



Third Sunday of Lent

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

In light of Fr. Marcin Serwin birthday on Friday, March 29th, we would like to wish him strength and patience, unwavering faith, an abundance of hope, God's blessings and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in his daily pastoral work especially with youth☺

Baptisms

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Chikeziri Declan Ugorji son of Donna & Aloysius

Maya Amaral daughter of Malwina & Carlos Gabriela Trela daughter of Monika & Dariusz

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

"May your life be fruitful." Years ago, these words were solemnly and sincerely spoken to me. In our own way, each of us receives this same blessing. During lent, we are invited to reflect on the fruitfulness of our lives. Every one of us is created to do more than take up space in the garden. Jesus, in telling the parable of the barren fig tree, teaches us something important. As gardener, he takes and active role in our lives, promising to rework and renew the soil. Gardeners know these unglamorous tasks are essential for producing abundant fruit. Jesus lovingly commits himself to the troubles and trials of our lives. The wise gardener, he knows when and how to amend the soil. Tended carefully, even the least appealing aspects of our lives offer essential nutrients for healthy growth. We can be transformed; our lives can become ever more fruitful. Our "yes" to this growth lies in our personal willingness to repent. Twice in this Gospel, Jesus emphasizes his lack of concern over who is a worse sinner or a worse offender. He simply looks for our willingness to be renewed. At every Eucharist, we renew our "yes." We pray, acknowledging our need for our Lord: "only say the word and my soul shall be healed." May our lives be fruitful.

Brenda Merk Hildebrand Campbell River, BC

First reading: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is merciful and gracious.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12
Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

Rose # 21 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by **Scouts**.

RCIA PROGRAM – The first scrutiny of the elect (catechumens) will take place today during 9:30am Mass.

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

PARISH ENVELOPES USRES –

Sets of envelopes that were not collected will be passed onto other parishioners. Therefore, we ask all envelopes users not to use envelopes from previous years.

PLEASE NOTE!

On Sundays, confessions are not heard during Holy Mass. It is the duty of every catholic to participate in Holy Mass from the very beginning up to and including the final blessing.

Any other activity during Mass is not allowed, including reading the bulletin.

From the Pulpit

CHILDREN LENTEN RETREAT WITH BP ANTONI DŁUGOSZ March 24th - 27th

Today we would like to welcome Bishop Antoni Dlugosz in our parish.

Bp. Antoni Dlugosz will lead the Lenten Retreat for Children in Polish in our parish, beginning today Sunday, March 24th and continue for the next three days at the evening Masses at 7:00pm. All youngest parishioners are invited for their retreat through song and pictures with Bishop Antoni Dlugosz. We invite all families to attend.

Additionally, Bishop Antoni will preach homily during all Polish Masses today.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN Will be held on Monday at 6:30pm.

Today's collection for the poor will be offered to the Bishop Antoni Dlugosz and Albertine Sisters in Częstochowa who run a house for intellectually challenged women. Bishop Antoni Dlugosz is the chaplain of this centre.

Please note, there will be no English Mass on Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00pm as well as the Way of the Cross at 6:30pm due to Children's Retreat with Bp Dlugosz.

Mass at 7:00pm will be held in Polish.

Additionally, there will be no Group Mass intention on Wednesday, March 27th due to Children's Retreat.

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

29 III – Friday Pro-Life Group 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 is giving the passion sermons.

MEETING FOR ROSARY SOCIETY LEADERS' will be held on **Thursday, March 28th** following the evening Mass in the parish hall at 7:30pm and Bp Antoni Dlugosz will give the catechesis. Attendance mandatory! During the meeting there will be also picture taking for our parish album.

In Short

FRAUD PREVENTION

Every year we see a lot of frauds and scams and the Peel Regional Police makes us aware that recently modified money scam is used again. For example an upset person calls you stating they are a family member and they may use the person's name and claim they need money to be bailed out immediately. A second person will take the phone, claiming to be an officer or lawyer who will give you instructions on how to wire the money. Usually older members of our community are the victims. Please be extra cautious while taking phone calls.



