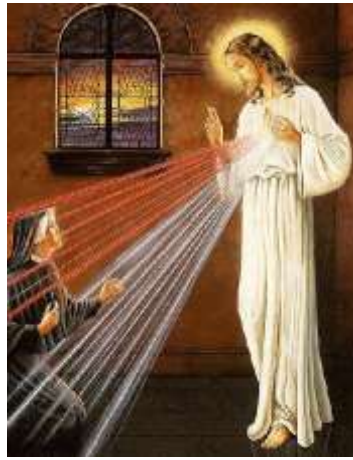


Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy

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Baptisms



The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Adrian Joseph Crawford son of Natalie & Andrew
Nikolas Adam Pastuszka son of Andressa & Lukasz
Kazzandra Victoria Obyrtacz daughter of Fredeline & Kazimierz
Adam Marcin Pye son of Joanna & Kevin
Ashley Eve Olivia Corvinelli daughter of Sonia & Vincent

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

Weddings



The following couples are planning to be married:

Caroline Maria Kielbasa daughter of Marta & Bogdan
Steven Coles son of Shirley & John

Gabriela Pawlica daughter of Anna & Piotr
Alexander Piotr Wlodarski son of Iwona & Marek

We wish them all God's blessing.



The Archdiocese of Toronto is conducting the annual collection of charitable donations for ShareLife.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish is the largest parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto; however, our charitable donations for ShareLife are modest in relation to other, much smaller parishes. Last year, we collected \$80,000 for ShareLife. For comparison, here are the amounts donated by several neighbouring parishes:

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish- \$413,372
 Blessed Sacrament Parish- \$344,210
 St. Gregory's Parish-\$273,512
 St. Patrick's Parish, Markham- \$260, 162
 St. Clement's Parish- \$216, 769

Is it possible for every family to make a charitable donation of \$100 once a year?

Our parish Share Life collection so far was \$50,000 and we would like to thank for your support! Our parish goal this year is \$110,000.

The next Share Life collection will take place on Sunday, May 5th.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today - Sunday, April 28th, our parish is celebrating Solemnity of Divine Mercy and Parish Feast.

The Holy Mass at 11:00am will be celebrated by Archbishop Tadeusz Wojda from Poland and will be ended with

“Ciebie Boga Wyslawiamy” Psalm.

There will be no procession around the church.

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter.

The devotion was actively promoted by Pope John Paul II.

It was officially designated as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy (Dominica II Paschae seu de divina misericordia) in the General Roman Calendar on April 30, 2000 during the Canonization of Sister Faustina Kowalska. It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Church.

The promotion of designating this day as a Sunday of the Divine Mercy began in 1938 by Fr. Michal Sopocho who was the confessor of Saint Faustina Kowalska.

In 1995, Saint John Paul II designated the Sunday of the Divine Mercy in all of the dioceses in Poland as a result of a request from the Polish Episcopate.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS

This coming Wednesday is the beginning of May, the month of Our Lady and Our Queen. It's in Mary's school that we learn to surrender ourselves to God.

May devotions will start May 1, daily at 6:30pm, on Wednesdays, together with the devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and on Saturdays, after the morning Mass. On Mondays we invite all children to join Marian Devotions. During May devotions, we will be reading meditations to deepen our faith. On May 1, we honour St. Joseph the Worker. On this day, we will pray for all workers, those who are unemployed, and those who are seeking employment.

CHAPEL OF THE DIVINE MERCY – ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Chapel is open 24/7 (The entrance is located beside the parish office) We invite all the faithful to prayer and perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For further information/registration call: Mr. Andrzej Chmura at 905 949-1237

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS

OUR PARISIONERS

We would like to extend a special thanks to those who took an active part in the liturgy of the Paschal Triduum: our Lectors and Eucharist Ministers, organists, parish choirs, Brass Band Orchestra, Altar Servers, members of the Church Committee and all those who decorated the church. Additionally, The Rosary Family Leaders would like to thank all those who helped with the Easter church cleaning.

OUR FAMILY ALBUM TEAM

The photo taking sessions have come to an end! Heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who devoted their time helping to arrange sittings, making phone calls to confirm sittings, and on-the-scene organization.

