

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Early in his papacy, Pope Francis used a striking image to describe the kind of leadership priests should exercise in their faith communities. He urged them to be shepherds marked by “the smell of the sheep.” A similar image appears in today’s first reading, where God names King David as the “shepherd of my people Israel.” The reading from Colossians describes the supreme authority of Christ over all things. Yet throughout his early ministry Jesus modelled servant leadership, which we could also call “shepherd leadership.”

The daily news often shows a different style of leadership, characterized by arrogance, greed, hunger for power and a disregard for the common good. The kind of leadership suggested in today’s readings, by contrast, is marked by service, humility and compassion. As the taunting onlookers in the Gospel scene mock the kingship of Jesus, we get a glimpse into the heart of true leadership. In the interaction between the crucified Jesus and the “good thief,” we see an example of a humble petitioner – “Jesus, remember me...” – receiving not judgment but forgiveness: “Today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Today we seek the grace to practice and to encourage, through our prayers and our actions, the kind of shepherd leadership modelled by Jesus.

Krystyna Higgins; Guelph, ON

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5.1-3
Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Second Reading: Colossians 1.12-20
Gospel: Luke 23.35-43

COFFEE & DONUTS will be served by the Domestic Church.

ROSARY is being led by Rose number 54.

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

EXCHANGE OF ROSARY MYSTERIES will take place on Sunday, December 1st after the Rosary Devotion at 7:30 a.m. (in Polish) and after the 9:30 a.m. Mass (in English).

MAMI – Friends of the Missions Group will meet on **Friday, November 29th** after the evening Mass. All members and friends are invited to take part in the Eucharist at 7 p.m.



Today, the Catholic Church celebrates the last Sunday of the liturgical year. The culminating point of the entire year is the celebration of Christ the King of the Universe who reigns in heaven and on earth. The solemnity of Christ the King points us toward the ultimate goal of human life, that is, union with God and devotion to the reign of his love in his Kingdom. Next Sunday marks the beginning of Advent and a new liturgical year.

ADVENT RETREAT (in Polish) will take place from **Sunday, December 8th** to Wednesday, December 11th. It will be led by Fr. Arkadiusz Cichla OMI, a Missionary from Ukraine.

ROYAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS Exchanging of gifts during the Christmas season goes back to the baroque era. The belief was that each gift is a gift from the heart; therefore, even the smallest of gifts would provide the receiver with extreme joy.

For the past number of years, our parish has been sponsoring “**Royal Christmas Gifts**” for orphanages in Poland. If you would like to be a part of this tradition, please consider making a monetary donation next **Sunday, December 1st**. Donations will be collected at the door of the church.

FOOD DRIVE We also remember about those in need in our local community. The Parish Council and the Knights of Columbus are organizing an annual food drive for the Good Shepherd Ministries and the Mississauga Food Bank. Non-perishable food items will be collected in the parish hall and by the church entrance on **Sunday, December 1st** only! Most needed items are: rice, pasta, coffee, and all kinds of canned goods (meat, soup, vegetables, fruits). **No expired food, please!**

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2020 are displayed in the parish hall in alphabetical order by last name. IMPORTANT! Please make sure that the number on the label matches the number on the envelope. Also, please write your full name, address, and phone number on the first envelope in order to match the envelope number with the family name signed on it. Any errors should be directed to the parish office.

ALAR SERVER CANDIDATES will partake in a special ceremony on **Sunday, December 1st at the 1 o’clock Mass**. They will receive a surplice – a visible sign that they are preparing to take an Altar Server Oath in June of next year. Please remember our newest candidates in your prayers.

The Knights of the Immaculate

The Knights of the Immaculate is a Marian apostolic movement founded by Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe. Their objective is to strive for the conversion of sinners and those who have not yet found Christ, the conversion of the enemies of the Church, the unification of Christianity and for the sanctification of all, under the protection and through the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin.

Saint Maximilian summarized the purpose of the Knighthood in the slogan: “Conquer the whole world for the Immaculate Virgin, that she, and through her, Christ may reign in the souls of all people.” Today, the Knights of the Immaculate Virgin Mary pray for atheists and religiously indifferent people, as well as those who have forgotten God and Christian values. Additional information about the Knighthood of Immaculate Virgin Mary is posted on a bulletin board in the church hallway.

A Solemn Act of Consecration for new members will take place on **Saturday, December 7th**, after the morning Mass. **Interested individuals are asked to contact Teresa Wątroba, at (905) 495-7035.**

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

is a unique place where one can meet Jesus whenever the heart desires it, day and night. At our parish, Chapel of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is open 24 hours a day and has been open continuously for the past 24 years. The faithful come before

We encourage our parishioners to join the group of individuals who Adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. **If you are interested in signing up for an hour of Adoration, please contact Mr. and Mrs. Chmura at (905) 949-1237.**



“The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host.”
– Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

The Marian Chapel of Polonia of the World

Thank you to our parishioners who have contributed to the building of the Marian Chapel – dedicated to Polonia of the World – in the Sanctuary of the Divine Providence in Warsaw, Poland. Symbolic bricks totaling \$12,000 have already been distributed. As there is still much interest in this fundraiser, representatives of the World Polonia Council are in the parish hall today after each Mass. Symbolic bricks in \$20, \$50, and \$100 denominations are also available from the parish office during office hours.

