



The
Season
of
Lent

Reflection

My young grandson, in a burst of enthusiastic love, told his dad that “when I grow up I want to be you.” We were delighted at the depth of his devotion, that his desire to *be like* his dad would expand to become the desire to *be* his dad. Perhaps that is a model for the disciples of Christ, to love Jesus so much that we desire to become him.

The Gospel today recounts Jesus’ parable of the barren fig tree. The gardener pleaded for one more year, one more change for the fig tree to become what it was meant to become. It is a reminder of the shortness of our lives and our dependence on God’s grace to create in us the fruit of holiness and good works. It is Christ within us that produces good fruit, as we become less and he becomes more.

So we seek to be transformed through our utter and complete surrender to him, becoming, in a sense, him. And just as bread and wine retain their appearance while becoming Christ, we too remain in our unique and particular form even as we are transformed.

May we bring the childlike love that my grandson expressed, as we offer ourselves in union with the offering of bread and wine on the altar.

Kathleen Giffin; Hinton, AB

First Reading: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

Second Collection

March 19/20 – Building Fund

March 26/27 – Share Life

April 10 – Holy Land

Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Lamentations

Come grow with us in prayer and reflect on Christ’s passion during Lenten Lamentations each Sunday of Lent at **6 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

Parish Groups responsible for leading the Stations of the Cross:

Tue.	Mar. 22	Families of John Paul II
Fri.	Mar. 25	Krucjata Wyzwolenia Człowieka
Tue.	Mar. 29	Fr. Mariusz Bosek (in Polish)
Fri.	Apr. 1	Korona Pasyjna
Tue.	Apr. 5	Oblate Youth
Fri.	Apr. 8	Gold Rose Apostolate

Lenten Retreat

– In English –

Preached by Fr. Peter Nowak OMI.

Sunday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 3 at 9:30 a.m.

– In Polish –

Preached by Fr. Mariusz Bosek OMI

Saturday/Sunday, March 26/27

Retreat talk at each Sunday Mass

Monday, March 28 – Thursday, March 31

Retreat talk at the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass

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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Adam Conrad Michalik,
son of Angelika & Daniel

Nina Lomotowski,
daughter of Magdalena & Adam

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bp. Ivan Camilleri will bestow the sacrament of confirmation on our youth on **Saturday, March 26 at 4 p.m.** (There will be no Mass at 5 p.m.)

All candidates and their witnesses are required to attend a rehearsal on **Thursday, March 24 at 7:40 p.m.** in the church.

Coffee and Donuts

Jubilee 2000 Children’s Choir is selling donuts after each Sunday Mass. Coffee is also available, with all proceeds going towards the Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief.

Meetings

Friends of the Missions (MAMI)

Thursday, March 24 after evening Mass

Church Committee

Friday, March 25 after evening Mass

Polish Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m.

A Concert of Peace

Ensemble Con Brio de Montreal invites you to a concert for peace, organized on the anniversary of John Paul II’s passing to eternity. This event will take place on **Saturday, April 2 at 8 p.m.** in the church. It is free of charge, but a collection basket will be passed around and all donations will go towards supporting Ukraine.

Intentions for Wednesday Mass

Wednesday evening Mass is celebrated in multiple intentions. These can be submitted by calling the parish office on weekdays before 5 p.m.

Polish Credit Union

St. Stanislaus – St. Casimir’s Polish Credit union has opened a new branch in Milton at 377 Main Street East. Stop by if you are in the community! Tel. (905) 272-1260
Branch hours: Mon. – Fri., 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Spiritual Adoption of the Conceived Child



Spiritual Adoption of the Conceived Child will take place at the **7 p.m. Mass on Friday, March 25th** – the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.**

What is Spiritual Adoption? It is a prayer for a conceived child whose life is threatened with abortion. It lasts nine months and involves praying one decade of the Holy Rosary and a short prayer for the child and the child’s parents. Please join us and help save many lives from abortion. Application forms are available in the church hallway and foyer leading up to the chapel. Please drop off your filled out application into a basket so that we can add your name to a special Book of Spiritual Adoption. For more information call Krystyna at (905) 897-0550 or visit <http://www.duchowaadopcja.info/>



OBLATE WORLD MISSIONS

Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate - MAMI

“Give the Malagasy people a fishing rod instead of a fish” is the motto of a campaign aimed at providing the people of Madagascar with household tools and farming equipment. If you would like to support this cause, please speak to a MAMI representative on **Sunday, March 27** in the parish hall.



