

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



We hear today the simple narrative of Jesus calling his first disciples. Simon and Andrew, James and John are invited to follow him and “immediately” they leave their nets and their boats to join Jesus in his mission. How was it possible that these mature men, responsible to their work and families, heard an invitation from a stranger and walked away from their means of livelihood, from the familiar pattern of their lives, from the daily rhythm of the early morning pushing-off the boats in search of what the sea would yield up to them?

Perhaps they had already heard of Jesus, but Matthew gives us no indication of that. Rather, we are presented with the stark immediacy of their response, which points to a remarkable and spontaneous moment of commitment. They were ready. God’s grace, already at work in them, and their response to that grace, had prepared them for this moment.

The calling of these four men might seem a remarkable and unique event, but perhaps it is the same call that comes to us. Again and again Jesus says to each of us, “Follow me.” By God’s grace we too can respond with a complete gift of self, again and again giving our “yes” to his invitation to let ourselves be loved and to bring his love to others.

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First Reading: Isaiah 9.1-4

Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1.10-13, 17-18

Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23

Coffee and Donuts are being served by our parish Catechists.

Holy Rosary is being led by Rose #5.

Today’s **Second Collection** will be taken for the building and renovation fund.

FR. PASTOR’S REFLECTION

When speaking about the beginnings of the Church, we point to the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the descent of the Holy Spirit. But the origin is always the word that Jesus speaks to people. Today’s Gospel shows us a very important element in the building of our Church. It’s a bold decision to follow Jesus. The teacher from Nazareth gathers and calls the first students. Whoever answers Jesus’ call with a change of life, enters into His mystery and begins to live off its content. The response of Simon and Andrew, James and John is a model and template for entering the fellowship of Jesus’ disciples and the communion of the holy Church.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Lehvi Mauno Karpuc,
son of Jasmine & Dawid

Helena Barbara Olkowska
Liliana Bozena Olkowska,
daughters of Malgorzata & Rafal

Alexander Tchorni,
son of Justyna & Youri

We welcome these children
to our Church community and
congratulate their parents and Godparents.

Catechesis for Parents of Confirmation Candidates

is next **Sunday, February 2nd at 4 p.m.** in the church (Polish) and in Bro. Anthony Room (English).

Retreat for Confirmation Candidates will take place on **Saturday, February 1st** at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. Participation is mandatory.

Confirmation for Adults

Adults wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will need to attend four classes on **February 21/28,** and **March 13/20 at 8 p.m.** in Sr. Faustina Room. Please bring a copy of your Baptism Certificate to the first session. Adults will be confirmed on **Holy Saturday, April 11th, 2020 at 8 p.m.** Call the parish office to register.

100th Birthday of St. John Paul II
On **May 18th, 2020,** we will celebrate the **100th anniversary of the birth of Saint John Paul II.**



Official celebrations begin next Sunday with a Solemn Mass at 11 o’clock. The presider and homilist will be Fr. Alfred Grzempa OMI, Provincial of the Missionary Oblates.

Afterwards, all parishioners and guests are invited to view an exhibition on Eucharistic Miracles around the world. This unique and beautiful display will be available for viewing next Sunday and on February 9th in the parish hall. A special *Thank You* to Mrs. Dina Oanes from Brampton for preparing the exhibition.

Closing celebrations will take place on the weekend of **May 30th and 31st, 2020.**

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

Barbara Stadnik,
daughter of Krystyna and Marian Piekos
&
Andrzej Felinczak,
son of Aleksandra and Mirosław

who are preparing for Holy Matrimony.

Marriage Preparation Course

will run on 7 consecutive Mondays **from February 10th to March 23rd.** Cost: \$100. Please call the parish office to register.

First Saturday of the month, February 1st

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, February 2nd

Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:30 a.m.
Exchange of Rosary Mysteries
after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Mass

Confession: before each Mass

Next Sunday, on February 2nd, the Catholic Church celebrates the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.** In the Polish tradition it is better known as *Matki Bożej Gromnicznej*, because candles are blessed on this day. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a reference to the Gospel description of the offering of Jesus in the temple. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph took the child to the temple in Jerusalem to offer Him to God, in accordance with the Mosaic Law and in thanksgiving for saving the Israelites as the Angel of Destruction passed through Egypt. A righteous and devout old man named Simon recognized Jesus as the true Messiah. On this day candles are brought to the churches for blessing. They are a symbol of the humanity of the Son of God, as well as a symbol of faith, hope and love with which a Christian should follow Christ. The blessing of candles will take place during each Mass.

