POLISH – CANADIAN COINS & STAMP & COLLECTIBLES SHOW 2019 - March 3rd from 9:00am – 4:00pm at Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. Sponsored by the Troyak Club. More information: www.troyakclub.com

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 25th

8:00 † Helena Grochot (1st anniv.) – husband & children
19:00 † Stanislaw & Stanislaw Jablonski - son & family
Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Danuta & Wojciech Siuda on their 35th wedding anniversary

TUESDAY, February 26th

8:00 † Zbigniew Karczmarczyk (3rd anniv.) – wife Dorota
19:00 † Florence Motyka – Teresa & Konrad Teichman
† Krystyna Ossowska (1st anniv.) - family

WEDNESDAY, February 27th

8:00 † Izabela Zeglen - parents
† Wacława & Witold Lazarski - son
19:00 Group Intentions

THURSDAY, February 28th

8:00 † Romuald & Wanda & Kazimierz Kulesza
19:00 † Tadeusz Uranowski – son & his wife
† Jozef Zoltek (2nd anniv.) – wife & children

FRIDAY, March 1st

World Day of Prayer

8:00 † Monika & Leon Ladzik
† Maria & Jan Jazienicki & Teresa Kedziora – family
10:00 † Stefania & Franciszek Poloczek - family
19:00 † Ryszard Michalec (1st anniv.) – sister & family

SATURDAY, March 2nd

8:00 Intention for Rosary Family & Knights of Mary Immaculate
17:00 † Czesława & Ludwik Krawczyk – daughter & family
19:00 † Alicja Lewandowski (anniv.) - mother
SUNDAY, March 3rd

8:00 Intention for members of the Holy Rosary Family & Knights of the Mary Immaculate
9:30 † Klara & Maksymilian Kirchof
11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS
13:00 † Bronisława & Kazimierz Oblak - family
14:30 Special intention for God's blessings for children & grandchildren & great grandchildren - mother
19:00 † Edward Mocko (4th anniv.) - wife

Today's Gospel, taken from Luke's version of the Sermon on the Mount, calls us to forgive our enemies. As a person passionate about social justice, I hear this scripture calling me to also consider empathy and dialogue. Can we identify the humanity and the inherent dignity in those who do wrong to us or to others? Can we love them in a way that also works towards addressing these injustices? To live and love this way can be difficult. It may be easier to see those who hurt ourselves or others as selfish or as intentionally harmful. Yet, that outlook fosters alienation and isolation instead of community and connection. The Gospel recognizes the challenge present here, but encourages us to persist: "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them." In this Gospel, Jesus offers guidance that seems counterintuitive, especially when we are tempted to be angry instead of loving. However, empathy enables us to engage in dialogue, change and social justice. We can see examples of this in peace processes and efforts towards reconciliation in Canada and throughout the world. When we come to a place of understanding, it may also be a place of peace.

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First reading: 1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is merciful and gracious.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.45-49
Gospel: Luke 6.27-38

Rose # 17 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by Kolbe Youth Group.

KOLBE YOUTH GROUP would like to invite today for CROQUETTES & HONEY!

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION will be taken for the renovation fund.

Baptism



The following child will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Emma Leonarda Zukowska daughter of Urszula & Artur

We welcome Emma and congratulate her parents and Godparents.