



Reflection

Scrutiny: a negative-sounding word, suggesting harsh judgment. That’s something the Samaritan woman knew well. She’s been married five times; her current partner was not her husband. No wonder she went to the well in the heat of the noonday sun, when no one was around.

Catechumens (those preparing for baptism at Easter) begin three weeks of scrutinies today. Catechumens scrutinize their lives in the light of Jesus’ life, but also in the light of his love. That makes all the difference.

The Samaritan woman’s encounter with Jesus called her to scrutinize her life. Jesus knew her long history, poor choices, sins. But he knew more, knew better. Because he saw with eyes of love and understanding...saw the real person under all the wrong choices. He knew who she really was, who she had been created to be.

Because of him, she could see that, too. She could run to the neighbours who had judged and ostracized her and say: “He told me everything I have ever done.” She could face her past and present with courage, not despair, trusting that she could be the person she was meant to be.

In every Eucharist, we are called to face our lives with honesty and courage. To look at our lives in the light of Jesus’ life. And to receive the living water of his merciful love.

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First Reading: Exodus 17.3-7
Responsorial Psalm:
O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!
Second Reading: Romans 5.1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4.5-42

– PARISH NEWS –

The Sacrament of Baptism

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

Amelia Rose Kapuscinski,
daughter of Jessica and Marcin

Niko Ikonomi,
son of Anna and Mateo

Meetings

Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, March 14, 7 p.m.

Mass, exchange of Rosary Mysteries for Rose #17, meeting at John Paul II Centre

Camino de Santiago – Information Session

Saturday, March 18 at 6 p.m.

in the parish hall

Join us for a meeting with our parishioners who have walked “The Way of St. James.” Each year, thousands of pilgrims walk hundreds of kilometres along the route of Camino de Santiago to reach the grave of St. James – one of the 12 apostles – located in the Cathedral of St. James in Spain. Come, listen, and learn from fellow parishioners.

Coffee and Donuts

This **Sunday, March 12**, coffee and donuts will be served by Knights of Columbus.

Turkey and Syria Humanitarian Relief

Two devastating earthquakes and hundreds of violent aftershocks in Turkey and Syria have caused great destruction in both countries. As search and rescue operations continue, the latest reports indicate that the death toll surpassed 47,000 while about 2 million people were left homeless.

To help those affected, next weekend’s second collection, which would normally go towards our Renovation Fund, will go towards the Turkey and Syria Humanitarian Relief. Donations for this purpose can be placed in envelopes that are intended for the Renovation Fund or in envelopes marked “Humanitarian Relief.” Please continue to pray for those who have died and been affected by this earthquake.

Fraud Alert!

Please be aware of scammers who say they are calling from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and request that you pay an outstanding balance. Similar scams have taken place in the past. Please note that we never call our parishioners and ask for money. If you are a target, we recommend that you contact the police and make them aware of the situation.

– 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

Saturday, March 18 & Sunday, March 19
Retreat Homily at each Sunday Mass

Monday, March 20 - 10 a.m. / 7 p.m.

Retreat Homily at each Mass

Tuesday, March 21

10 a.m. – Mass, homily, anointing of the sick

7 p.m. – Mass and retreat homily

8 p.m. – Retreat talk for married couples

Wednesday, March 22 - 10 a.m. / 7 p.m.

Special Retreat Homily at each Mass

Thursday, March 23

10 a.m. – Mass and retreat homily

7 p.m. – Mass and retreat homily

8 p.m. – An evening with Mother Mary

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

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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. 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.

ProLife Initiatives

This **Sunday, March 12**, immediately after the evening Mass, Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites one and all to take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation to Lord Jesus for sins against life and its dignity.

Lenten prayer for the protection of life against abortion and euthanasia continues in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration. Come pray for an hour help save a life!!

Fundraiser for Madagascar

“Give the Malagasy people a fishing rod instead of a fish” is the motto of a campaign aimed at helping the people of Madagascar rebuild their lives after a tropical cyclone hit the country on March 6. Heavy rain and strong winds caused major damage and affected around 266,000 people. If you would like to contribute to the fundraiser, please speak to a MAMI representative on **Sunday, March 19** in the parish hall. All funds will be used to buy the most necessary things: food, medicine, clothing, and building materials. Join us in helping the hungry, the naked, the homeless.

Spiritual Adoption

Spiritual Adoption of a Conceived Child will take place on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord – **Saturday, March 25** at 8 a.m. Details in next week’s bulletin.

– OTHER NEWS –

Confirmation for Adults

Preparation classes in Polish have already started, but there is still a possibility to sign up for classes in English. Please call the parish office if you wish to 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 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.

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 #15 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. Tickets at \$50 per person can be purchased on Sunday, April 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish hall. More information: Wiesława (416) 799-2122

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

ShareLife Parish Campaign

Live the Gospel by helping our vulnerable brothers and sisters

ShareLife Sunday is **March 26**, and we once again ask you to give generously to support Catholic agencies, who in turn care for the most vulnerable in our communities. As a parish, this is our opportunity to live the Gospel! Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

March 13th

8⁰⁰ ◦ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s blessing, Mary’s protection, and health for Damian

18³⁰ Stations of the Cross for Children

19⁰⁰ Retreat Mass in English

✠ Parents Marianna, Jan Swieczkowski, Jozef, Władysława Jez; brothers Jan, Jozef, Mirosław; members of the Jez, Kulpa, Kozera families
✠ Katarzyna and Franciszek Oblak

TUESDAY

March 14th

8⁰⁰ ◦ For God’s blessing, Mary’s protection, and health for Helena Ciesla on her birthday

18³⁰ Stations of the Cross in English

19⁰⁰ Retreat Mass in English

✠ Julia Czerepak (2nd anniv.)
✠ Albin and Jadwiga Pigiel

WEDNESDAY

March 15th

8⁰⁰ ◦ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s grace, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and health for Maria Baran on her 85th birthday

✠ Zofia and Eugeniusz Kozacz

19⁰⁰ ◦ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY

March 16th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Aniela and Wojciech Gawron

19⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef, Aniela, and Maria Lambert

✠ Jozef Mucha, Eugeniusz Wieniec, and Bartosz

FRIDAY

March 17th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria Szymanska – Krystyna

18³⁰ Stations of the Cross in Polish

19⁰⁰ ◦ For God’s blessing and Mary’s protection for Arleta Mis on her 40th birthday

✠ Walerian and Eugenia Poleszuk

SATURDAY

March 18th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Edward and Janina

17⁰⁰ ◦ For God’s blessing for Veronika on her birthday

19⁰⁰ ✠ Pelagia, Stanisław, Leokadia, Marek and Leszek of the Radzikowski family

SUNDAY

March 19th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Helena and Tadeusz Kopec, brother Jozef, brother-in-law Andrzej, deceased family members

9³⁰ ✠ Anna and Władysław Ozga

11⁰⁰ ◦ For Parishioners and Benefactors

13⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia and Marcin Piersiak – family

14³⁰ ✠ Malgorzata Kowalewska (4th anniv.)

18⁰⁰ Lenten Lamentations *NEW TIME*

19⁰⁰ ✠ Henryk Sobieszczanski (1st anniv.)

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