

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus is calling us, his disciples, to stand up and be counted, to be like salt. Hold on, I wonder, why salt? I ask The Bride, my better half of 35 years, to remind me of the purpose of salt. Jennifer gives me one of those “you’re kidding” looks, and explains that salt acts as a preservative, but also enhances texture and, most importantly, the flavour of the food.

Then the Lord calls us to be light in the world, to “shine before human beings.” Okay, now I think I know where Jesus is going. As Christians we are called to live intentionally and differently. Our faith calls us to be in the pew on Sunday, and also much more.

Being salt and light doesn’t sound difficult, but nor is it easy. It means we, who love God and follow Jesus, must make space in our busy lives for daily prayer and quiet reflection. It is here that we listen and invite the holy Spirit to speak to our mind and heart. Then, when we feel the nudge to say hello to the stranger, help our elderly neighbour, visit the sick and give generously to the less fortunate, we are mindful that our good deeds are because of God’s love for us and through us. We give all credit and praise to our Father in heaven.

Harry McAvoy, Newmarket, ON

First Reading: Isaiah 58.6-10

Responsorial Psalm:

Light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16

Coffee and Donuts are being served by Families of John Paul II.

Holy Rosary is being led by Rose #7.

Today’s **Second Collection** will support Oblate Missions.

FR. PASTOR’S REFLECTION

Today, the Gospel calls us to be witnesses of Christ. It invites us to do it in two seemingly contradictory ways: as salt and as light. When added to food, salt is invisible but palpable. There are many people who don’t draw attention to themselves, they are invisible. Yet they never cease working and doing good. In their presence we feel peace and joy.

Light is impossible to hide. There are people who can be seen from afar: St. Teresa of Calcutta, the Pope, or a village priest. They hold important positions because of their leadership skills and unique ministries.

We are all called to be the salt and the light. Let us ask the Lord to help us always be good for something and shine before others, that they may see our good deeds and glorify our heavenly Father (cf. Mt 5:16).

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Julia Anna Calak,
daughter of Natalia & Piotr

Zurri Zofia Gray-Gawron,
daughter of Jadwiga & Alonzo

Philip Jakubowski,
son of Dorota & Dawid

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

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.** Classes are held in English and Polish. Call the parish office to register.

Marriage Preparation Course

...begins tomorrow and will run on 7 consecutive Mondays **from February 10th to March 23rd** in the parish hall. Cost: \$100 per couple. Attendance is mandatory for all classes. Next Marriage Preparation Course will be held in the autumn.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

An Exhibition

An exhibition on Eucharistic Miracles can still be viewed in the parish hall this weekend. It was prepared to inaugurate the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Paul II. A sincere THANK YOU to Mrs. Dina Oanes from Brampton for setting up the exhibition.

Brief History

The Church history notes over 130 miracles related to the Eucharist. They occur in times of doubt in the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, during attempts of desecration, but also as a reward for faith and love.

The first Eucharistic miracle is the transformation of the Host and wine into a piece of flesh and blood at the monastery of Lanciano in Italy in the eighth century. In the monastery of the Basilian Fathers, one of the priests was tormented by doubts about the presence of Jesus Christ in the form of bread and wine. He also had these doubts when he was celebrating Mass. Then, just as he was finishing the words of consecration, the host turned into a piece of human flesh and wine into human blood. The friar informed his confreres. Word spread throughout the city. A special reliquary was made in which the Body and Blood are kept until today. The blood turned into five lumps, but the body remained intact.

In 1970, the miraculous Eucharist was thoroughly examined. Researchers have stated that the Body is a fragment of a human heart, with no signs of preservation, and Blood has AB type.

Families of John Paul II

On this beautiful occasion of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Saint John Paul II it is worth learning more about the life and charism of this great Pope. Young families are invited to consider joining **Families of John Paul II**, a parish group which studies the works of John Paul II and lives by his charism. Contact information can be found on the cover of the Polish bulletin under „Wspólnota Rodzin JP II”.

Bible Study

Bible Study Group began a new series of meetings focusing on the Apocalypse of St. John. Meetings are in Polish and are held every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Sister Faustina room.

Thank You!



