



### Reflection

Why did the Lord choose to appear when Thomas wasn't there? Thomas' reaction is not one of jealousy, resentment, or even self-doubt. For many, these would have been instinctive responses. Thomas' default was to doubt it happened.

Interestingly, the powerful witness of his most trusted friends was not enough to sway him either. Yet, a week later, he still joined those apostles as they all faced an existential threat, gripped in fear and completely confused about their future. Those he did not believe, he still trusted with his life. Those he doubted, he still felt connected to. Was he one of them after all?

When the Lord did appear to Thomas, Thomas was quick to respond in love and obedience and the Lord was quick to receive him – but not before saying, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Are you a doubter among believers or a believer who doubts? Just as an existential threat had paralyzed the disciples with fear, so you may be experiencing indescribable fear, unspeakable heartache, or blinding confusion. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Yes, lean on those whose faith can carry you through. But pray for the grace to overcome doubts. The Lord is inviting you to trust him – in all and with all. Believe.

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**First Reading:** Acts 2.42-47

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1.3-9

**Gospel:** John 20.19-31

### Second Collection

April 22/23 – Building Renovation Fund  
Thank you for your generosity.

## – PARISH NEWS –



### Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, on the first Sunday after Easter, the Catholic Church celebrates **Divine Mercy Sunday**, a feast day established by St. John Paul II. The cult of Divine Mercy is associated with the apparitions experienced by St. Faustina Kowalska, to whom Jesus appeared in 1935, recommending that she spread the message of God's Mercy to the whole world. On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002, during a pilgrimage to Poland, John Paul II entrusted the whole world to God's Mercy and blessed the Shrine in Kraków Łagiewniki, Poland.

### 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.

**Gavin Philip Zagori**,  
son of Kirsten and Darien

**Julian Antoni Sliwinski**,  
son of Karolina and Adam

**Liran Nsoh Chiboh**,  
son of Sylvia and Chiboh

**Mateo Guido Franjic**,  
son of Vanessa and Edward

### Coffee and Donuts

This **Sunday, April 16**, coffee and donuts will be served by the Church Committee.

### Passion Play DVDs

Passion Play DVDs from Palm Sunday's performance are available for purchase this weekend after each Mass. All proceeds will help cover the costs of the production. Thank you for your support.

## – COMING UP –

### Sacrament of Confirmation

**Bp. Ivan Camilleri** will bestow the sacrament of confirmation on our youth on **Saturday, April 22 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, April 20 at 7:45 p.m.** in the church.

### Formation Meeting for Parents

Formation meeting for parents of children preparing to receive First Holy Communion in May will take place on **Sunday, April 23 at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall in Polish and in the church in English. This is an in-person meeting; church cameras will be off.

### Easter Concert

Novi Singers Toronto and St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish present an Easter Concert “Alleluia” with festive religious music for soprano solo, choir, and instruments, under the musical direction of Maciej Jaskiewicz. Join us on **Sunday, April 23 at 4 p.m.** at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Suggested donation to cover production costs is \$20; children under 12 – free.

### Wedding Anniversary Mass Sunday, April 30 at 11 a.m.

Please call the parish office if you wish to have your name added to the list of couples celebrating their wedding anniversary.

### Coming Up at Our Parish April 28-30

Polish Film Festival – “The Fate of Poles”  
Parish Hall

Friday, April 28, 8 p.m.  
“Portraits of the Past”

Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m.  
“Solidarity 2022”

Producer: Ryszard Łączyński  
Suggested donation: \$10

Sunday, April 30, 4 p.m.  
“Fr. Piotr Skarga”

“Annihilation of the Redemptorists in Wola”

### May 7-10

Retreat on the Eucharist with Patrycja Hurlak

### June 10 at 8 p.m.

Evening of Worship  
with Viola Brzezinska

(singer, songwriter, and composer)

## – MORE PARISH NEWS –

### Who is a parishioner?

There are many individuals who call the parish office asking for a letter confirming that he or she is a parishioner. When this happens, our parish secretary checks if they are registered; oftentimes they are not. So what makes a person a parishioner?

Ours is an ethnic faith community serving Catholics of Polish descent. This means that in order to be a parishioner, one needs to formally register at the parish. You are not a parishioner because your parents go here. You are not a parishioner just because you come to Mass here, or because you received sacraments here. You are a parishioner if you officially register here. Being a parishioner means that you are committed and invested in this parish, which means you are willing to share your time, talents, and treasures with the parish.

