

Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter February 22

Early Roman Christians celebrated on this day a feast in honour of their departed loved ones, including their predecessors in the faith, Peter and Paul. In the 4th century, when the feast of these two saints was moved to June 29th, the emphasis of this day shifted to celebrating Peter and his successors as bishops of Rome, and expressing gratitude for their service.

“The ‘cathedra’ is literally the seat of the bishop,” Pope Benedict XVI said on this day in 2006. “It is the symbol of his authority and, particularly, of his ‘Magisterium,’ in other words of the evangelical teaching that he, as successor to the Apostles, is called to protect and transmit to the Christian community.”

To celebrate the ‘Chair’ of Peter means, then, giving it a strong spiritual significance, and recognizing therein a privileged sign of the love of God.”

Reflection

“I say to you who listen...” Jesus is very clear in today’s Gospel passage: if we want to follow him, then a particular stance toward other people will be required. This is not the first such lesson he has shared with his disciples, but it is the most demanding and the most revolutionary. It calls into question basic instincts of self-preservation, of fighting back when we are attacked, of emerging the winner.

Love your enemy, practice non-violence, forgive and be peacemakers. Surely these demands shocked and challenged Jesus’ disciples as they might shock us today who live in a culture that often seeks revenge and retribution first. But Jesus expects that we will treat the other, especially the enemy and stranger whom we might fear or distrust, as we want to be treated. Living up to this expectation will challenge us throughout our lives.

In less than two weeks, we will begin our Lenten journey, a time of reflection and taking stock on our way to Easter. This passage might be our guide as we reflect on how we are meeting Jesus’ expectations. Are we striving to embed this stance in our lives? Have we slipped back into old ways? Our life as kingdom-dwellers may depend on how seriously we take this command.

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New Pastoral



newpastoral.net

New Pastoral is an at-home formation program intended for small groups of family and friends. It is currently offered in Polish and in French. More information can be found at: www.kolbe.ca or www.newpastoral.net

Those who have signed up to be hosts of the New Pastoral program are invited for Mass on **Saturday, February 26 at 8 a.m.**

In preparation for the launch of the formation program, we invite you to join us for silent prayer and vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, from Monday to Friday after the evening Mass.

Confirmation for Adults

Adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic faith but have not received the sacrament of confirmation may contact the parish office to sign up for a short preparation course. Confirmation for adults will take place on Easter Vigil.

Polish Donuts

Radość-Joy is serving donuts this Sunday after Mass in the parish hall.

Offertory Envelopes for 2022

Offertory envelopes for 2022 can be picked up from the church hallway, but they will be removed in two weeks. Please do not use envelopes from previous years.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, February 21st

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Stanislaw Kuczynski (18th anniv.) – son with family
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Ludwik Podgorzec and family members – son with family
- ✚ Jozef Zoltek and daughter Janina – family

TUESDAY, February 22nd

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Salomea & Tomasz Tarka – daughter with family
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Richard Jankowski – brother and sister
- ✚ Michael Warski (4th anniv.) – wife

WEDNESDAY, February 23rd

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Florence Wilkie (16th anniv.) – family
- ✚ For God’s blessing and health for Stanislaw Janik on his 93rd birthday – daughter with family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, February 24th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Justyna & Robert and God’s blessing for them
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Halina & Antoni Szelest and Tadeusz Uranowski – children
- ✚ Aniela & Tomasz Dobrolecki

FRIDAY, February 25th

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Maria & Stanislaw Klucz and Balbina & Walerian Ciesla – daughter with family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and Mother Mary’s protection for Nicolas Cisko on his 12th birthday – parents and grandparents
- ✚ Janina & Boleslaw Konaszko – son with family

SATURDAY, February 26th

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Parents Antonina & Boleslaw and sister-in-law Zenobia Kocemba – daughter with family
- 17⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Anna Golebiewska on her birthday and for God’s blessing and Mother Mary’s protection for her – sister with family
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Franciszek & Janina Wos – daughter with family

SUNDAY, February 27th

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Jolanta Lewandowska – daughter with family
- 9³⁰ ✚ Danuta Sondej (2nd aniv.) – daughter with family
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✚ Kunegunda, Maciej, Jan, Wojciech, and Adam Podczewinski
- 14³⁰ ✚ Zbigniew Karczmarczyk (6th anniv.) – wife, children, and grandchildren
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Andrzej Patek (1st anniv.) – daughter with family

