

# 1st Sunday of Lent



It has been said that nothing in this world is certain except death and taxes. Surely temptation could be added as a third. Our lives are constantly fraught with urges and desires that we either succumb to or rebuff.

Having fasted for 40 days and 40 nights, Jesus was left in the most vulnerable of human conditions. Sensing weakness, Satan sprung into action and tried to tempt Jesus three times. On each occasion, the great deceiver was spurned by Jesus, who stubbornly obeyed the will of God. Denying God's will didn't even enter Jesus' mind as he chided Satan for his wilderness volleys. Jesus' resolve faced a much more vigorous test in Gethsemane when he asked God if the cup of his pending crucifixion might pass him by. Even then, Jesus overcame human frailty to submit to God's will.

As was the case with our own first parents in the Garden of Eden, we are offered freedom of choice and are constantly tested by temptation. Like Adam and Eve, our human infirmity renders us susceptible to Satan's seductions. As we begin Lent, let us use the traditional practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving to provide us with the defence we need to fend off the advances of Satan. These practices, rooted in our belief in Jesus as our Redeemer, are the bulwarks of that resistance.

*Frank Campbell; Enfield, NS*

**First Reading:** Gen 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

**Second Reading:** Romans 5. 12-19

**Gospel:** Matthew 4.1-11

**Coffee and Donuts** are being served by Scouts, in support of the parish.

**Holy Rosary** is being led by Rose #11.

**Today's Second Collection** will be taken to offset the cost of radio Mass transmission from our parish.

## FR. PASTOR'S REFLECTION

**Today is the First Sunday of Lent, a new period in the liturgical year indicated by the purple colour of liturgical vestments.** It is a holy time of penance and transformation. Through prayer and meditation on the Passion of the Lord, we are also preparing for a fruitful experience of the joyful day of Christ's Resurrection. During Lent, the Precepts of the Catholic Church oblige us to refrain from participating in various forms of entertainment (e.g. parties) and command us to receive the sacraments of Easter Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

As we look upon the Crucified Savior, who has renounced everything and sacrificed his life for us, let us make an effort of voluntary penance as a restitution for our sins. Let's make meaningful resolutions and refrain from participating in extravagant pastimes (sometime intentionally organized for our children and youth), from drinking alcoholic beverages, and smoking cigarettes, in order to compensate God for our sins of drunkenness, promiscuity, foul language, dishonesty, and lack of humility.

In order to experience the holy time of Lent in a deep and meaningful way, our parish offers the following Passion Liturgies:

**Lenten Lamentations**  
Sundays at 6:15 p.m. in Polish

**Stations of the Cross**  
Mondays at 6:30 p.m. for children  
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in English  
Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in Polish

Another suggestion is to engage in reading the **Bible** and deepen our faith through meditation on the **Word of God**. This can be done individually, as a family, or by joining a Bible Study Group.

Finally, let us embrace Lenten sobriety with more courage. The Church calls us to individual and community prayer for sobriety, so that there are no people and families among us who suffer from alcohol, smoking, and drug addictions. **A Book of Sobriety is placed beside the Altar of Relics.** Individuals and families are encouraged to sign their names as a pledge to take up abstinence during Lent.



## Lenten Walk with the Lord 40 Acts of Kindness

Our parish is presenting an additional or optional way to enhance and enrich your Lenten commitment and experience. "Lenten Walk with the Lord" invites you to do one simple act of kindness for each of the 40 days of Lent. There is a calendar, included in the parish bulletin, which will help you keep track of your kindnesses along with some simple instructions. For example, kindness can be as simple as a smile and often begins at home.



Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites all parishioners to join 40 Days for Life – a global prayer campaign to defend the lives of unborn children. **In our parish, this campaign takes the form of silent prayer in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration and runs for the entire period of Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday.** In Canada, over 100,000 abortions are performed annually and ours is one of three countries with absolutely no regulations protecting the unborn life; abortion on demand is possible until delivery. Join us in praying to save the lives of unborn children. **All that is needed is an hour of your time.**

**First Thursday of the month, March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Prayer for Vocations at 6:30 p.m.

**First Friday of the month, March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place immediately after the Stations of the Cross, and will be followed by Mass.

**Confession:** before each Mass

### The Stations of the Cross will be led by:

Tue.	Mar. 3	Scouts
Fri.	Mar. 6	Families of JPPII
Tue.	Mar. 10	Knights of Columbus
Fri.	Mar. 13	Kolbe Pro-Life
Tue.	Mar. 17	Kolbe Youth
Fri.	Mar. 20	Holy Rosary Society
Mon.	Mar. 23	Bp. Antoni Dlugosz
Fri.	Mar. 27	Gold Rose Apostolate
Fri.	Apr. 3	Altar Servers (6:15 p.m.)

