



### Reflection

Last year, something happened to a friend of mine in a place where some 60 people were present. Over the next few weeks, people who had heard about it (including strangers and those from other parts of the city) approached me with questions. Word had spread so far and fast, yet all it took was the sharing of a few witnesses!

On display here is our natural desire to share news and stories. Just imagine what might happen if this enthusiasm were to be applied to the sharing of Jesus, the Good News, with others? Today's Gospel displays the impact.

A humble leper approaches Jesus with faith: Jesus heals the man. Jesus then warns him not to tell others because, at this point, such sharing would impede Jesus' ability to minister openly in certain areas. Yet, the leper's life is so changed that he cannot contain himself. His witness moves others to run to Jesus in droves.

Jesus' invitation to us now is unlike the exhortation made to the leper: we are called to witness freely. God's will is for many to draw close to him. So it is that when Mass ends, we are sent to witness to the gospel by our life. May our eucharistic Lord fill us with all the grace we need to share the good news of Jesus with others.

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**First Reading:** Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*You are my refuge, Lord;  
With deliverance you surround me.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 10.31 – 11.1

**Gospel:** Mark 1.40-45

## – PARISH NEWS –

### Happy Birthday Fr. Grzegorz!

On February 13, Fr. Grzegorz Nowak will celebrate his birthday. On his special day we wish Fr. Grzegorz good health and lots of strength and joy for each day. May you always feel the loving embrace of your patroness, the blessed Mary Immaculate.

### Coffee and Donuts Schedule

February 11 – Families of John Paul II  
February 18 – Oblate Youth

### 2023 Income Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts for contributions of \$50 or more will be mailed out this week. Please look for them in your mailbox.

### Parish Collections

February 10/11

Evangelization Work of the Oblate Fathers

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Lenten Almsgiving

Thank you for your support.

### Evening of Adoration

On **Monday, February 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.

### 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.

### 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 receive 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.

**ROSE #4 will lead the rosary this week.**

## – SEASON OF LENT –



ASH  
WEDNESDAY

### FEBRUARY 14 – MASS SCHEDULE

8 a.m. / 10 a.m. / 7 p.m. – in Polish  
5 p.m. – in English

### FASTING

Ash Wednesday is an obligatory day of fasting for Catholics ages 14 to 60. On this day, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding for individuals from age 14 onwards. Please note that the Church encourages the practice of fasting even for those who are not required to do so.

### Lenten Lamentations

Come grow with us in prayer and reflect on Christ's passion during Lenten Lamentations each Sunday of Lent at **6:15 p.m.** (in Polish)

### Stations of the Cross

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:

Fri.	Feb. 16	Kolbe ProLife
Tue.	Feb. 20	Scouts
Fri.	Feb. 23	Domus Ecclesiae
Tue.	Feb. 27	Oblate Youth
Fri.	Mar. 1	Families of John Paul II
Tue.	Mar. 5	Altar Servers
Fri.	Mar. 8	Krucjata Wyzwolenia Czlowieka
Tue.	Mar. 12	Knights of Columbus
Fri.	Mar. 15	Bible Group Passion Crown
Tue.	Mar. 19	Rekolekcjonista
Fri.	Mar. 22	Holy Rosary Society

**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.**

### Prayer for Peace

From Monday to Friday during Lent, until March 22 inclusive, we invite you to pray for peace in Ukraine. Prayer will take place in our church, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## – COMING UP –

### Meetings

#### Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, February 13 at 7 p.m.  
Mass followed by a meeting in the John Paul II Cultural Centre.

#### Grade 8 and 9 Students

Tuesdays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

#### Grade 10, 11, and 12 Students

Thursdays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

#### College and University Students

Fridays, 8:20 p.m. in Bro. Anthony Room

### Retreat 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.

### Retreat 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)

### Retreat 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)

### Retreat 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, send an email to: [oblateyouthcanada@gmail.com](mailto:oblateyouthcanada@gmail.com)

## – OTHER NEWS –

### Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 25 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.

### A Chopin Salon at the John Paul II Cultural Centre

The Canadian Chopin Society invites you to a Chopin Salon on **Sunday, February 25** at 4 p.m. at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Center. The event marks the launch of the countdown towards the Sixth Canadian Chopin Piano Competition in January 2025. Dr. Janet Lopinski will share insights into the creative genius of this beloved Polish composer, with performances by outstanding Canadian Chopin Competition laureates Leonard Gilbert and Eric Guo. After winning the first prize at the prestigious International Chopin Piano Competition on Period Instruments in October, Eric Guo has emerged as a rising international star. We invite you to join us to celebrate the musical legacy of Fryderyk Chopin.

### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

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  
Wieslawa (416) 799-2122

### 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.

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY February 12

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Daughter Diana Pereira, husband Kazimierz Kokosza, parents Julia and Wiktor Lipowicz  
✠ Wladyslaw Ozga – daughters and families  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Walenty Siuda, Eddy Niedziela, Zofia, Czeslaw, Kazimierz, Eugeniusz Bubacz, deceased from Siuda family

### TUESDAY February 13

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Lidia and Maria Tsivenko  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Miroslaw Szewc (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – Magda  
✠ Kazimiera Stadnik (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – children and grandchildren

### WEDNESDAY February 14 Ash Wednesday

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ For God's grace and protection for Maria and Robert on their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
10<sup>00</sup> ✠ Sandra Mombrej Perz (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – aunt Joanna  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ For God's blessing for Iris and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Henryka and Tomasz Wardakowski

### THURSDAY February 15

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ For the grace of healing for Andrzej – parents and siblings  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Parents-in-law Janina and Mieczyslaw, husband Stefan  
✠ Jan and Maria Maciata, Andrzej, Janina, and Jan Mrugala

### FRIDAY February 16

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Alicja Malek, Florian, Maria, Olga, Marcin, Boleslaw, Czeslaw Dyk, Olga and Aleksander Kurek – Bronislawa  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Slawomir Swieczka, Janina Franek, Jozefa Bednarczyk, Genowefa and Jan Kalowski – Izabela  
✠ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's continued blessing for the Rozanski family

### SATURDAY February 17

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Juliana and Jozef Tryniecki, deceased from the Tryniecki, Strozek, Opolski, Zaba, Durakiewicz – family  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Miroslaw Szewc (anniv.) – family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from the Ducki, Odalski, Swiecki families – family

### SUNDAY February 18

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Marian Leonczuk – wife  
9<sup>30</sup> ✠ Jakub  
11<sup>00</sup> ✠ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ✠ For God's blessing and health for Agnieszka and Marcin – mother  
14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Janina and Michal Bak  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing and health for Bronislawa Walczak on her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday

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