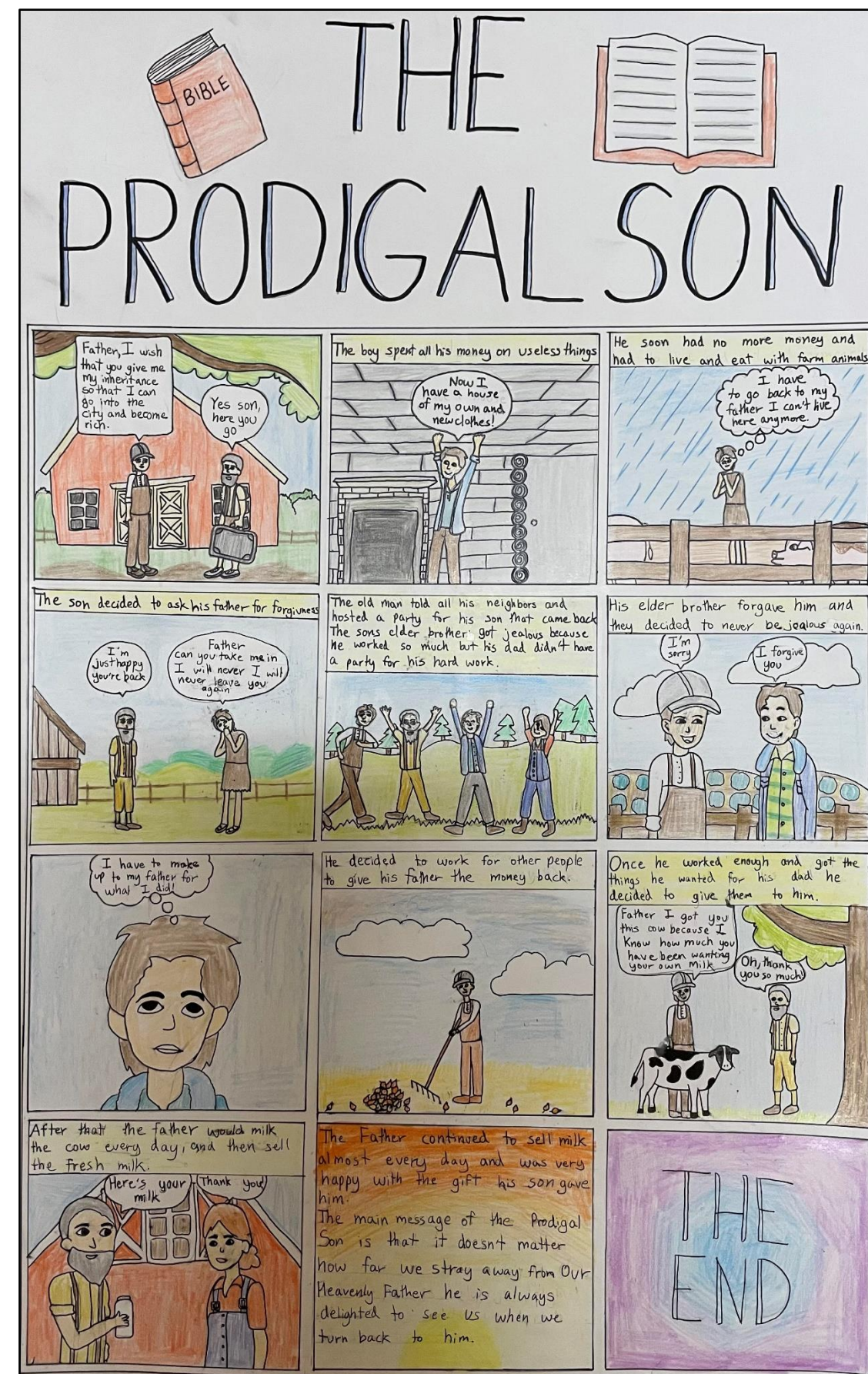
Bible Contest

Our youngest parishioners took part in a Bible contest in which they had to read a parable, imagine a new, creative ending, and present it as a comic strip.

In today’s bulletin we are happy to present the beautiful and creative work of **Natalia Zinkiewicz**. For a full-colour version, please go to our parish website.

Diplomas and prizes will be awarded to all participants on Sunday at the 1 p.m. Mass.

Thank you to all the children who participated in the contest and congratulations on a job well done!



First Reading: 1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.45-49

Gospel: Luke 6.27-38

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