

Before the final blessing at each Mass, we will recite the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, Patron of the Archdiocese of Toronto.



Leaving old ways behind is not easy. Today's readings remind us that breaking away from the past is essential to obtaining eternal life with Jesus Christ. After the Pharisees and scribes accuse a woman of committing adultery, Jesus provides them with the opportunity to examine their consciences and begin a new life centred on forgiveness. They choose to walk away, silently rejecting this invitation. It is the woman who gains freedom from her past. With her accusers gone, she is no longer bound by their punishment. But her true freedom comes from the forgiveness Jesus gives her. She is left alone with this man who gives her a new chance at life. Her only instruction is to go on her way and not sin again. Never sinning again is impossible, as we often repeat past mistakes. However, the Lord's mercy is infinite and if we continue to seek forgiveness for our sins, he grants it. In this way we can work on our transgressions, leaving them behind and entering into a Christ-centred life. This work is hard, but by keeping our hearts open, we can receive Jesus' forgiveness as well as strength to begin anew.

Elizabeth Chesley-Jewell, Toronto ON

**First reading:** Isaiah 43:16-21  
**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 3:8-14  
**Gospel:** John 8:1-11

Rose # 23 will lead the rosary this week.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS** will be served today by **Kolbe Youth Group** for the needs of the parish.

#### KOLBE YOUTH GROUP

would like to invite also today for **HOT DINNER & HONEY & CROQUETTES** as well as **PIEROGIES FROM SUPREME PIEROGIES!!!**

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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – today - April 7<sup>th</sup>** Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the **English groups** will take place following the Mass at **9:30am**.

**ADOREMUS PRAYER GROUP** will be joining the Polish Lenten Retreat on **Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** and there will be no **PRAYER EVENING WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** on that day.

# Fifth Sunday of Lent



**FIRST COLLECTION** for Share Life was \$49,221.00 and we would like to thank for your support! **Last year, the first Share Life collection was \$29,355.00** Our parish goal this year is \$110,000. We thank you sincerely! God bless!

## Weddings



The following couple is planning to be married:  
*Nicole Antonina Szczepanowski daughter of Jolanta & Pawel*  
*Bartosz Lech Debowski son of Renata & Zbigniew*

We wish them all God's blessing.

## Parish Family Album

This week we are ending pictures taking 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](http://kolbe.ca) There are still spots on April 12.

## The Holy Scriptures – The Book of Life

This motto signaled the beginning of the Lenten reading of the New Testament in our parish. Today again, we encourage reading together the Gospel according to Matthew Chapter 28. 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.

## Other Events



**THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST PLAY** - will once again be presented in our parish, on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. The Pascal Mystery is the story of Jesus' sufferings, and the bringing to completion of our Lenten retreat, which concludes the preceding day. Every year, the Paschal Mystery draws a large audience, left with unforgettable and lasting impressions. This is proof that an artistic play is a wonderful medium joining 2 worlds: the material and the spiritual. The performing actors, special effects and music give one the impression of being a participant in the Pascal Mystery! Come and see!

## From the Pulpit

Starting with the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the character of this Liturgical Season changes. Up until today, the church called us to conversion and penance, and profiting from the graces of forgiveness which our Merciful Lord wants to bestow on us.

From today, we cover all the crosses with a purple veil. From whence came the custom of veiling crosses? Well, in the beginning, images of Jesus Christ on the cross portrayed him as a Priest or King. On his head, there was a king's crown, and not a crown of thorns. As Easter approached, Christians were reminded of the passion that is why they veiled the crosses. The Kingship of our Redeemer was replaced by His passion and death.

## LENTE RETREAT IN ENGLISH WITH Bp Frederick Henry from Calgary

**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00pm** Eucharist with homily  
**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:30am** Eucharist with homily

### LENTE RETREAT IN POLISH

Our Lenten Retreat in Polish begins today. It is a time to reflect upon one's self and one's life; it is worthwhile also to stop for a moment, in quiet contemplation, to meet with God and to meet with one's self.

We warmly greet Fr. Mieczyslaw Halaszko OMI, a missionary from Poland, who will be our retreat master. The retreat schedule can be found in the Easter Program. Let us remember to pray for the intention of our retreat! May our participation in the retreat and receiving the sacrament of Confession be the most important tasks in the upcoming week.

Friday is the last day of our Lenten Retreat. There will be an additional collection for the Seminary of Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Obra, Poland. Envelopes can be found at the back of the church. We ask for your generosity.

### THE WAY OF THE CROSS 12 IV – Friday Altar Servers at 6:15pm Polish

We would like to invite all parishioners as well as all youth to our Lenten Retreat; therefore all meetings and classes that are held during the Retreat Time until April 12<sup>th</sup> as well as during the Holy Week should be cancelled.

### PEASE NOTE

There will be no English Mass on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm due to Polish Retreat. Mass will be held in Polish. Additionally, there will be no Group Mass Intentions on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> due to Retreat and on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> due to Reconciliation Sacrament.

