

Reflection

Today’s readings invite us to ponder in our hearts our experience of God’s call. Many of us are given occasional mountain-top experiences, which we usually do not talk about. Yet it is important to revisit often these special moments and reclaim the insights and graces received.

During the Transfiguration, Jesus hears again the call that he heard at his baptism, to trust that he is God’s “beloved” one, an invitation also meant for us. We all carry one question hidden in our hearts during our whole lives. “Am I loveable as I am?” This touches on our experience of what it means to be human, with our gifts and weaknesses. It is so easy to judge ourselves as not being “enough” in a variety of ways. What if we dared to accept the challenge to believe that God loves us passionately, unconditionally, and forever? Isn’t that the deepest desire of our hearts?

Like Jesus and his disciples, we must claim and embrace our beloved-ness again and again without fear, as this choice will surely shape our happiness and priorities in life. It is in our ordinary life, rooted in family, work and community, that the truth of our beloved-ness will continue to grow in us. Let us today ask for this grace so that we may encourage others as well.

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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

Daylight Saving Time

 **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. 😊

– PARISH NEWS –

The Sacrament of Baptism

This weekend, through the sacrament of baptism, the following children will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community.

Aleksander Ragnar Kata,
son of Natalia and Tomasz

Ellie London Bujak,
daughter of Vanessa and Radoslaw

Liam Zbigniew Mears,
son of Katarzyna and Matthew

Meetings

Parents of Confirmation Candidates

This Sunday, March 5 at 3:30 p.m.
In English – in Sister Faustina Room
In Polish – in the parish hall

New Pastoral – Information Session

This Sunday, March 5 at 4 p.m.
in Brother Anthony Room

Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, March 7 at 10 a.m.
Mass followed by a meeting at John Paul II
Polish Cultural Centre

Secular Franciscans

Saturday, March 11, 12 noon – 2 p.m.
in Fr. Eugene Room

Camino de Santiago – Information Session

Saturday, March 18 at 6 p.m.
in the parish hall

More information in next week’s bulletin

Confirmation for Adults

The sacrament of confirmation fully initiates an adult into the Church and is required if one wishes to act as a godparent or enter into the sacrament of marriage. 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. Classes begin on **March 7**, and adults will be confirmed during the Easter Vigil, on Saturday, April 8.

World Youth Day Fundraising

On Sunday after Mass, youth are fundraising for World Youth Day by selling **honey** and **sugar lambs**: small at \$3.50 and medium at \$4. They are also collecting **empty alcohol containers**. These may be dropped off by the garage door on the west side of the parking lot.

Coffee and Donuts

This **Sunday, March 5**, coffee and donuts will be served by Polish Scouts.

– RETREATS –

Lenten Retreat in English

March 11/12 – 14

Preached by Bp. Guy Desrochers of Pembroke
All English-speaking parishioners are invited to take part in a Lenten Retreat entitled *The True Face of the Father*. The retreat schedule is as follows:

Saturday, March 11

5 p.m. – Mass with half-hour talk: *The Father’s Secret Plan*

6 p.m. – Sermon: *Testimony*

Sunday, March 12

9:30 a.m. – Mass with homily: *Invitation to Come to the Mission*

Monday, March 13

God’s Dwelling Place in the Soul
7 p.m. – Mass with sermon
8 p.m. – Sermon

Tuesday, March 14

Hope and Perseverance with Mary
7 p.m. – Mass with sermon
8 p.m. – Sermon

Lenten Retreat in Polish

March 18/19 – 23

Preached by Fr. Sławomir Dworek OMI
Stay tuned for details...

Youth Retreat

Oblate Youth invites all youth to the March Break retreat, **March 10-13** at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Center in Mississauga. Fr. Daniel Janulewicz OMI, Fr. Paul Patrick OMI and Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI will be preaching the retreat for the youth. We especially invite young people who wonder what is the meaning and point of faith! For details, please write to oblateyouthcanada@gmail.com

Lenten Retreat

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre

When: Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

Facilitators: Queen of Apostles Retreat Team

Cost: \$45 includes lunch

Contact: Jean (905) 2778-5229
office@qoa.ca

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, March 10**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

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Fast Pray Give



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. 7	Altar Servers
Fri.	Mar. 10	Domestic Church
Tue.	Mar. 14	Knights of Columbus
Fri.	Mar. 17	Krucjata Wyzwolenia Człowieka
Tue.	Mar. 21	Fr. Sławomir Dworek (in Polish)
Fri.	Mar. 24	Secular Franciscans
Tue.	Mar. 28	Oblate Youth
Fri.	Mar. 31	Gold Rose Apostolate

All groups leading the Stations of the Cross are asked to submit their text to the parish office ahead of time for Father Pastor’s approval.

