



Reflection

In Scripture, mountains are places of encounter with God. As such, they are also often places of incomprehension. We can only imagine the anguish behind Abraham's answer to young Isaac's innocent question about the missing lamb. Abraham did not know how God was going to resolve this quandary, but he knew that God was good and so he trusted.

In today's Gospel, we find more confusion in the mountains. In the Transfiguration, Jesus' divinity is revealed before the disciples in a way that does not clarify, but baffles. Poor Peter doesn't know what to say. This perplexity is compounded when Jesus tells them to keep silent about their experience until after his resurrection. Like Abraham before them, the disciples have only a glimpse of God's saving plan. They must trust God and wait for further understanding.

And what do we learn when we trust and wait? This mysterious God, who appears incredibly demanding, is in fact always providing. He seems to ask everything, but the goal of such asking is to open our hearts so that we can receive what he is offering. It's not easy to believe that it is in giving that we receive. Paul applies the same phrase to God – who is for us, not against us – that Genesis uses for Abraham: he “did not withhold his own Son.” What am I withholding?

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First Reading: Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm:

*I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

Second Reading: Romans 8.31b-35, 37

Gospel: Mark 9.2-10

– PARISH NEWS –

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Today at the 11 a.m. Mass, we pray for God's grace and blessing for the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries:

60th Anniversary

Gloria and Rudy Bies
Barbara and Jerzy Katarzynski

51st Anniversary

Danuta and Ryszard Janicki

50th Anniversary

Jadwiga and Jan Szulc
Maria and Tadeusz Wajda

25th Anniversary

Jolanta and Marek Seweryn

18th Anniversary

Renata and Tomasz Cudzich

Art Contest for Children

Children ages 6-12 are invited to take part in an art contest entitled “Stations of the Cross with Jesus.” Artwork should be done on a sheet of letter-size paper (8½”x11”) using any art technique: crayons, paint, pencils, collage, fingerpaint, etc. Artwork must be done by children themselves. On the reverse side please provide the child's full name, age, and parent's phone number. Please submit all artwork to Sister Halina or to the parish office by the 4th Sunday of Lent. Winners will be announced on the 5th Sunday of Lent at the end of the 1 p.m. Mass. Age group categories are: 6-8, 9-10, 11-12. The winner in each category will receive a week's participation in the “Summer Camp at Visual Arts Mississauga,” courtesy of Jan Szybalski.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

February 25 – MAMI: Friends of the Missions
March 3 – Polish Scouts

Parish Collections

This weekend's second collection is for the Building Renovation Fund. Thank you.

Honey

Oblate Youth is fundraising for their summer trips to Madagascar and France by selling honey at \$18 for a 1kg jar. If you wish to support them, please come down to the parish hall.

ROSE #6 will lead the rosary this week.



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

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.	Feb. 27	Oblate Youth
Fri.	Mar. 1	Families of John Paul II
Tue.	Mar. 5	Altar Servers
Fri.	Mar. 8	Domus Ecclesiae
Tue.	Mar. 12	Knights of Columbus
Fri.	Mar. 15	Bible Group Passion Crown
Tue.	Mar. 19	Fr. Krzyzostaniak OMI
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.

Parish Lenten Retreat

– in Polish –

Lenten retreat in Polish will take place from March 17 to 21 and will be preached by Fr. Grzegorz Krzyzostaniak OMI from Poland.

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.

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.

– COMING UP –

Upcoming Devotions

First Friday of the month, March 1
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, March 2
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, March 3
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

Day of Retreat for Confirmation Candidates

A reminder that all youth currently attending confirmation preparation classes at our parish will have their day of retreat on **Saturday, March 2** at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre. An e-mail with all the details has been sent to all parents and guardians.

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.

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

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

Book of Sobriety

A Book of Sobriety is placed beside the Altar of Relics. Parishioners are encouraged to sign their names as a pledge to take up abstinence during Lent. All individuals who take up the challenge to refrain from alcohol during Lent will be offered up in prayer by members of the *Krucjata Wyzwolenia Czlowieka*.

– IN MEMORIAM –



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

- † Stefan Reitmeier, 95
- † Stanislaw Zuk, 94
- † Edward Dul, 81
- † Joseph Urbaniak, 77
- † Jerzy Chudzinski, 69
- † Jan Kuczer, 67
- † Jozef Bazyluk, 65
- † Stanislaw Piechocka, 60
- † Dorota Jakobczyk, 59
- † Malgorzata Prochowski, 46
- † Pawel Kalwasinski, 41

– OTHER NEWS –

ShareLife

Announcing the 2024 ShareLife Campaign

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 17, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our campaign goal of \$14 million, addressing the growing needs in our communities.

By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to: offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues; help victims of domestic violence; ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten; deliver food to children in developing countries; form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes.

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

May 3 – 13

For more information please contact:
Marzena (647) 284-1631 or
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

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY February 26

8⁰⁰ † Deceased from the Kawa, Rzepa, Szwedowicz, Sopinski, Dziedzic, Krywko families
† Paulina and Wiktor Fulawka and deceased from the Pich and Fulawka families – Krystyna Specyal
18³⁰ *Stations of the Cross in Polish for children*
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Urszula and Alexandra on their birthdays – mother

TUESDAY February 27

8⁰⁰ † Irena and Edward Kosjanik – daughter Wanda and family
18³⁰ *Stations of the Cross in English*
19⁰⁰ † Deceased from the Pawiak and Chmura families
† Franciszek and Janina Wos – daughter and family

WEDNESDAY February 28

8⁰⁰ † Jozefa and Wladyslaw Kociuba – daughter and family
† Monika and Zdzislaw Slawski
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY February 29

8⁰⁰ † Parents Swieczkowski and Jez, brother Jan
○ For God's blessing for Krzysztof and Maya – grandparents
19⁰⁰ ○ For children and grandchildren in intention known to God – mother and grandmother

FRIDAY March 1

8⁰⁰ † Zofia and Romuald Dudarew – daughter
10⁰⁰ † Janina and Eugeniusz Plonski; Hipolit and Iremi Malinowski – family
18³⁰ *Stations of the Cross in Polish*
19⁰⁰ † Dariusz Szklarczuk – wife and children

SATURDAY March 2

8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
17⁰⁰ † Zofia and Edward Ziolkowski – son and family
19⁰⁰ † Maria Urbanczyk – son and family

SUNDAY March 3

8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
9³⁰ † Irena Chrabalowska (1st anniv.)
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ † Aleksandra Saganek (9th anniv.) and Stanislaw Saganek – son and family
14³⁰ † Janusz Rzodkiewicz – wife
18¹⁵ *Lenten Lamentations*
19⁰⁰ † Karol Warych, deceased from the Warych and Kolodziejczak families – parents, brother with family

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