Registration forms can be found in the hallway of the church and in the parish office.

### ShareLife Your ShareLife gift changes lives

Our second ShareLife Collection will be on April 30. Among others, your contributions help people with disabilities and their family members. Your generous support enables our member agencies to provide them with the resources they need.

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Please continue to give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### Rosary Prayer

**Rose #19 leads the rosary this week.**

### Intentions for Wednesday Mass

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

### World Youth Day Fundraising

Youth who are travelling to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day are fundraising by collecting **empty alcohol containers**. These may be dropped off by the garage door on the west side of the parking lot.

## – COMMUNITY EVENTS –

### Radio Maria Banquet

Easter Banquet in support of Radio Maria and in thanksgiving for Fr. Jacek Cydzik's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priestly ordination will be held on **Sunday, April 23** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at our church and banquet will begin at 1 p.m. Program includes a concert by Julia Frodyma, lottery, dinner by Jan Gromada. Tickets are available from:

Joanna Szydłowska (905) 819-1040  
Joanna Strzezek (905) 845-3553  
Health from Nature Store at Roncesvalles Ave.  
Something Special Store at Wisła Plaza

### Spring Dance

Friends of the Polish Scouts cordially invite you to a Spring Dance in the style of the 1920s and 1930s on **Saturday, April 29** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Organizers guarantee a wonderful party atmosphere, delicious dinner, and attractive raffle prizes. All proceeds will go towards the maintenance and renovation of the scouts' camps in Kaszub. For more information and tickets, please contact Magda at (416) 270-6665.

### Canadian Polish Congress Jubilee Gala

Jubilee Gala celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canadian Polish Congress will take place on **Saturday, May 6 at 5 p.m.** at the Millennium Gardens Banquet Centre in Brampton. The program includes official ceremonies, delicious dinner, performances by Radość-Joy and Wisła, as well as entertainment by Impuls. Tickets at \$90 are available from Leszek Błaszczak at (289) 768-6056.

### Constitution Day Parade

The Canadian Polish Congress is inviting all Polonia to take part in a parade on the occasion of the 232<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the enactment of the Polish Constitution on **Sunday, May 7 at 1 p.m.** The parade will start at the Toronto City Hall, proceed down Toronto streets, and end with a concert by Kompot Band. Delicious Polish food will also be available for purchase. All are welcome!

### Table Tennis Tournament

Table Tennis Club is organizing a tournament on **Sunday, May 7** at John Paul II Cultural Centre. All are welcome. More info at: <https://centrumtabletennis.com/>

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY April 17

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Rozalia Lizon (anniv.) – son and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Tadeusz Szaran – wife and family  
✚ Marek, Anna, Wawrzyniec, Zbigniew, Tadeusz Krol and Bozena Kosiorek – family

### TUESDAY April 18

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Parents Anna and Eugeniusz Nowak  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Wacław Jonca – wife and daughters  
✚ Aleksander Czerepak (6<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – children and grandchildren

### WEDNESDAY April 19

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Zofia Sadowski – daughter and family  
✚ Jan Cudo (16<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – daughter and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY April 20

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For the grace of faith and conversion for sons and for help in overcoming addictions – parents  
✚ Agnieszka Lalewicz (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.) – husband and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and faith for Sean, Justin, and Kaylin Skorupski – grandparents

### FRIDAY April 21

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and Mary's protection for Julia, Daniel, and Krzysztof  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Władysław, Mirosław, and members of the Barszcz family  
○ For God's blessing and Mary's protection for Wojciech, Jacek, and their families – mother

### SATURDAY April 22

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and Mary's protection for Sebastian – parents  
16<sup>00</sup> ○ For the gifts of the Holy Spirit for all candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Mary's protection for Stefania, Michał, and Luka – grandparents

### SUNDAY April 23

8<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving on the wedding anniversary of Anna and Jozef, and for God's continued protection for their family  
9<sup>30</sup> ✚ Jozef and Maria Bajon – daughter and family  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ✚ Helena Paluch (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – daughters Agnieszka and Anna and family  
14<sup>30</sup> ✚ Daniela and Witold Struzek – children and families  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and grace for Emilia Dabal on her birthday – parents

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