Faithful Departed



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

- ✠ Sławomir Nowak, 46
- ✠ Lidia Labenda, 57
- ✠ Józef Iglewski, 59
- ✠ Ryszard Gadowski, 61
- ✠ Stefan Głuszkiewicz, 63
- ✠ Zbigniew Wojewódka, 70
- ✠ Danuta Pisarek, 85
- ✠ Frances Bujnowski, 86
- ✠ Helen Cybruch, 87
- ✠ Edward Flis, 91
- ✠ Jerzy Dziubinski, 93
- ✠ Maria Stokłosa, 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.
Amen.*

NEW Parish Office Hours

On Wednesdays, the parish office is open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and again from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. consecutively.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

We are still 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. Paweł Pilarczyk.

Upcoming Events

Radosc-Joy Christmas Concert will take place **today at 4 p.m.** in the parish hall. The event includes caroling, a nativity play, and a performance by Sokoly. Tickets at \$15 (adults) and \$10 (seniors and children) are available at the door.

Golec Orkiestra will be in concert on **January 31st at 8 p.m.** at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga. The repertoire includes old and new hits as well as Christmas songs and carols. Tickets are available online at www.livingartscentre.ca or by calling (905) 306-6000.

Friends of the Polish Scouts (Wigry and Wieliczka Tribes) are hosting a Carnival Dance on **Saturday, February 1st at 7 p.m.** at JPPII Polish Cultural Centre. Come for a delicious dinner, a hot buffet, dessert, lots of prizes, and dance. Music provided by IMPULS Band. Tickets at \$50 are available from Magda at (416) 270-6665.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Gold Rose Apostolate is organizing a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, a place of spiritual rescue for everyone. There you will experience miracles, changes, conversions and healings. There, through Mary’s intercession, you can pray for others. Pilgrimage dates: **April 26 – May 6, 2020.** For more information call Marzena: (647) 284-1631.

Online Giving Now Available

Please note that you are now able to submit Sunday offerings through on-line payments. To use this method, visit www.kolbe.ca, click on *support* in the top right-hand corner and then *donate*. You will be transferred to the Archdiocese of Toronto website where you will choose your church and fill out a form. You can make a one-time donation or choose a weekly option. Parishioners using this form of parish support will receive a tax certificate directly from the Archdiocese of Toronto.

2019 Parish Statistics

In the year **2019** we welcomed **171** new members into our parish community through the sacrament of Baptism, **127** children received their First Holy Communion, **123** were confirmed, **39** marriages were blessed and **135** members passed from this to eternal life. Please remember to take care of and pray for one another and our parish community.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 27th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Izabela Zeglen – parents
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Special intention for God’s blessing and health for daughter Alicja and husband Ryszard on their birthdays
- Special intention for God’s grace for Michal and Mariusz on their birthdays – parents

TUESDAY, January 28th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Stefania & Jan Borowiec – son and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Thanksgiving on the 42nd wedding anniversary of Maria and Jerzy
- ✠ Kazimierz Tomaszewski – wife and children

WEDNESDAY, January 29th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Salomea & Tomasz Tarka – daughter and family
- ✠ Bronislaw Mazurkiewicz (2nd anniv.) – wife and children
- 19⁰⁰ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, January 30th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz Zmijak & Jan Jaroszynski - family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s grace and blessing for Anna & Pawel on their 22nd wedding anniversary
- ✠ Jan Badzioch and Filomena Bednarczyk

FRIDAY, January 31st

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ All departed from Cwalinski, Grzymala, and Bogumila families
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw & Wladyslaw Debinski – daughter
- ✠ Piotr Niemiec – son and family

SATURDAY, February 1st

- 8⁰⁰ ○ Special intention for all members of the Rosary Society and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Romuald, Wanda, and Kazimierz Kulesza
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia & Henryk Kaczmarczyk and Kazimiera & Zenon Kozłowski – children and family

SUNDAY, February 2nd

- 8⁰⁰ ○ Special intention for all members of the Rosary Society
- 9³⁰ ✠ Tadeusz Chudzinski (5th anniv.) – wife Barbara, children, and grandchildren
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Felicja & Stanislaw Chabinka and all departed from Szabla family
- 14³⁰ ○ For God’s grace for the Matthews, McCoul, and Chyjek families
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Czesława Lyzwa – sons with families

