



Reflection

Light. At our most basic level of awareness, at the core of our being, we know the power of light. Physically we seek it, are energized and refreshed by it, drawn to its warmth, its nourishment, its luminous beauty. Our strong connection to light means its properties have emotional and spiritual resonance. Vision, insight, and revelation can become interconnected.

Spiritually, light is associated with life itself, with transformation and hope. “Let there be light!” is the first command of the Creator God of Genesis. “I am the light of the world,” declares Jesus, God’s fullest self-revelation in time as he brings vision – light to darkness – to a blind man. Through Jesus’ resurrection we are similarly transformed in Christ, says St. Paul to the church at Ephesus – so live “as children of the light.”

Here we are, people and Church, making our annual Lenten pilgrimage. Active disciples, the body of Christ in our time and place, we seek renewal in living Jesus’ mission of love. Today’s readings illustrate our path in their use of light imagery to define discipleship. Our invitation? Reflect the light of Christ! We are called to transformation, individually and as Church... where the light of compassion can transform relationships, alleviate the darkness of systemic injustice, and reveal the holiness of all that is.

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First Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13
Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
Second Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14
Gospel: John 9.1-41

Parish Collections

March 18/19 Turkey and Syria Humanitarian Relief

March 25/26 ShareLife Collection

Thank you for your support.

– PARISH NEWS –

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

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.

Daniel Anthony Szewczyk,

son of Veronica and Michal

Mia Wereszczynska,

daughter of Nicole and Dawid

Sofia Lucyna Balicki,

daughter of Katherine and Piotr

Meetings

Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, March 21, 11 a.m.

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Coffee and Donuts

This **Sunday, March 19**, coffee and donuts will be served by Altar Servers.

Turkey and Syria Humanitarian Relief

To help those affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, this Sunday’s Renovation Fund collection 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.

– PARISH NEWS –

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.

Fundraiser for Madagascar

This Sunday, March 19

“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 come down to the parish hall and speak to a MAMI representative. 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.

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 displayed in the entrance to the parish office and chapel. Info: <http://www.duchowaadopcja.info/>

Euthanasia/MAiD Danger Awareness Event

Right to Life Mississauga & Area will be hosting an in-person event on Medical Assisted Suicide entitled: “The Real Impacts of MAiD (Medical Assisted Suicide) Revealed!” Featured keynote speakers will discuss the legal, institutional, and personal impact of this ill-conceived legislation in Canada. This event will be held in the parish hall on **Sunday, March 26** at 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., preceded by a light reception for attendees at 3:30 p.m. For more information, visit: www.righttolifemb.com/events

LENT 2023

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. 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.

40 Days for Life

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!

Palm Sunday Change of Mass Time

Please note that there’s a slight change in the Mass schedule on Palm Sunday, **April 1**.

5 p.m. – Lenten Lamentations

6 p.m. – Mass

8 p.m. – Passion Play

Lenten Confession

Monday, April 3 at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5 at 6 p.m.

Flowers for the Tomb

If any parishioner would like to help us decorate the Lord’s tomb, we will gladly accept **red and yellow potted tulips** or **monetary donation**. These can be given directly to Sister Halina or dropped off at the parish office. Thank you for your contribution.

Holy Rosary

Rose #16 will lead the rosary this week. On days when we pray the Stations of the Cross, rosary prayer will begin at 6 p.m.

– OTHER NEWS –

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.

Pilgrimage to Wilno

April 15, 2023

Conference of Polish Priests is organizing a pilgrimage to Wilno (Kaszuby) 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

May 19 – 21, 2023

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

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

May 31 – June 9, 2023

Flight with Mary Catholic Pilgrimage Agency and the Gold Rose Apostolate are organizing a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, a place where heaven meets earth. Spend a spiritually rich time in Medjugorje and visit the beautiful places of Tihaljina, Šurmanci, Vepric, Makarska, Kravica Waterfalls, and more. For additional information contact:

• Marzena (647) 284-1631

• Margaret (416) 859-8469

ShareLife Parish Campaign Celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph through ShareLife

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph and reflect on his holy life and the way he loved and cared for Jesus and Mary.

Next week is ShareLife Sunday. May we emulate St. Joseph’s example and share our blessings with the least of our brothers and sisters.

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

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

March 20th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Andrzej Socha and Jozef Ostrowski

10⁰⁰ ✠ Bożena and Krzysztof Sobczynski

18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross for Children**

19⁰⁰ ✠ Bronisław Iwanek and his parents

✠ Jozef Taborowski

TUESDAY

March 21st

8⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Sadowski

10⁰⁰ ○ For the gifts of the Holy Spirit for Adam, Daniel and Filip

18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross in English**

19⁰⁰ **Retreat Mass in Polish**

✠ Katarzyna and Michał Mrowca

○ For God’s grace and health for parents

Jaroslawa and Stanisław

WEDNESDAY

March 22nd

8⁰⁰ ✠ Mieczysław Feret

✠ Helena Rebizak

10⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Adrian and help

in overcoming addiction

19⁰⁰ ✠ Celina and Antoni Motyczynski

THURSDAY

March 23rd

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and

for God’s blessing and Mary’s protection

for Tammy, Jennifer, and Maria

✠ Maria and Jozef Balinski and members

of the Balinski family

10⁰⁰ ✠ Andrzej Chmura

19⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef Mendela

FRIDAY

March 24th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanisław Rybicki

18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross in Polish**

19⁰⁰ ✠ Karol Warych and members of the

Kolodziejczak and Warych families

✠ Jozef Grabowski, sister-in-law Irena

Grabowski

SATURDAY

March 25^h

8⁰⁰ ○ That every conceived life would be surrounded by love and could develop and

live for God’s glory

17⁰⁰ ✠ Jan and Piotr Czarnecki

19⁰⁰ ✠ Marian Cisło (5th anniv.)

SUNDAY

March 26th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Stefania and Władysław Kowaliszyn,

Krzyszyna Lewandowska

9³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for received graces, asking for further blessings for Ava

Colacitti on her 1st birthday

11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors

13⁰⁰ ○ For Veronika Wajdzik on her 17th

birthday, gifts of the Holy Spirit for her,

Marcin and Daniela, and for mother

Jadwiga on her birthday

14³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Helena and Jan

Kolpak on their 45th wedding anniversary

18⁰⁰ **Lenten Lamentations** *NEW TIME*

19⁰⁰ **Mass in Polish with Homily in English**

✠ Jerzy Fiwek (4th anniv.)

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