Plenary Indulgence

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.

40 Days for Life

Silent Prayer in the Intention of All Life in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration throughout Lent, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites all parishioners to join in prayer to save the lives of unborn children and those considering euthanasia. All that is needed is an hour of your time. “Coins for Life” bottles can still be dropped off at the sacristy after Mass or at the parish office.

Book of Sobriety

A Book of Sobriety is placed beside the Altar of Relics. Parishioners are encouraged to sign their names as a pledge to take up abstinence during Lent. All individuals who take up the challenge to refrain from alcohol during Lent will be offered up in prayer by members of the *Krucjata Wyzwolenia Człowieka*.

– OTHER NEWS –

Pope’s Rosary intention for March

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Rose #14 will lead the rosary this week. On days when we pray the Stations of the Cross, rosary prayer will begin at 6 p.m.

Pilgrimage to Wilno

Conference of Polish Priests is organizing a pilgrimage to Wilno (Kaszuby) on **Saturday, April 15** on the occasion of the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Busses will leave from St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Mississauga, St. Casimir’s Parish in Toronto, and St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish in Brampton. Fee: \$50 per person.

Pilgrimage to Quebec

Holy Rosary Family is organizing a 3-day pilgrimage to various shrines in Quebec from May 19 to 21 under the spiritual guidance of an Oblate priest. For more information and to register, please contact:
Teresa (905) 495-7035 or
Wiesława (416) 799-2122

Fundraising at John Paul II Centre

Fundraising drive at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre takes place this Sunday after each Mass. Financial aid is needed for improvements and renovations to the main banquet hall, as well as the renovation of the new space that was formerly occupied by Credit Union. Any donations are greatly appreciated, and tax receipts are available. Please stop by and support the Centre.



Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are supported through your generosity. Without your contributions, more than 150,000 people would not receive the hope offered through the vital work of these agencies.

ShareLife Sunday is March 26. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

March 6th

^{8⁰⁰} ✠ Grandparents – granddaughter
^{18³⁰} *Stations of the Cross for Children*
^{19⁰⁰} ✠ Members of the Kondej and Rutkowski families – daughter and family
✠ Aleksandra Ladziak – daughter Anna

TUESDAY

March 7th

^{8⁰⁰} ○ In thanksgiving for Barbara and Jozef on their wedding anniversary
^{10⁰⁰} ○ Members of Kolbe Seniors Club
^{18³⁰} *Stations of the Cross in English*
^{19⁰⁰} ✠ Mieczyslaw Wspanialy – son Krzysztof

WEDNESDAY

March 8th

^{8⁰⁰} ✠ Wiesława Serwin; Emilia and Aleksander Niemiec – family
✠ Jan and Zofia Siemaszko and family members – family
^{19⁰⁰} ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY

March 9th

^{8⁰⁰} ✠ Edward and Roman Calko – wife and mother with family
○ Special intention for God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Patrick – parents
^{19⁰⁰} ✠ Barbara Maria Mahon – Robert Mahon

FRIDAY

March 10th

^{8⁰⁰} ✠ Father Zdzisław Panasiewicz
^{18³⁰} *Stations of the Cross in Polish*
^{19⁰⁰} ✠ Helena and Leon Skrobucha – son and family
✠ Władysława Koza (3rd anniv.) – Barbara Koza

SATURDAY

March 11th

^{8⁰⁰} ✠ Anna Blachuta – sister and family
^{17⁰⁰} ✠ Stanisława Szafranek – sisters and family
^{19⁰⁰} ✠ Sławomir Kotowski (2nd anniv.) – parents, sister, Patryk, and family

SUNDAY

March 12th

^{8⁰⁰} ✠ Ryszard Michalec (5th anniv.); parents Natalia and Stefan; Stanisław – family
^{9³⁰} ✠ Anna Milkowska (20th anniv.) – sister and family
^{11⁰⁰} ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
^{13⁰⁰} ✠ Members of the Skibicki and Sidorenko families – sister
^{14³⁰} ✠ Lana Konarkowski (24th anniv.) – niece and family
^{18⁰⁰} *Lenten Lamentations* *NEW TIME*
^{19⁰⁰} ✠ Barbara Zyla (2nd anniv.) – daughter Marzena and family

Please inform the parish office of any errors in the spelling of the above names.

Thank You

We wish to thank Zofia and Zdzisław Skóra, the owners of Decor Studio, for making a new upholstery on the door to the Chapel of Mercy. They generously donated their time, talent, and money for this project. God bless!