



### Reflection

That God loved the world so much as to send the Only-Begotten Son to save and not condemn the world is not as easy a message to receive as it appears. If it were, would not everyone by now have embraced such a loving offer of salvation, wholeness, and quality of life?

Testimony about the steadfast love of God, such as we hear in today's first reading, and about the extent and results of the saving mercy of God that Paul's letter to the Ephesians describes, is certainly helpful, but the Gospel reading encourages us to be even more personally engaged. Nothing short of a life-altering encounter with Jesus, involving honesty and repentance – and the cross – will do. Such an encounter is difficult, because seeing our lives in the light of Jesus and his self-sacrificial love reveals the truth of who we are and requires of us a life-determining choice to become who we were meant to be.

We know that to accept Jesus as the gift of God who gives all for the sake of our salvation is lifegiving beyond our imagination. We ask for the grace to receive this gift wholeheartedly. We give thanks, too, for the Scriptures, each other, the Eucharist, and all the means by which we encounter and remember Christ. May the lives we live make it easier for others to meet and follow him.

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## – PARISH NEWS –

### Novena to Saint Joseph March 10 - 18

Join us for the novena to Saint Joseph, which will begin on March 10. We will recite the novena before the final blessing at Holy Mass at 7 p.m. The feast day of St. Joseph is on Tuesday, March 19. On this day, at the 7 p.m. Mass, we will bless the statue of the Saint, which will then be placed in the side nave, next to the altar of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

### 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. We congratulate their parents and Godparents.

**Emilia Maya Ceremuga**,  
daughter of Olga and Piotr

**Juliana Evelyn Kowanski**,  
daughter of Ewa and Radek

**Maya Malgorzata Pawlik**,  
daughter of Estera and Maciej

**Nikolas Dobrzycki**,  
son of Diana

### Coffee and Donuts Schedule

March 10 – Oblate Youth for Missions  
March 17 – Knights of Columbus

### Honey and a Warm Meal

Oblate Youth continues to fundraise for their summer trips to Madagascar and France by selling light and dark honey as well as a warm meal. If you wish to support them, please come down to the parish hall.

### Fundraiser for Madagascar

“Give the Malagasy people a fishing rod instead of a fish” is the motto of a campaign aimed at helping the people of Madagascar. Your gift of \$30 or \$40 will help purchase seeds, farming tools, and kitchen equipment for families in Madagascar. If you would like to contribute to the fundraiser, please speak to a MAMI representative today in the parish hall.

### Rosary intention for March

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



**ROSE #8 will lead the rosary this week.**

## – COMING UP –

### Meetings

#### Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m.  
Mass followed by a meeting  
in the John Paul II Cultural Centre

#### Parents of Confirmation Candidates

Formation meeting for parents of youth preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation at our parish will take place on **Sunday, March 17 at 3:30 p.m.** in Sister Faustina Room (in English) and in the parish hall (in Polish).

### Evening of Adoration

On **Tuesday, March 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.

### \*\*\* Offertory Envelopes \*\*\*

Parishioners who use offertory envelopes are asked to check that the number on the **box label** and the number on their **envelopes** is the same number. There has been a mishap at the print shop and a few envelopes have found their way into the wrong box. Please make sure that you are using your own envelopes. Otherwise, your donation may be accidentally attributed to someone else. Also, it is always a good practice to write your name and phone number on each envelope. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your assistance.

### ShareLife

Inspired by God's love:  
Support ShareLife's mission

Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

First ShareLife collection will take place next weekend, **March 16/17**. Thank you for your support.

### Easter Program

Easter Program is available for pick-up from the church hall. Please take one home.



### 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.	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 ahead of time to their group leader (parish priest) for 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 takes place daily throughout Lent, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration.

### 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*.

## – OTHER NEWS –

### Flowers for the Tomb

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

### Pilgrimage to Wilno April 7, 2024

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, March 17** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish hall. More information: Wieslawa (416) 799-2122

Radio Maria will have their own bus. For more information or to reserve a spot, please contact Joanna Szydlowska at (905) 819-1040 or Joanna Strzezek at (905) 845-3553.

### Radio Maria Banquet

Easter Banquet in support of Radio Maria will be held on **Sunday, April 21** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. and banquet will begin at 1 p.m. Special musical performance by Fr. Tomasz Jarosz CSsR (baritone) and Fr. Rafal Kobylinski SJ (tenor). Tickets at \$75 are available from:  
Joanna Szydlowska - (905) 819-1040  
Joanna Strzezek - (905) 845-3553  
Something Special Store - Wisla Plaza  
Health from Nature Store - Roncesvalles Ave.

### 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 March 11

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Franciszek Kobylarz – cousins  
○ For God's blessing for Kamil and Daniel on their birthdays – parents  
18<sup>30</sup> Stations of the Cross in Polish for children  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for children and grandchildren from the Kubrak and Sowy families – parents and grandparents

### TUESDAY March 12

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for the Baran family and success in school for Dawid and Victoria  
18<sup>30</sup> Stations of the Cross in English  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's grace and health for Stanislaw and Grazyna Kozdra and Aleksander Kornecki  
✠ Parents of Kuc and Jemiolo families

### WEDNESDAY March 13

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Felicja Brzeska and Danuta Ostrogorska – family  
○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing, Mary's protection, and health for Damian on his birthday  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY March 14

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Malgorzata Kowalewska (5<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – husband and sons  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and health for Kaylin, Sean, Justin Skorupski and their parents – grandparents  
✠ Albina and Jan Brozny and their sons

### FRIDAY March 15

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For successful completion of school for Bartosz  
18<sup>30</sup> Stations of the Cross in Polish  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Aniela and Tomasz Koczwarra  
✠ Janina and Michal Maslowski

### SATURDAY March 16

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Anna and Piotr Rogoza  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Lana Konarkowski  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Miroslaw Szewc (anniv.) – Burzynski family

### SUNDAY March 17

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Parents, brothers, sisters-in-law from the Gacek – Maria and family  
9<sup>30</sup> ✠ Lucyna (anniv.) – husband and family  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ✠ Henryk Sobieszczanski (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.)  
14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Patryk Welna (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.) – family  
18<sup>15</sup> Lenten Lamentations  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jerzy Fiwek – children and families

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

**First Reading:** 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Let my tongue cling to my mouth  
if I do not remember you!*

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2.4-10

**Gospel:** John 3.14-21