ShareLife is more than an annual campaign - it's a way to give the hand of Christ to those in need! Each year, thousands of people turn to ShareLife agencies for help. These agencies provide services in an environment which carry catholic values, along with the Gospel message to those living in poverty. When we support ShareLife, we do more than give a donation, more than anything; we show that the catholic community is actively engaging in social services in our archdiocese.

Next Sunday, March 31st we will have the first ShareLife collection. As a family, can you afford \$100 for ShareLife (Lenten Almsgiving)? Our parish is the largest in the Archdiocese; however, our ShareLife donations are 50% less than the second largest parish, Merciful Redeemer, in Mississauga.

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. 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.

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. Cost \$620.00 Info: www.mocni.jezuici.pl For registration please contact Magda at www.magis.webs.com or email magis0007@gmail.com or 905 301-7544

Other Events

CONFERENCE OF POLISH PRIESTS IN EASTERN CANADA

Invites all to Wilno on the occasion of the Feast of the Divine Mercy on **Saturday, April 27th**
The Holy Mass will be celebrated by **Archbishop Tadeusz Wojda from Poland**. 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 today. Cost \$40.00

Info: Wieslawa 416 799-2122

Radio Maryja is organizing their bus pilgrimage as well and their bus will leave on **Saturday, April 27th at 6:00am** from St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish parking

EASTER BANQUET - Radio Maryja would like to invite everyone for the Easter Banquet on **Sunday, April 28th - at 2:30pm** - a Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, followed by the banquet at **4:00pm** at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Dinner provided by Jan Gromada as well as an **Easter concert by Anna Wojcik** accompanied by **Bartosz Hadala** are also included in the program. Tickets \$55.00 can be obtained by calling **Joanna Szydłowska at 905 819 1040** or **Joanna Strzezek: 905 845-3553**.

Pilgrimages

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 today in the parish hall or through 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).

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**

Catechism Meetings

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!



JP II POLISH CULTURE CENTRE is looking for an Event/Marketing Coordinator. Info 905 306-9900 ext. 22 or email at gm@jp2pcc.ca. Applications will be taken until **March 29th**.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 25th

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 ☩ Helena & Jozef & Wieslaw & Waldemar Miastkowski & all deceased from Kochanski family – family
☩ Stefan Bernat (2nd anniv.) – Lucy Springer
☩ Maria & Stanislaw Stec – daughter & family
18:30 The Way of the Cross for Children
19:00 In intention of Children

TUESDAY, March 26th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings and for healing for Andrzej
☩ Janina Tyrz – Grazyna & Bogdan
☩ Edward Galek

19:00 In intention of Children

WEDNESDAY, March 27th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Zdzislaw on his 68th birthday
☩ Jozef Skibniewski – daughter & family
☩ Katarzyna & Jan Pyz – son & family

19:00 In intention of Children

THURSDAY, March 28th

8:00 ☩ Stanislaw Szymkowiak - family
19:00 ☩ Marian & Jan & Maria Cislo - family
Special intention for God's blessings for Helena & Jan Kolpak on their 41st wedding anniversary

FRIDAY, March 29th

8:00 ☩ Maria & Marian Krak & Krystyna Grabowska – Agnieszka & family
☩ Roman Sroslak – Romaniewicz family

18:30 The Way of the Cross (Pol.) – Pro-Life Group

19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI on his birthday
☩ Jozef Taborowski – Guzda family
SATURDAY, March 30th

8:00 ☩ Maria & Stanislaw Palka – daughter Stefania & family

16:00 CONFIRMATION

19:00 ☩ parents from Jachymiak & Zoltek families

SUNDAY, March 31st

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 ☩ Marian & Stanislaw Kasprzyk & Helena & Jozef Gogol & Elzbieta Borkowska - family

9:30 ☩ Dariusz Niemczyk (5th anniv.) - family

11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

13:00 ☩ Genowefa & Henryk & Jan Stepień – Halina & family

14:30 ☩ Antoni Kozłowski – daughter & family

18:15 Lenten Lamentations

19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Katarzyna & Witold Baskiewicz & their daughters