Faithful Departed

The following parishioners have passed away recently and entered into the eternal life with Christ:

- ✠ Grazyna Fronczak, 50
- ✠ Agnieszka Bajger, 65
- ✠ Mieczyslaw Ciesla, 66
- ✠ Jan Wojciech Sambor, 68
- ✠ Zofia Jasniak, 70
- ✠ Zdzislaw Kamycki, 71
- ✠ Jadwiga Ganowska, 77
- ✠ Elzbieta Keiser, 78
- ✠ Stanislaw Palka, 81
- ✠ Witold Sroczynski, 86
- ✠ Katarzyna Mazur, 93
- ✠ Maria Jemioło, 94
- ✠ Kazimiera Nowakowska, 95

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN We are currently looking for Polish-speaking young adults or teachers willing to lead the Liturgy of the Word for children at the 11 o’clock Mass. Interested individuals are asked to speak to Fr. Pawel Pilarczyk.

CHANGE FOR LIFE BOTTLES

Kolbe ProLife Group wishes to thank the many parishioners who turned in their Change for Life bottles filled with spare change. Any outstanding bottles can be brought to the sacristy. Thank you for your generous donations.

Attention!

All parish groups who use parish meeting spaces (including the parish kitchen) are asked to clean up at the end of each meeting. Very often the meeting rooms are left unclean, garbage is scattered on the floor, and tables are sticky and covered in stains. Groups which do not obey these rules will have limited access to the rooms and especially the kitchen. **Our church property is a shared space, it is designed for our common use, and it belongs to all of us. Therefore, we are all responsible for its upkeep.** Also, please do not burn wax candles during group meetings. Only battery operated candles are permitted.

PARISH WEBSITE underwent a facelift in the recent months. Please take a look at it at www.kolbe.ca and be sure to find plenty of useful information about our parish. Thank you Gabriela Kasprzak for the amount of work you’ve spent getting our website ready for the 40th anniversary.

Parish Office

will be closed on Friday, December 6th, 2019.

Upcoming Events



Join us for a Christmas Concert by the prestigious Song and Dance Ensemble “Śląsk”, who is without a doubt one of the greatest ambassador of Polish culture. Their repertoire includes the most beautiful Christmas songs and carols. “Śląsk” – “Silesia” will perform at our parish on **Saturday, December 14th at 2 p.m.** Tickets at \$40 are available in the parish hall and in the parish office during regular office hours.

CHRIST THE KING RALLY is being organized by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council of the Archdiocese of Toronto and will take place on **Saturday, November 30, 2019** from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Toronto Pavilion, 190 Railside Road. Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence, Cardinal Thomas Collins. The program also includes inspiring talks, praise and worship, rosary prayer, confession, and adoration. Additional information is available at www.ccrctoronto.com

PILGRIMAGE TO JAPAN – “In the Footsteps of St. Maximilian Kolbe” – is being organized for May 6th - 14th, 2020 under the spiritual direction of Fr. Janusz Blazejak. The itinerary includes: Tokyo, Nagasaki, Mount Unzen , Hongochi, Kyoto, Akita (Our Lady of Akita Shrine). More information is available at **POLIMEX:** (905) 238-6683, ext. 427 (Mira)

EVENTS AT THE JOHN PAUL II POLISH CULTURAL CENTRE



events@jp2pcc.ca

December 8, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Book Sale

December 8, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
A visit from Santa Clause. Free admission.

December 24, 5 p.m.
Christmas Eve Dinner for those in Solitude
Pre-registration is required at:
(416) 828-2582 or (647) 466-6207.

December 31, 7 p.m. – 3 a.m.
New Year’s Eve Party with the Kompot Band.
Dinner prepared by Master Chef Jan Gromada, open bar, lottery, photo booth.
Tickets: \$140 per person / Info: (905) 306-9900

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE This is just a reminder that couples intending to marry in our parish, another parish, or another country must contact the parish office at least one year before the marriage date in order to gather the necessary information and forms. In addition, all couples must take a marriage preparation course and provide a recently obtained baptism certificate from the church where they were baptized.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 25th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Teresa & Jan Hul – daughter with family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Parents – son Ryszard with family
- ✠ For the deceased from the Raczywolski and Krasko families – family

TUESDAY, November 26th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Marianna, Stanisław, and Mieczysław Jarząbek – family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanisław Maskowski (5th anniv.) – wife and sons
- For the protection of life, from conception to natural death – Kolbe ProLife Group

WEDNESDAY, November 27th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria Anker and Jerzy, Zbigniew, Janusz, Helena and Aleksandra Wisniewski – daughter with family
- ✠ Antoni Kosakowski (1st anniv.) and deceased from the Osrowski family
- 19⁰⁰ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, November 28th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Alina Zmiejko and Bazyli Jaganow – children
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Andrzej, Eugeniusz and Michalina – Krzysztof with family
- ✠ Stanisław Szypuła – son with family

FRIDAY, November 29nd

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Janina, Aniela and Antoni Chmiel – Tadeusz Dobosz
- ✠ Jozef Manka
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Janina and Franciszk Wos – daughter with family
- ✠ For the deceased from the Lesniak, Ormaniec, and Jesioneck families – daughter with family

SATURDAY, November 30th St. Andrew

- 8⁰⁰ Special intention for God’s grace for Franciszek on the occasion of his birthday
- 17⁰⁰ In thanksgiving for God’s grace and health for Michael Iskiw – wife and children
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Krzysztof Kaczmarek (5th anniv.) – parents and family

SUNDAY, December 1st

- 8⁰⁰ For all members of the Rosary Family
- 9³⁰ ✠ Artur Ostrowski (15th anniv.), Franciszek and Zofia Ostrowski, Maria Mietus, Jan and Weronika Malec, and Ryszard Lalewicz
- 11⁰⁰ For parishioners and benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ Special intention for God’s blessing and grace for Dawid on his 15th birthday – parents, brother, and grandparents
- 14³⁰ ✠ Jadwiga Sarna (13th anniv.) – daughter with family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Józef Karpiel (25th anniv.) – son Krzysztof with family

Parish Photo Album

Parishioners who had their photo taken for the pictorial directory and had not picked one up yet are asked to visit the parish office.