## The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

**Everly Charlotte Mika,**  
daughter of Marzena & Steven  
**Alexander Nieznalski,**  
son of Agnieszka & Pawel

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

## The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

**Agata Kinga Michalczyk,**  
daughter of Elzbieta and Ryszard  
&  
**Piotr Gorniak,**  
son of Anna and Krzysztof

who are preparing for Holy Matrimony.

## Plenary Indulgence during Lent

During Lent, plenary indulgence under regular conditions may be obtained by participating in the Stations of the Cross or Lenten Lamentations, as well as by praying "It is I, o good and most sweet Jesus" on each Friday of Lent.

## Parish Financial Report

Parish financial report for 2019 is available in the main hall of the church, next to the bulletins.

Thank you to all our parishioners who regularly support our church. 15,000 families are registered in the parish and 3,000 of them support it through the use of offertory envelopes. Everyone should feel responsible for our common good. **Please do not use offertory envelopes from previous years.**

We would also like to thank the Financial Committee, which is responsible for material goods and financial statements in our parish. Current Financial Committee Members are: Piotr Dejnicki, Władysław Guzda, Maryla Skibiński, and Witold Ulman.

**Spring Forward!** Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to sleep next Saturday, so you're not late for Mass on Sunday.

## Upcoming Events

### Retreats

**Fr. Ron Rolheiser** will lead a retreat on *Spirituality and the Seasons of Our Lives*, **March 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>** at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road in Mississauga. For more information and to register please call (905) 278-5229.

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

### Lenten Retreat Schedule

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>** for children, in Polish,  
led by Bp. Antoni Dlugosz  
**March 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>** for adults, in English,  
led by Bp. Henry Frederick  
**March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>** for adults, in Polish,  
led by Fr. Andrzej Juchniewicz OMI

## ShareLife

On **March 29<sup>th</sup>** we begin an annual charity appeal in the Archdiocese of Toronto known as ShareLife. It is more than an annual campaign – it's a way to extend the hand of Christ to those in need. Each year, thousands of people turn to ShareLife agencies for help. These agencies provide services in an environment rooted in Catholic values and spread the Gospel message to those living in poverty. When we support ShareLife, we do more than give a donation; we show that the Catholic community is actively engaging in social services in our Archdiocese. As a family, are you able to contribute \$100 to ShareLife? Maybe as Lenten Almsgiving?

### 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 Czestochowa 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.

### Coin and Stamp Show by "Troyak"

Buy, sell, trade, or appraise collectible coins, medals, banknotes, and stamps.  
**March 8<sup>th</sup>**, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
John Paul II Cultural Centre  
Entrance Fee: \$5

### Table Tennis Tournament

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** at John Paul II Cultural Centre  
More info: <http://centrumtabletennis.com/>

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Barbara Raniewicz – son with family  
18<sup>30</sup> **Stations of the Cross (for children)**  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Joanna & Wacław Zagrajek, and Krzysztof Zagrajek – Magdalena with children  
✠ Janina Hanzel

### TUESDAY, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased members of the Marika and Zamarlik families  
10<sup>00</sup> ○ For members of the Kolbe Seniors Club  
18<sup>30</sup> **Stations of the Cross (in English)**  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Michael Tambureno – Hugill family

### WEDNESDAY, March 4<sup>th</sup> Saint Casimir

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Kazimiera Bartoszek – husband, daughter, and son with families  
○ Special intention for God's blessing for Katarzyna & Pawel on their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and their birthdays  
19<sup>00</sup> Group Intentions

### THURSDAY, March 5<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased members of Lobzin, Nitek, and Ucinski families  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for priests and religious – Gold Rose Apostolate  
✠ Zenon Koczwara – wife

### FRIDAY, March 6<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Zdzisław Kamycki – Jozef & Maria Tobola  
10<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stefania & Franciszek – family  
18<sup>30</sup> **Stations of the Cross (in Polish)**  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Janina, Eugeniusz, Bronisława Plonski, and Eugenia – son

### SATURDAY, March 7<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ○ Special intention for all members of the Rosary Society and Knights of Mary Immaculate  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Czesława & Ludwik Krawczyk – daughter with family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Lucjan Stachal and Władysław Brzozowski – family

### SUNDAY, March 8<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased members of the Bartoszek and Jozefowicz families – family  
9<sup>30</sup> ✠ Felicja & Piotr Bera – brother and family  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For parishioners and benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased members of the Witkos and Stachura families  
14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Ryszard Michalec (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.) – wife and children  
18<sup>15</sup> **Lenten Lamentations**  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Alicja Lewandowski (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.) – mother