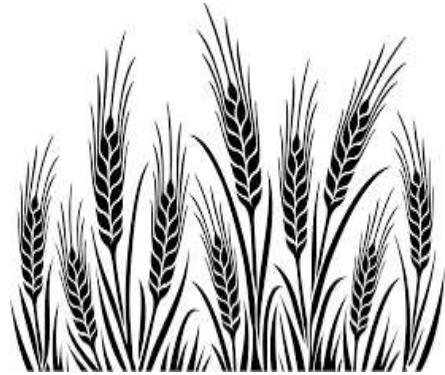


First Sunday of Lent



When we were re-landscaping our yard a few years ago, we decided to get rid of a juniper tree, thinking it would be a simple process. Wrong! We dug, we chopped, and we pulled. Nothing! It was so firmly rooted we ended up pulling it out with a truck. I think of that juniper today when reflecting on Jesus' temptations in the desert. No matter what the devil said or offered, Jesus reminded firmly rooted in God's word. The lure of comfort and wealth and power was no match for what Jesus knew to be ultimately true as revealed in Scripture. Many people view Lent negatively – as a time of deprivation and denial. Today's Gospel reminds us instead that Lent is a time to become more solidly grounded in our faith. Making more time for prayer and Scripture, fasting from things in our lives that keep us from giving ourselves wholeheartedly to God, giving of ourselves in service to others: far from depriving us, these are the tools we can use to ensure that we are firmly rooted in the things of God. As we continue our Lenten journey, may we be strengthened to follow in the footsteps of the One who unflinchingly stood up to evil and ultimately triumphed over it.

Teresa Whalen Lux Regina, SK

First reading: Deuteronomy 26.4-10
Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
Second Reading: Romans 10.8-13
Gospel: Luke 4.1-13

Rose # 19 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by Altar Servers.

ELECTION OF ENROLLMENT OF NAMES for the catechumens of our RCIA Program will be held today at 9:30am Mass.

PARISH ENVELOPES USRES – Envelopes that were not collected will be passed onto other parishioners. Therefore, we ask all envelopes users not to use envelopes from previous years.

Baptism



The following child will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Luke Alan Evans-Nugent son of Pamela & Jamie

We welcome Luke and congratulate his parents and Godparents.

Parish Family Album

We are in the process of taking pictures for our parish family album. The parish family album will be ready by the end of September; therefore all picture taking has to be done by Easter.

We still encourage our other parishioners to register for photo sittings online, at kolbe.ca

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.

ENGLISH LIVING ROSARY GROUP

One of the requirements of the Living Rosary in our Parish is to attend the exchange of mysteries in our Parish on the first Sunday of the Month. In order to support, those who do attend the exchange of mysteries, we have combined the regularly attending members of Rose #29 and Rose #16 into the empty spots of Rose #32. We have also started a waiting list for the next Rose so that as we grow with another 20 people we can re-animate Rose #29 and #16. The leader of Rose #32 is Theresa Rowinski, and the alternate is Jeanne Betkaluk. Members of the new Rose #32, will be contacted. If you are interested in joining a Living Rosary group, or were a member of one of these Roses and not been contacted, please contact Teresa Rowinska or Jan Prymicz. We will accommodate everyone who is interested.

From the Pulpit

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Will be held on Mondays (for children), Tuesdays (English) and Fridays (Polish) at 6:30pm.

Indulgence may be obtained by participating in the Way of the Cross or Lenten Lamentations under regular conditions, as well as praying „It is I, o good and most sweet Jesus” on every Friday of Lent.

SCHEDULE OF GROUPS LEADING THE WAY OF THE CROSS at 6:30 pm

12 III-Tuesday Knights of Columbus English
 15 III - Friday Rosary Family Polish
 19 III -Tuesday Scouts English
 22 III - Friday Families of JPPI Polish
 29 III - Friday Pro-Life Group JPPI Polish
 2 IV – Tuesday Youth English
 5 IV – Friday Crusade for Liberation Polish
 12 IV – Friday Altar Servers at 6:15pm Polish

LENTEN LAMENTATIONS

We warmly invite you to grow with us in prayer and reflect on Christ's passion during Lenten Lamentations every Sunday at 6:15pm.

Passion sermons are part of Lenten Lamentations, celebrated almost exclusively in Poland on each Sunday during Lent. This year, our Pastor Fr. Janusz Blazejak will be giving the passion sermons. We all participate in the tragedy of the death of the Son of God, which took place in Palestine as we are all influenced by it. Because of it, we can achieve salvation. Today, Christ is either living within us or is being crucified. This relates to you, me, your children who stopped attending Holy Mass, and your children-in-law who think that the Church is a product of the past, or your old husband/father/grandfather, who believes that there are too many expectations. All around us we can observe the same scenes from the way of the cross. It doesn't take much to be able to find ourselves among those people, who took part in this historical misterium of crucifixion of the Son of God.

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.

In Short

PRO LIFE GROUP – Pro-Life Group, which was established by our parish, is asking all of the parishioners for a daily silent prayer for the unborn children. There are more than 100,000 abortions that take place in Canada annually. Canada is one of the countries that have liberal laws towards the protection of unborn life. Abortion is possible for almost anyone for almost any reason. We ask that all parishioners join this beautiful initiative of praying for unborn children. All that is needed is one hour of your time. We invite everyone to the Divine Mercy Chapel and to pray in the intention of life, every day between 8:00am and 8:00pm during the entire duration of Lent. Help save lives by joining the 40-day initiative and praying for mothers and their unborn children.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - on Tuesday, February 12th following Holy Mass at 7:00pm and the exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary. After Mass, a meeting will be held in the Knights of Columbus room at the John Paul II Cultural Centre.