We wish to thank **Robert Sikora** for modifying and correcting the audio-visual system in our church. He also improved the monitoring system and installed additional cameras in the church. There are now 16 cameras inside and outside the church, as well as 6 additional cameras monitoring the parking lot. Robert Sikora spent many days modifying the entire system and performed his work pro bono. Thank you very much! **We highly recommend the services of Robert Sikora, NJ TechSYSTEMS in the field of monitoring and camera installations. Contact: (647) 688-6676.**

Income Tax Receipts



All parishioners should have already received their tax receipt by mail. In total, some 3,000 receipts were mailed out, which means that this many families use parish envelopes to support our parish. Thank you all for your financial support. Without you, it would be difficult to maintain our church building and pay the bills. We encourage all parishioners to use Sunday envelopes. They can still be obtained today after Mass from one of the priests or from Sister Karolina. Thank you again for your financial support. May God bless you!

Attention – Fraud!

Recently we have noticed an increase in robbery crimes targeting the elderly. The police calls everyone to be extra vigilant and use common sense before offering our savings to fraudsters who prey on the naivety and good heart of the elderly. No one should give money to anyone who requests it over the phone, allegedly because a family member is ill or was involved in an accident and needs cash right away. Apparently, e-mails have also been sent allegedly from a priest asking for “gift cards.” Don’t be fooled! Priests never send such emails to anyone. This is a scam and some of our parishioners have already been robbed of substantial sums.

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.

Upcoming Events

Retreat for High School Students

Youth Teams of Our Lady (YTOL) movement will be hosting a retreat for high school students, grades 9-12, from Sunday **March 15th** to Friday **March 20th**. The retreat will take place in Acton. For more information, please contact Mrs. Anna Jach at (519) 571-9241.

Dynamic Women of Faith

at Le Treport Banquet Hall in Mississauga

An Evening for Mothers & Daughters

Friday, March 27th, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Catholic Women’s Conference

Saturday, March 28th

8:30 a.m. – Registration

9 a.m. – Conference 4 p.m. – Mass

Information and Registration
(416) 907-1042

www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

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.

Pilgrimage to Washington

In the year of Saint John Paul II, the Rosary Society is organizing a 3-day pilgrimage under the spiritual direction of Oblate Fathers to the American Częstochowa in Doylestown, PA and the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Pilgrimage dates: **May 22-24, 2020**. Information and registration: Teresa (905) 495-7035 and Wieslawa (416) 799-2122.

Events at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre



Ostatki Dance – February 22, 7 p.m.

Dinner prepared by Chef Jan Gromada. Tickets at \$60 per person can be purchased at JP II Centre and Pegaz Bookstore.

JP II Cultural Centre is offering to host **First Communion Dinners** on May 10th and May 17th at 4 p.m.

Info: (905) 306-9900 events@jp2pcc.ca

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 10th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslaw Ozga – daughters with families
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Zdzislaw Piwowarczyk
- ✠ Marianna & Stanislaw Podolak – family

TUESDAY, February 11th Our Lady of Lourdes

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Zdzislaw Kamycki – wife and son with family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ All deceased from the Hrynyszak, Kubiak, McArthur, and Motyka families – Bonnie and family
- ✠ Lucyna Ulecka (25th anniv.) – son and daughters with families

WEDNESDAY, February 12th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslawa & Jan Cabaj – son with family
- ✠ Stanislaw & Teofila Bienarz – son with family
- 19⁰⁰ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, February 13th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and Mother Mary’s protection for Ryszard on his 70th birthday – wife with family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Thanksgiving for Amelia, Julianna, and Renata on their birthdays
- ✠ Parents: Wladyslawa & Stanislaw Rygiel

FRIDAY, February 14th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Renata Pikulska (3rd anniv.) – husband, mother, and Karol with family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Zdzislaw Stopa – wife and children
- ✠ Marian Cislo (2nd anniv.) – son with family

SATURDAY, February 15th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and health for Jolanta & Maciej
- 17⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and grace for Beata, Renata, Julianna, and Amelia on their birthdays
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef Przybylo (anniv.) – Teresa and Zbigniew Berezowski

SUNDAY, February 16th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslawa & Ludwik Tomaszewski, Iwona Wozinska, and Beata Degowska - family
- 9³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and grace for the Marc family
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia & Franciszek Fresek and their parents – daughters
- 14³⁰ ✠ Husband Stanislaw Lipiec and parents on both sides: Lipiec & Wojanski
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimierz Rozanski – son with family