They are: Katarzyna Baszkiewicz, Malgorzata Prochowski, Marta Pietrzak, Adam Sliwiński, Diana Kurzeja, Dorota Paszuk, Ewa Gut-Policht, Ewa Labenda, Ewa Lipnicki, Jolanta Kruk, Julian, Laura i Karolina Pietrasik, Karolina Radziwon, Krystyna Moroz, Liliana Juchniewicz, Magda Hofman, Rita i Joe Kubat, Sylwia Bogdanowicz, Theresa Rowinski, Ursula Makula, Veronica Siuda, Parish Council Committee members. In a special way, we thank Magda Hofman for coordinating this project, for her dedication and patience! May God repay you abundantly!

OUR PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST PLAY ACTORS

We would like to express our gratitude to all the actors who participated in the Passion of Jesus Christ play. Their dedication and passion in recreating the last days of Christ brought us closer to the mystery of our own salvation. This year's Misterium was filled with depictions of Polish Saints played amazingly by our parishioners. We would like to give special thanks to Sr. Karolina Szymkowiak for coordinating the play as well as Misterium Team and more than 40 people. We would like to thank the Youth Choir “Chorek”, and 20 young people; especially Joanna Ruta and Marek Retmeier for their extraordinary commitment and beautiful music. We would also like to acknowledge the talents, long hours, dedication and hard work of Brozda Family, Jan Prymicz, Stanislaw Armatowicz, Ela Kozłowska, Artur Jakubczyk and Turner & Porter for the set design. Thanks to them, the atmosphere surrounding Christ's passion would not have existed. Special mention must also be given to Beata Wiekiera who created the Veil of Veronica and a copy of the Shroud of Turin and a copy of Manopello Veil, props, which are the proof of the living Christ touching our hearts. We also express our thanks to Pawel Nikolaou for coordinating the lighting and Michal Kowalczyk for sound effects and technical support. We also show our appreciation to Migdal & Serwin Photography & Videography and Tadeusz Wolinski, Polish Studio and Andrzej Kumor from Goniec Newspaper documenting the Misterium on photographs and video. A special thank you goes to Marek Serwin for the unique poster promoting the Misterium Play and to Sweet Temptations for preparing breads for the Last Supper. Above all we would like to thank Fr. Janusz Blazejak for his unconditional support at every moment of the play preparation and Misterium promotion.

From the Pulpit

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY – May 1st - International Workers' Day is celebrated in many countries. This can be a day to recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible on their work, and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH - May 2nd – Prayer for vocations at 6:30pm.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH – May 3rd **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.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - On May 4th - Mass and First Saturday Service are at 8:00am.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – May 5th Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the English groups will take place following the Mass at 9:30am



THE CANADIAN POLISH CONGRESS DISTRICT is organizing the commemorations of the anniversary of the enactment of the Polish

Constitution on Sunday May 5, 2019. The festivities will commence with Holy Mass at 11:00 am at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Following Holy Mass, a short ceremony will take place on the Polish Patriot's monument square adjacent to the John Paul II Polish Culture Centre and will include raising Canadian and Polish national flags, the singing of the National Anthems and short speeches. *We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone!*

ADVERTISEMENTS

All interested in placing an advertisement in our bulletin from October 2019 to October 2020 are asked to contact parish office at 905 848-2420 starting from Tuesday, May 7th

New advertisements will be placed in the spots of those clients who have resigned. Advertisements are taken on a first come-first serve basis.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE – Pro-Life Kolbe Group invites you to the March for Life in Ottawa, on Thursday, May 9th. Theme of this year's march is "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" (Mt 25, 40) Cost \$50.00 Info & sign up Halina 416 274-7184 or Ula 647 836-2952

ANNIVERSARY MASS – May 12th at 11:00am for couples celebrating their wedding anniversary. Please forward the names to the office at 905 848-2420

IGNATIUS RETREAT –will take place at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster, Ontario from June 30th to July 7, 2019. Info: www.mocni.jezuici.pl For registration please contact Magda at www.magis.webs.com or email magis0007@gmail.com or 905 301-7544

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND ON THE OCCASION OF THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH October 20th, 28th

In the program: Nazareth, Cana of Galilee, See of Galilee, Mount of Olives, Qumran National Park, as well as the Way of the Cross, King David's Tomb, Wailing Wall, Bethlehem and many more.

