

2nd Sunday of Lent



Today's Gospel is one of great mystery: the Transfiguration. Moses and Elijah appear next to Jesus, who himself is completely transfigured, radiating pure light. Imagine yourself there...the sight must have been out of this world! In the face of all this glory, Peter's first reaction is to set up three dwellings, offering them worldly comfort. How often is God right in front of us, showing us his divinity and his plan for our life, and we focus on logistics and worldly preoccupations?

As a matter of fact, today during Mass, we will witness one of the greatest miracles of all time: bread and wine becoming Jesus' body and blood. The eucharist is the sacrament where we get a glimpse of God's glory and power. For a moment, heaven and earth meet. As we witness this miracle today, where will our heart and mind be? Will we be checking the time, or revelling in God's glory? Will we be thinking about the thing we need to do this week, or listening to God speak to our heart?

God's words to the disciples are a wake-up call: "Get up and do not be afraid." They prompt us to refocus on what's important: not worldly considerations, but an attentive ear and an open heart to his ever-living word, calling us to be examples of heaven here on earth.

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First Reading: Genesis 12.1-4

Responsorial Psalm:

Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1.8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

Coffee and Donuts are being served by Altar Servers.

Holy Rosary is being led by Rose #12.

The Rite of Peace

Since many people suffer from flu and colds, we ask parishioners not to shake hands with the people around them. Instead, make a reverential bow of the head and say, "Peace be with you."

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

The Stations of the Cross will be led by:

- 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.)

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.

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.



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. All that is needed is an hour of your time.



Spiritual Adoption of the Conceived Child will take place on **Thursday, March 26th** during the 7 p.m. Mass.

Mr. Krzysztof Chrzan, please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience.

Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Henryk Pacyna,
son of Anna & Mateusz
Lucas Poznanski,
son of Angelika & Piotr
Louis Albert Rachwal,
son of Kalina & Adam

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bp. John Boissonneau will confirm
our youth on **March 21st at 4 p.m.**
There will be no English Mass at 5 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please note that there is no confession during Sunday Mass. It is each Catholic's duty to attend Mass from the very beginning until the final blessing. Leaving the church before the blessing or being notoriously late is a venial sin. Doing anything but participating in Mass is not allowed; this includes reading the bulletin.

We ask the faithful to leave the confessional door open after their confession.



On **March 29th** 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?

Euthanasia

The federal government has introduced new legislation expanding the eligibility criteria for euthanasia. There is no longer a requirement that the person receiving euthanasia be terminally ill. Under this legislation, any serious incurable illness, disease, or disability would render one eligible for euthanasia. This is a new chapter of death on demand. Canada has cast aside restrictions at a far quicker pace than any other jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia.

In his letter Cardinal Collins writes: "Under the proposed legislation, disabled Canadians with no terminal illness will now be eligible for lethal injection. People with disabilities already face substantial challenges relating to employment, housing, appropriate medical care and support. Their lives matter. They should never be seen as a burden to our society. We should be alarmed that those who have struggled for decades to be treated with equality may well be pressured, whether from family, friends or even their own health care professionals, to "ease their burden" and end their lives. These people need assisted living, not assisted death. I invite all Canadians concerned about this legislation to contact their Member of Parliament to voice their concerns."

Text Scam Targeting Parishioners

Please be aware of scammers who send text messages to parishioners pretending to be their parish pastor and ask them to purchase iTunes gift cards to help sick parishioners in the hospital. Similar email scams have taken place in the past. The scams appear to target parishioners who have phone numbers listed on the front of the bulletin or on a parish website. Please note that we never send such requests by phone, e-mail, or text message. If you are a target, we recommend that you contact the police to ensure they are aware of the situation.



Servant of God, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, will be beatified on June 7th, 2020 at Plac Pilsudski in Warsaw, Poland. Those who live outside of Poland and would like to receive entry cards for the beatification ceremony should contact the parish office no later than March 24th.

Upcoming Events

Lenten Retreat Schedule

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

Other Retreats

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.

Women's Lenten Retreat will take place the weekend of **March 20-22** at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road in Mississauga. The theme is In the Spirit of Quietude and the preacher is Fr. Peter Nowak OMI. For more information please call: (905) 278-5229.

Władysław Reymont Foundation

Scholarship applications from the Władysław Reymont Foundation are available from the Foundation's website: www.reymontfoundation.com Application deadline is June 1st, 2020.

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 Wiesława (416) 799-2122.

Table Tennis Tournament

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

Coin and Stamp Show by "Troyak"

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



Parishioners are asked not to use offertory envelopes from previous years.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 9th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Roman and Edward Calko – wife with family
- 18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross (for children)**
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Czesława & Jozef Bil and deceased from the Bil and Bylina families – son with family
✠ Zdzisław Piwowarczyk

TUESDAY, March 10th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanisław Szafranek (1st anniv.) – sister with family
- 18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross (in English)**
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Marek Krol, Olga & Kazimierz Borek, Bożena Kosiorek – family
✠ Joseph, Paulina, Edward, and Iris Chmiel, and Fred Philchuk – family

WEDNESDAY, March 11th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ Thanksgiving for saving life
✠ Maria & Piotr Chwaja
- 19⁰⁰ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, March 12th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ Special intention for Marcin, Dominik, and Weronika on their birthdays
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's grace and Mother Mary's protection for Danuta & Wojciech on their 36th wedding anniversary
✠ Helena & Jozef szczurek – son Stefan with family

FRIDAY, March 13th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Felicja Brzeska and Danuta Ostrogorska
- 18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross (in Polish)**
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Special intention on mom Krystyna's 70th birthday
✠ Katarzyna & Paweł Pepkowski – Niedziela family

SATURDAY, March 14th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Antonina Goc (1st anniv.) – family
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimierz Foremny (1st anniv.) – Rygiel family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Lana Konarkowski (21st anniv.) – niece with family

SUNDAY, March 15th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ Thanksgiving on 60th birthday
- 9³⁰ ○ Z okazji 86 rodzin Jozefa (dziekczynna z prosba)
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and grace for Nicolas on his 10th birthday – parents and grandparents
- 14³⁰ ✠ Edward Mocko (5th anniv.) – wife, children, and grandchildren
- 18¹⁵ **Lenten Lamentations**
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ All deceased from the Armatowicz and Glaz families