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 JPPI 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

IGNATIAN RETREAT – We would like to invite everyone for yet another Ignatian Retreat (in Polish), which will take place at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster, Ontario from June 30th to July 7, 2019. The retreat will be led by Fr. Pawel Sawiak & Fr. Bartosz Ponichtera along with the vocal group "Strong in Spirit." New, as well as previous participants are encouraged to join. Info: www.mocni.jezuici.pl

Catechism Meetings

CATHECHISM MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION YOUTH will be held on Sunday, March 17th at 4:00pm in the church in Polish and in the parish hall in English. Attendance Mandatory!
CATECHISM MEETING FOR PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN will be held on Sunday, March 31st at 4:00pm in the church in Polish and in the parish hall in English. Attendance Mandatory!

FIRST COMMUNION in 2019 is planned for:
 English group –
 Saturday, May 11th 2019 at 4:00pm
 Polish Tuesday group –
 Sunday, May 12th 2019 at 2:30pm
 Polish Saturday group –
 Sunday, May 19th 2019 at 2:30pm
CONFIRMATION is scheduled for Saturday, March 30th 2019 at 4:00pm

LENT TIME BOOK OF ALCOHOL ABSTINENCE

THE LIBERATION CRUSADE is a voluntary commitment to abstain from alcoholic beverages. Everyone is invited to join the Crusade and abstain from consuming alcoholic beverages, especially during the Lent time.

A special book is placed at the altar of St. Maximilian Kolbe and the relics, where everyone is welcomed to write their name and last name, not adding intention or reason to join.

Additionally, the intentions will be prayed in front of the Most Sacred Sacrament and you can add your intention by contacting Danuta or Krzysztof Wojcik 905 272-3717

Pilgrimages

Bus pilgrimage to Wilno on the occasion of the Feast of the Divine Mercy on Saturday, April 27th

Sign-up for the bus pilgrimage is possible in the parish hall. Info: Wieslawa 416 799-2122

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

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of our parish, a pilgrimage to Holy Land will take place between the 20th and 28th of October 2019 For more information please contact Polimex at: 905 238-6683 ext. 427 (ask for Mira).

Other Events

PASSION MUSIC CONCERT – Choir from West Pomeranian University of Technology in Szczecin invites to a concert at St. Maximilian Kolbe on Saturday, March 30th at 8:00pm in the church. Free admission!

LADIES ASSOCIATION FUTURE FAITH (KOLO PAN NADZIEJA) AT SPK # 20 would like to invite to a 3 day trip to Ottawa for a Canadian Tulip Festival from Friday, May 17th 2019. Cost \$475.00 Registration: Mariola 416 622-1771 or Bozena 416 536 4198

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 11th

8:00 † Joseph, Pauline, Edward & Iris Chmiel & Fred Philchuk - family
 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Irena on her birthday - friends
 18:30 The Way of the Cross for Children
 19:00 † Zofia & Eugeniusz Kozacz – son Stanislaw & family

TUESDAY, March 12th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Jozef on his 85th birthday
 18:30 The Way of the Cross (Eng.) – Knights of Columbus
 19:00 † Ryszard Baszak & Teresa Jankievicius – friends † parents Maria & Czeslaw Marcinczak & brother Andrzej & grandparents Marianna & Stefan & Zofia Miasek & her parents & Tadeusz Piasecki & all deceased from Lepek & Zajega families & Jan Wolak

WEDNESDAY, March 13th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Bozena and Krystyna on their name's day † Leonarda Sikora – daughter & family
 19:00 Group Intentions

THURSDAY, March 14th

8:00 † Jozef & Maria Balinski & all deceased from Balinski & Muszydlo families
 19:00 † Felicja Brzeska & Danuta Ostrogorska - family † parents Wiktoria & Mieczyslaw Durbacz & Jan & Jozefa Bialczyk & all deceased from their families

FRIDAY, March 15th

8:00 † Elzbieta Przychodzen (10th anniv.) – sister & family † Maria Barszcz – son & his wife
 18:30 The Way of the Cross (Pol.) – Rosary Family
 19:00 † all deceased from Siuda & Kolodziejczak & Sulej & Wojcik † Janina Konaszenko – son & family

SATURDAY, March 16th

8:00 † all deceased from Kolarski family – son & family
 17:00 † Maria & Jozef Kowalski - daughter
 19:00 † husband Ryszard Stobiecki & mother Gertruda Fobke – wife & daughter & family
SUNDAY, March 17th Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 † Wacława & Jozef Dybinski & Helena & Antoni & Leszek Kloc - children
 9:30 † Felicja & Piotr Bera – son & family
 11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS
 13:00 † Tadeusz Wisniewski (2nd anniv.) - wife
 14:30 † son Henryk Bujnowski (anniv.) & granddaughter Alicja Lewandowski – Teresa Bujnowski
 18:15 Lenten Lamentations
 19:00 † Jozef Kondej & all deceased from Kondej & Rutkowski families – daughter & family