### LENTE 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.

**PALM SUNDAY – April 14<sup>th</sup>** - Next week we will be celebrating Palm Sunday which commemorates Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. Palms will be blessed during every Mass. They are supposed to symbolize the Jerusalem Palms, which were put at Jesus' feet upon his arrival into the Holy City of Jerusalem. The Scouts are the only organization that has the permission to sell Palms. The Scouts will be selling them in front of the church.

### LENTE RECONCILIATION at our parish will take place on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

& Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
 Please, do not wait until the last moment to go to confession. You can make use of this sacrament by coming a half an hour early before every Mass.

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.

### THE EXTREME WAY OF THE CROSS

On April 12, 2019 900 groups in 20 countries will set out on The Extreme Way of the Cross. In Canada, an Extreme Way of the Cross will be accessible in Toronto and Kitchener. In Toronto starts on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Casimir's Parish in Toronto with Mass at 7:00pm and ends at St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish in Brampton with Mass at 8:30am. More info and registration at [www.edk.org.pl](http://www.edk.org.pl) or Facebook page EDK Toronto-Extreme Way of the Cross.

### CLEANING OF THE CHURCH & PARISH HALL

On Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm Youth & Scouts are welcome!  
 We invite especially our youth, who can use this opportunity to complete their volunteer hours required for their high school diploma.

## In Short

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CONFERENCE OF POLISH PRIESTS IN EASTERN CANADA

Invites all to Wilno on the occasion of the Feast of the Divine Mercy on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>

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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> - 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.

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE** – Pro-Life Kolbe Group invites you to the March for Life in Ottawa, on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. 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

## Pilgrimages

**PILGRIMAGE WITH THE ROSARY FAMILY TO QUEBEC** – June 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish, a pilgrimage to Holy Land will take place between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2019 For more information please contact Polimex at: 905 238-6683 ext. 427 (ask for Mira)

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mocni.jezuici.pl) For registration please contact Magda at [www.magis.webs.com](http://www.magis.webs.com) or email [magis0007@gmail.com](mailto:magis0007@gmail.com) or 905 301-7544

**SCOUTS SPRING DANCE** - Friends of the Polish Scouts ZHP cordially invite you for the SPRING DANCE, on Saturday, April 27, 2019 in JPII Polish Cultural Centre, organized to raise funds for renovations of scout's camps in Kaszuby, Ontario. Tickets \$55, Magda: 416-270-6665. Delicious Dinner prepared by Jan Gromada, lottery, live band 'IMPRES – We hope you'll join us & support Polish Scouts!

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, April 8<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ all deceased from Nalepa & Rak families – children  
 ☩ parents Julia & Franciszek & all deceased from family  
 ☩ Jozef Niemołto (38<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – daughter & family  
 10:00 ☩ Władysława & Jozef Szywała & Stanisław Baran - children  
 18:30 The Way of the Cross for Children  
 19:00 ☩ Longin Kulina - sons

### TUESDAY, April 9<sup>th</sup>

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings  
 Special intention for God's blessings for Paul  
 Special intention for God's blessings for all abused  
 10:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Barbara Jeziorska on her birthday - children  
 19:00 (Pol.) ☩ Barbara Matzenauer - daughter & family

### WEDNESDAY, April 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Marzena  
 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Piotr  
 Special intention for health for Marzena  
 9:30 Lenten Lamentations  
 10:00 ☩ Leon Antkowiak (16<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – daughter & family  
 18:30 Lenten Lamentations  
 19:00 ☩ Jozefa & Adolf Malara

### THURSDAY, April 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Tadeusz Zmijak & Jan Jaroszynski – family  
 ☩ Leon & Anna Kulik – children  
 Special intention for God's blessings for Grzegorz Janik on his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday – sister & family  
 10:00 ☩ parents Eudacja & Teodor Wetchacz – daughter & family  
 19:00 ☩ Jozef Taborowski – Maria Pigiel

### FRIDAY, April 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for mother Czesława Janik on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday – daughter & family  
 In intention known to God only  
 ☩ Maria Taborowski – Rita Selwa & family  
 9:30 The Way of the Cross  
 10:00 ☩ parents Antonina & Boleslaw & sister in law Zenobia Kocembow – daughter & family

18:15 The Way of the Cross (Pol.) – Altar Servers  
 19:00 ☩ Zofia & Romuald Dudaref – daughter Danuta

### SATURDAY, April 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Jan & Wiktoria Wytrwał – daughter & family  
 17:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Elzbieta & Edward Sowa on their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
 19:00 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Teresa & Jan

### SUNDAY, April 14<sup>th</sup> Passion Sunday

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Antonina & Marian Antonczak on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
 9:30 ☩ Henryk & Sabina Ziolkowski – Lucy Dworak & family  
 11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS  
 13:00 ☩ Helena Klej (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – husband & children  
 14:30 Special intention for God's blessings for children: Pawel & his family & Piotr - parents  
 18:15 Lenten Lamentations  
 19:00 ☩ Jan Jozefczyk (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – son & family