

### Reflection

When I moved to the Maritimes, I planned to spend one of my first Sundays relaxing on a beach after Mass. However, not knowing where such a beach was, I sat in my parked car looking at a map. Thunk! Someone leaving Mass had backed into my vehicle. “No problem,” I thought. “I’m at church; this process will be painless.” I had had a previous car mishap in a secular context which turned into quite an ordeal.

My expectations of ease and that adversity would not reach into the church parking lot were false – our fallen humanity follows us everywhere. Thankfully, our faith ought not depend on anyone or anything apart from Jesus. No wickedness can snatch us from either his gaze or his hand; someone’s sins or poor choices do not affect that.

In today’s Gospel we hear how there was “in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit” who was crying out. Evil manifested itself in the holy place of God. And Jesus handled it.

When we experience disappointing behaviour amongst the faithful or are even faced with larger scandals involving those in leadership, we need not lose our faith in Jesus. Such circumstances do not reflect Jesus’ authenticity, nor do they question his authority. Instead, we turn to the One who silences the voice of evil and casts it out.

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## – PARISH NEWS –

### The Apostolate of the Golden Rose

The Apostolate of the Golden Rose is a lay community initiative within the Church which prays for clergy and consecrated individuals, as well as for new vocations to priestly and religious life. The Apostolate began as a response to the call from Pope John Paul II, who in his exhortation, *Pastores dabo vobis*, and numerous other writings, invited the faithful to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

At our parish, members of the Apostolate meet on the first Thursday of every month for Adoration and an evening Mass, followed by a formation meeting and a social gathering. For more information or to join, please contact Marzena at (647) 284-1631 or call the parish office.

Upcoming meeting: Thursday, February 1 at 7 p.m., Mass followed by a meeting in Bro. Anthony Room.

### Coffee – Donuts – Lunch

Youth traveling to Madagascar and France this summer is fundraising for their trip by selling coffee, donuts, and a hot meal. Head to the parish hall this Sunday for some delicious food. Thank you for your support.

### Coffee and Donuts Schedule

February 4 – Domus Ecclesiae  
February 11 – Families of John Paul II

### Second Collection

This weekend’s second collection is for the Building Renovation Fund. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### Rosary intention for February

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

**ROSE #2 will lead the rosary this week.**



## – COMING UP –

### Upcoming Devotions

**First Thursday of the month, February 1**  
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

**First Friday of the month, February 2**  
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.  
Confession starts at 6 p.m.

**First Saturday of the month, February 3**  
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

**First Sunday of the month, February 4**  
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

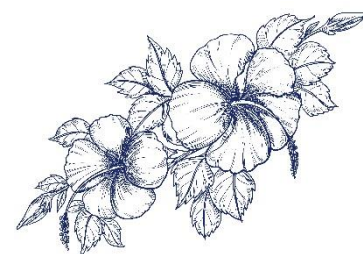
### Confirmation for Adults

A 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 and wish to receive the sacrament of confirmation may contact the parish office to sign up for a short preparation course. Adults will be confirmed during the Easter Vigil Liturgy, on **Saturday, March 30** at 8 p.m.

### Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will take place on seven consecutive Mondays, from **February 5 to March 18**, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Meetings are in-person and attendance is mandatory at all sessions. Fee: \$100 per couple. To register, go to [www.kolbe.ca](http://www.kolbe.ca) and click on *Liturgy and Sacraments* and then *Marriage*. Next course will be offered in October 2024.

Marriage Preparation Course for couples where one or both partners were previously married is facilitated by Catholic Family Services. Contact [www.cfstoronto.com](http://www.cfstoronto.com) to register.



## – IN MEMORIAM –



The following parishioners passed away recently. Let us keep them in our prayers.

✠ Franciszek Kostuch, 104  
✠ Leokadia Szarama, 96  
✠ Zenona Marianna Pieczula, 89  
✠ Tadeusz Kaczmarek, 86  
✠ Mieczyslaw Liberka, 77  
✠ Jadwiga Wielgosz, 69  
✠ Mirosław Wrobel, 64  
✠ Lidia Trela, 55

## – RETREATS –

### ...for Families

Domus Ecclesiae (Domestic Church) is organizing an evangelization retreat (in English) on the Family Day Weekend: from **Friday, February 16** at 6 p.m. to **Monday, February 19** at 3 p.m. at the Michaelite Fathers Retreat Centre in Melrose, near London, Ontario. The cost is \$560 per family, all inclusive. For more information or to register, please contact: (519) 896-8979 or (416) 859-1583.