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 duration of Lent. We strongly encourage the entire parish to join us in praying to save the lives of unborn children. **All that is needed is an hour of your time.**

Book of Sobriety

Lent is a wonderful opportunity to take up abstinence from alcohol. The Church calls us to individual and community prayer for sobriety, so that there are no more 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.

2021 Financial Statement

Financial Statement for 2021 can be picked up from the parish hall. Please pick one up.

Going, going, gone...

If you haven’t picked up your set of offertory envelopes, they’re in the church hallway. They will be gone next week.

Our Church is Open

On March 1, 2022, capacity limits and physical distancing requirements were lifted for places of worship in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Cardinal Collins writes: “The Eucharist remains the source and summit of our life in Christ. For Christians, participation in the Sunday Eucharist is the central experience of the week, and that is the foundation for the obligation of every Catholic to be personally present at Mass every Sunday. Of course, if there is a legitimate reason (such as being sick) this obligation does not apply.” **Please note that after March 21 masks will no longer be required inside the church.**

Office Hours

Monday: closed
Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 12 noon
Sunday: closed
Lunch break: 12 noon – 1 p.m.

Calendar of Saints

March 23rd • Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo established the first seminary in Latin America.

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

A Lenten Prayer

Look with favor, Lord,
on your household.
Grant that,
though our flesh be humbled
by abstinence from food,
our souls, hungering after you,
may be resplendent in your sight.

- Pope Pius V

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, March 21st

8⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimiera Bartoszek – husband and children

18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross for Children**

19⁰⁰ ✠ Bronislaw Iwanek, parents, and brothers – daughter and family
✠ Helena Graff – daughter and family

TUESDAY, March 22nd

8⁰⁰ ✠ Mieczyslaw Feret (25th anniv.) – wife and children

18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross in English**

19⁰⁰ ✠ Grazyna Rafacz – Jolanta and family
○ For world peace and conversion of Russia

WEDNESDAY, March 23rd

8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Ozga (10th anniv.) – daughters and families

✠ Members of the Slawski & Fijalkowski families – son and family

19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, March 24th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia & Marian Kowalski – daughter and family

19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving and for God’s blessing for Julia and Dawid

✠ Katarzyna & Franciszek Oblak – family
○ For friends of the Oblate Missions

FRIDAY, March 25th

The Annunciation of the Lord

8⁰⁰ ○ For peace and unity in the family and respect of the dignity of human life – Janina & Jerzy Cierpich

18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross in Polish**

19⁰⁰ ○ For all unborn children and families taking up spiritual adoption – Kolbe ProLife

✠ Emilia Ligeza – sister Maria and family

SATURDAY, March 26th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Fryderyk Wisniowski – Niemiec family

16⁰⁰ **Confirmation Mass**

✠ Joseph & Karolina Bernad, Stefan Budzinski – Chester, Helena, and family

19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw & Zofia Paluch – son and family

SUNDAY, March 27th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria & Marian Krak, Krystyna Grabowska, Lora Krajewski – granddaughter Agnieszka and family

9³⁰ ✠ Gustaw Zelek – wife

11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors

13⁰⁰ ✠ Marian Cislo (4th anniv.) – son and family

14³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Jan & Helena Kolpak on their 44th wedding anniversary

18⁰⁰ **Lenten Lamentations**

19⁰⁰ ✠ Ryszard Plewa (2nd anniv.)