



Reflection

We tend to focus on what we want instead of what we need. Today's Gospel about the prodigal son is a good example of this. While he was out pursuing his interests, this younger son pursued his wants but lacked an understanding of his important needs. Our spiritual needs are fulfilled through God when we accept the unconditional love that he provides for us.

This parable reminds us that on our own we do not possess a full understanding of the benefits of God's redeeming love. When we fall short, we need to turn to God with confidence and an open heart to seek his forgiveness. When we turn to God with sorrowful and humble hearts, we experience his grace as unconditional love. Then, everything becomes new as it did for the prodigal son who returned to his welcoming father.

How do we build on this? We need to be ambassadors for God, like the loving father in the parable who welcomed and celebrated with his son, or Jesus who ate with tax collectors and sinners and showed us the way. We can begin by looking deeply at how our words, action, and thoughts affect others and strive to be ambassadors for God, faithful to God who gave his only son to wash away our sins.

Ildiko O'Dacre; Cambridge, ON



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.



Fr. Peter Nowak OMI was born on October 8, 1967. He grew up in west-end Toronto. He joined the Oblates in 2001, after experiencing their commitment to ministry among the immigrants at St. Casimir Parish in Toronto. He was ordained a priest on June 14, 2006. Since then, he made many friends and strove to bring many closer to God's love in the parishes of St. Eugene de Mazonod in Brampton and at Holy Ghost in Winnipeg. Since August 2013, Fr. Peter has been a part of the pastoral team at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre.

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. 29	Fr. Mariusz Bosek (in Polish)
Fri.	Apr. 1	Passion Crown
Tue.	Apr. 5	Oblate Youth
Fri.	Apr. 8	Gold Rose Apostolate

Rosary Intention for April

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries. May they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Lenten Retreat in Polish

Preached by Fr. Mariusz Bosek OMI

Saturday/Sunday, March 26/27
Retreat talk at each Sunday Mass

Monday, March 28
10 a.m. / 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 29
10 a.m. / 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30
10 a.m. / 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 31
10 a.m. / 7 p.m.



Fr. Mariusz Bosek OMI was born on January 30, 1977, in Luków Poland. After completing high school in Tychy, Poland, Fr. Mariusz began to discern his vocation. With the help of the "Oasis

Movement" in Poland, he decided to pursue a life in the priesthood and joined the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1996. Fr. Mariusz was ordained a priest in Obra, Poland, in 2003. After serving at St. Teresa of the Child Jesus parish in Siedlice, Poland, he was sent to the Uruguay mission. He was the only Polish Oblate to serve in the international Oblate community in Uruguay from 2005 to 2012 and his work in Uruguay revolved mainly around youth. In 2013, he was appointed assistant in the Poznan Missionary Procuracy and president of the Oblate Aid to Missions Association "Lumen Caritatis". Presently, Fr. Mariusz serves as a missionary preacher as part of the community of a parish that is being built in Opole.

Sacrament of Confirmation

This Saturday, March 26, **Bishop Ivan Camilleri** celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at our parish, with 86 young people receiving the final sacrament of initiation.

Congratulations to all who were confirmed and a big thank you to their Parents and Catechists who helped prepare the youth for this important spiritual milestone: Fr. Marcin Serwin, S. Halina Pierozak, Monika Manturowicz, Claudia Ogórek, Paulina Pacheco, Emily Smólko, Justyna Armatowicz, Mateusz Chrzanowski, Kacper Prymicz, Patricia Machnio, Julia Smólko, Klaudia Cichy, Eva Labenda, Victoria Wszeborowski, Magda Hofman.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be celebrated for

**Aurelia Rose Lambert
Liam Lawrence Lambert**
children of Paulina & Erik

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

R.C.I.A. Confirmation for Adults

Adults preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation as well as all those taking part in the R.C.I.A. program are asked to attend a rehearsal on **Saturday, April 2 at 1:30 p.m.** in the church. If possible, please come with your sponsor.

The sacraments will be celebrated on **Easter Vigil Saturday, April 16 at 8 p.m.**

Upcoming Devotions

First Friday of the month, April 1st
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses

First Saturday of the month, April 2nd
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, April 3rd
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.



"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 **this Sunday** in the parish hall.

Faithful Departed



The following parishioners passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

✠ Danuta Bartczak, 70
✠ Teresa Zoltkowska, 82
✠ Czeslaw Piotrowicz, 90
✠ Helena Prelich, 90
✠ Leokadia Czerepak, 92
✠ Stanley Jablonski, 96

Happy Birthday Fr. Marcin!

Wishing you a birthday filled with God's blessing and praying that your patroness, the Blessed Virgin Mary, keep you in her care as you serve our parish and the Church. Sto lat!



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part."

– Cardinal Thomas Collins

Please give generously on ShareLife Sunday during the special collection or at sharelife.org.

40 Days for Life

Kolbe Pro-Life 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. All that is needed is an hour of your time.

A Concert for 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.

Food Drive

Once again, **Knights of Columbus** are organizing an annual food drive in support of those in need in our local community. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off inside the entrance to the church. The following are in high demand: rice, pasta, coffee, and all kinds of canned goods (meat, soup, vegetables, fruits). **No expired food, please!** Food drive runs from April 3rd to 10th.

"Christ is Risen" Signs

On **Sunday, April 3**, Knights of Columbus will be selling "Christ is Risen" lawn signs. All proceeds will help support orphanages in Poland.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, March 28th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Melania & Mikolaj Paluszkiewicz
10⁰⁰ **Lenten Retreat in Polish**
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross for Children**
19⁰⁰ **Lenten Retreat in Polish**
✠ Olga & Tadeusz Kaczmarek
✠ Son Karol and members of the Warych & Kolodziejczak families

TUESDAY, March 29th

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Fr. Marcin Serwin on this birthday
10⁰⁰ **Lenten Retreat in Polish**
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross in Polish**
19⁰⁰ **Lenten Retreat in Polish**
✠ Antoni Nowak, Wladyslawa & Jozef Piasecki
✠ Wiktor Stojanowski

WEDNESDAY, March 30th

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for Robert, Grzegorz, Adam, Krzysztof and family
✠ Stanislaw Losek
10⁰⁰ **Lenten Retreat in Polish**
19⁰⁰ **Lenten Retreat in Polish**
✠ Longin Kulina (anniv.)

THURSDAY, March 31st

8⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Sondej (13th anniv.)
10⁰⁰ **Lenten Retreat in Polish**
19⁰⁰ **Lenten Retreat in Polish**
✠ Parents Julianna & Franciszek Choroszewski
✠ Teresa Aniol

FRIDAY, April 1st

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for Dylan on his 1st birthday
✠ Helena & Wladyslaw Sroslak
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross in Polish**
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Nicole, Nicolas, Alenzo and their parents

SATURDAY, April 2nd

8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary immaculate
17⁰⁰ ✠ Members of the Labenda, Malendowicz, and Suchecki families
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for Michael on his 36th birthday

SUNDAY, April 3rd

8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family
9³⁰ **Lenten Retreat in English**
○ For God's blessing for Izabela DiCarlo on her 40th birthday
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Edward Kosjanik (6th anniv.) and Ryszard Zebrowski
14³⁰ ○ For God's continued blessing for the Kolba, Milewski, and Oswiecinski families
18⁰⁰ **Lenten Lamentations**
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's blessing for Antonina & Marian on their 53rd wedding anniversary

First Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12

Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

Second Collection

March 26/27 – Share Life

April 15 – Holy Land

Thank you for your generosity.