### ...for Cancer Patients and Caregivers

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre is hosting a day of retreat for cancer patients and their caregivers, “To Experience God’s Healing Love” on **Saturday, February 17**, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person and includes lunch.  
Address: 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga  
Info.: Jean (905) 278-5229 [office@qoa.ca](mailto:office@qoa.ca)

### ...for Youth

Oblate Youth Canada is organizing an amazing youth survival March Break retreat. It is open for youth ages 13 – 18 and runs from **March 11 to 15**. The survival retreat will be held at Camp Samac in Oshawa. The cost is \$230 for first sibling, less for next siblings. To sign up, email [oblateyouthcanada@gmail.com](mailto:oblateyouthcanada@gmail.com)

### ...for Young Adults

Oblate Youth Canada is organizing a weekend survival retreat. It is open for youth ages 18 – 30 and runs from **March 15 to 17**. The survival retreat will be held at Camp Samac in Oshawa. The cost is \$150. To sign up, email [oblateyouthcanada@gmail.com](mailto:oblateyouthcanada@gmail.com)

## – OTHER NEWS –

### Lost and Found

If you have lost something in the church, please take a moment and look through the lost and found shelf located in the church hallway, beside the large wooden door. More precious items, such as prescription glasses, keys, wedding bands, phone SIM cards, etc. are kept in the parish office. Stop by during office hours.

### 2023 Income Tax Receipts



We are in the process of preparing income tax receipts for contributions of \$50 or more. If your address has changed recently, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

### Offertory Envelopes for 2024

If you have not picked up your offertory envelopes for 2024, please look for your set in the hallway of the church. Also, please write your full name and address on the first envelope in your set and do not use envelopes from previous years.

### Consecrated Life

If you hear the call of vocation in your heart and would like to learn more about an individual form of consecrated life, contact Anna Hecold OCV at (416) 880-2762 or at [anna.hecold@gmail.com](mailto:anna.hecold@gmail.com)

### Pilgrimage to Medjugorie May 3 – 13

For more information please contact:  
Marzena (647) 284-1631  
Malgorzata (416) 859-8469

### Pilgrimage to American Czestochowa

Holy Rosary Family is organizing a 3-day pilgrimage to the American Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA and various shrines in Philadelphia, PA, USA from **May 10 to 12**, 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

*One loving heart sets another on fire.  
~ St. Augustine ~*

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY January 29

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Janina Kosnik (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – friends  
✠ Mother Malgorzata Adamek (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.) and her parents Maria and Augustyn  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God’s blessing for the family of Malgorzata and Jędrzej Kaca

### TUESDAY January 30

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from the Zielowski family  
✠ Daughter Diana Pereira, husband Kazimierz Kokosza, parents Julia and Wiktor Lipowicz  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Malgorzata Motyka – Krystyna

### WEDNESDAY January 31

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanisława and Jozef, Władysława and Stanisław – Fr. Piotr  
✠ Deceased from the Kloneczynski and Dutkiewicz families – children  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY February 1

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jadwiga Targonska – Danuta and family  
○ For gifts of the Holy Spirit and protection of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Ingrid, Aleksandra, and Tudor  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God’s blessing for all Priests and Religious – Gold Rose Apostolate

### FRIDAY February 2

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jan and Anna Dusza and deceased from the Dusza family  
10<sup>00</sup> ✠ Anna Masłowiecka and Daniela Sadowska – sister and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanisław Barnach

### SATURDAY February 3

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Eddy Niedziela – parents  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Halina and Waclaw Golebiewski – daughter with children

### SUNDAY February 4

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate  
9<sup>30</sup> ✠ Henry Chuchla (20<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – wife and children  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued blessing and Mary’s protection for Daniel on his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday – mother  
14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Marian Cislo (6<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – wife and children  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Czesława Lyzwa – sons

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