Info: Polimex Travel
 905 238-6683 ext. 427 (ask for Mira)

Planning for the Altar Servers' summer camp in Barry's Bay (Kaszuby) is under way. The camp will take place July 22-31, 2019. We are looking for volunteers for the positions of guardian, life guard and nurse. Please contact Father Grzegorz Nowak, OMI if you are able to help out.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 29th
St. Catherine of Siena

8:00 ✚ Ryszard Kukulski – son & family
 19:00 ✚ Katarzyna & Franciszek Oblak – family
 ✚ Maria & Stanislaw Klucz & Balbina & Walerian Ciesla - children

TUESDAY, April 30th
St. Marie of the Incarnation

8:00 ✚ Julita Machowska (10th anniv.) – husband & family & Braczek family
 19:00 ✚ Zofia & Jerzy Pudelko & all deceased from family – daughter & family
 ✚ all deceased from Raczynowski & Kraska families - family

WEDNESDAY, May 1st
St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 ✚ Jozefa Silicka & all deceased from Czarnota family
 ✚ Stanislaw Szafranek –daughter & family

19:00 **Group Intentions**
THURSDAY, May 2nd St. Athanasius

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Maks on his 6th birthday
 19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for priests & religious men and women - Apostolate "Golden Rose"
 ✚ Janina Wendel – Kalin & Wendel families

FRIDAY, May 3rd
Saints Philip and James

8:00 ✚ Stanisława & Piotr Jurczak & Andrzej Smola - Elzbieta & family
 Special intention for Czesława & Stanislaw Janik on their 60th wedding anniversary – daughter & family

10:00 ✚ Lukasz Dracz (1st anniv.)
 19:00 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Anna & Krzysztof & their families – parents

SATURDAY, May 4th

8:00 Intention for Rosary Family & Knights of Mary Immaculate
 17:00 ✚ parents - daughter
 19:00 ✚ all deceased from Bielecki & Wolak families – family

SUNDAY, May 5th

8:00 Intention for members of the Holy Rosary Family & Knights of the Mary Immaculate
 9:30 Special intention for God's blessings for Ewa & Jakub on their 22nd wedding anniversary
 11:00 **In intention of Poland – CPC Mississauga Branch**
 (Anniversary of May 3rd Polish Constitution)
 13:00 ✚ Stanislaw Baran & all deceased from Baran family - wife
 14:30 ✚ Krystyna & Stanislaw Nowak – daughter & family
 19:00 ✚ Stanisława & Kazimierz Urbanowicz – son & family

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The following members have left our community, and entered into the eternal life with the Lord in April

The Late:

✚Jakub Glowinski 34, ✚Jan Zaniewicz 91,
 ✚Wanda Hardt 78, ✚Eugeniusz Oltarzewski 64
Eternal Rest Grant unto Them and Let Your Light Shine upon Them.

In today's Gospel, Thomas' act of doubt reveals an important aspect of faith. Faith is rooted not only in a supernatural virtue, but in the experience of inclusion. Imagine how Thomas felt when the other disciples joyfully told him of their encounter with the risen Lord. The pain of exclusion can be heard in his declaration, "I will not believe." Thomas has missed out on one of the most important events his companions had ever experienced. The disciples have been elevated to a new level of awareness about Jesus. Thomas, however, has not. He feels excluded. His is a normal human reaction. We don't like to miss out on the action. Absent from some great event, we may seek to minimize the experience of those who were present. But in doing so, we erect walls around our hearts and barriers between ourselves and others. Jesus breaks through Thomas' feeling of exclusion. He welcomes Thomas by inviting him to put his hand in Jesus' side. "Do not doubt but believe," Jesus says. Thomas has been given the gift of welcome. Jesus has healed Thomas' wound, the wound of being left on the outside. Perhaps we can do as Jesus did with those we see sitting on the sidelines. It may strengthen their faith – and ours.

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First reading: Acts 5.12-16
Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
Second Reading: Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Gospel: John 20.19-31

Rose # 27 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by Rosary Family.

On the occasion of the parish feast Holy Rosary Family would like to invite all parishioners and guests to our parish hall to taste the specialties of the Polish cuisine: cabbage stew, pierogis, sausages, and other delicious food.

KOLBE YOUTH GROUP would like to invite next Sunday, May 5th for HONEY & CROQUETTES as well as PIEROGIES FROM SUPREME PIEROGIES!!!

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

Today's collection for the poor by the church entrance will be offered to Bishop Tadeusz Wojda from Bialystok, Poland.

