



Reflection

Exercise and taking care of our health is good for our mind and body, and it's the same with our faith. We know we need to keep up a nutritious diet, maintain an active lifestyle, and keep our mind sharp throughout life; likewise, we know that we should be praying more, frequenting the sacraments, imitation Christ, and growing in our faith. However, our human weakness fails us, and we regularly get off track.

It often takes reminders to start exercising and eating healthy again, and sometimes a shocking television ad is what motivates us to get back into a healthy lifestyle. Likewise, God sometimes speaks in a loud thundering voice to get our attention, like in today's Gospel. That thundering voice could come in many forms, whether through the death of a loved one, a natural disaster, or a starving child. It reminds us of our own mortality and need for salvation, urging us to get back on the right path.

Fortunately, virtue like fitness increases with practice. We grow in strength and endurance the more we exercise it. We can see Jesus who leads by example. He is constantly encouraging us and is there when we fall.

We give thanks for the Lord's mercy, compassion, and patience because, although we fail so often, he seeks us out and does not reject a contrite heart.

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First Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34
Responsorial Psalm:
Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Second Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9
Gospel: John 12.20-33

ROSE #10 will lead the rosary this week.

– PARISH NEWS –

Parish Lenten Retreat

– in Polish –

Preached by Fr. Grzegorz Krzyzostaniak OMI

Saturday, March 16 & Sunday, March 17
Retreat Homily at each Sunday Mass

Monday, March 18 - 10 a.m. / 7 p.m.
Mass and retreat homily

Tuesday, March 19
10 a.m. – Mass, homily, anointing of the sick
7 p.m. – Mass and retreat homily

Wednesday, March 20 - 10 a.m. / 7 p.m.
Mass and retreat homily

Thursday, March 21 - 10 a.m. / 7 p.m.
Mass and retreat homily

Meeting for Parents of Confirmation Candidates

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

Novena to Saint Joseph March 10 - 18

Join us for the novena to Saint Joseph, which we recite 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.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

March 17 – Knights of Columbus

March 24 – Radosc-Joy

Easter Candles and Easter Lambs

Decorative candles are available for purchase this Sunday in the parish hall. Next week, Sister Halina will also be selling Easter Lambs (cakes). All proceeds will support the Jubilee 2000 Children's Choir.

“Christ is Risen” Signs

Knights of Columbus are selling lawn signs with all proceeds going to support orphanages in Poland. Signs can be purchased in the parish hall.

2023 Financial Statement

Parish financial statement for the year 2023 is available in the hallway of the church. Please take one home.

– COMING UP –

Kolbe Seniors Club

Kolbe Seniors Club will meet on **Tuesday, March 19** at 11 a.m. at the Cultural Centre.

Extreme Way of the Cross

Extreme Way of the Cross will take place on **Friday, March 22**. It will leave St. Casimir's Church in Toronto and conclude at St. Eugene de Mazenod Church in Brampton. The entire route – known as St. Joseph's – is almost 40 km and is walked in silence, individually or in very small groups. This is a wonderful opportunity for prayer and reflection, especially during Lent. For details and to register, please visit www.edk.org.pl or call Andrzej at (647) 646-1006 or Ewa at (647) 669-4744.

10th Anniversary of Canonization

A concert in memory of Pope John Paul II on the 10th anniversary of his canonization will take place on **Friday, March 22 at 8 p.m.** in our church. The program includes music by Polish and Italian composers, performed by four artists.

Spiritual Adoption



Spiritual Adoption of a Conceived Child will take place on **Saturday, March 23** at the 8 a.m. Mass.

What is Spiritual Adoption? It is a prayer for a conceived child whose life is threatened with abortion. It lasts nine months and involves praying one decade of the Holy Rosary and a short prayer for the child and the child's parents. Please join us and help save many lives from abortion. Application forms in English and in Polish are available in the hallway of the church. Info: <http://www.duchowaadopcja.info/>

Food Drive

Once again, **Knights of Columbus** are organizing an annual food drive in support of those in need in our local community. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off inside the entrance to the church. The following are in high demand: rice, pasta, coffee, and all kinds of canned goods (meat, soup, vegetables, fruits). **No expired food, please!** Food drive runs until **March 24**.

Second Collection

March 23/24 – Building Renovation Fund
Thank you for your support.



Easter Program

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

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.

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

Monday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.
led by children

Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Polish
led by Fr. Krzyzostaniak OMI

Friday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Polish
led by the Rosary Society

Friday, March 29 at 8 a.m. in Polish
led by Oblate Fathers

Prayer for Peace

Monday – Friday, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
in the church

40 Days for Life

Silent Prayer in the Intention of All Life daily, 8 a.m. – 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 –

Not registered? Please sign up.
Moved? Please keep us up to date.



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign.

Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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 **this 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 Szydłowska at (905) 819-1040 or Joanna Strzezek at (905) 845-3553.

*** 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.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY March 18

8⁰⁰ ✚ Ryszard Dabal (1st anniv.) and deceased from Dabal family
 10⁰⁰ ✚ Janina and Karol Wierzbicki
 18³⁰ *Stations of the Cross for children*
 19⁰⁰ ✚ Eugenia and Walerian Poleszuk
 ✚ Deceased from Radzikowski family

TUESDAY March 19

8⁰⁰ ✚ Jozef Grabowski and deceased from Grabowski and Kaleta families
 ✚ Jozef Ostrowski, Andrzej Socha, deceased from both families
 10⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mary's protection for Jozefa on her birthday
 18³⁰ *Stations of the Cross in Polish*
 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing, Mary's protection, and St. Joseph's intercession for the Rogala family

WEDNESDAY March 20

8⁰⁰ ✚ Antoni Kania (15th anniv.) and parents on both sides
 ✚ Weronika and Bronislaw Czaniecki and deceased from family
 10⁰⁰ ✚ Helena, Boleslaw, Aleksander Golojuch
 19⁰⁰ ✚ Maria and Jozef Jemiolo

THURSDAY March 21

8⁰⁰ ✚ Alicja, Kazimierz, Maria, Stanislaw Malek; Florian, Maria Wierzbicki; Melania, Mikolaj Paluszkiwicz; Olga, Marcin, Boleslaw Dyk
 10⁰⁰ ✚ Zofia Pilch (1st anniv.)
 19⁰⁰ ✚ Jozef Taborowski
 ✚ Stanislaw Beben; Wladyslawa, Stanislaw, Krzysztof, Andrzej Lipiec

FRIDAY March 22

8⁰⁰ ✚ Mieczyslaw Feret
 ✚ Anna Ozga
 18³⁰ *Stations of the Cross in Polish*
 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Jan and Helena Kolpak on their 46th wedding anniv.

SATURDAY March 23

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's grace and love for all parents of conceived children
 17⁰⁰ ✚ Pawel Dworzanski and deceased from Milewski and Dworzanski families
 19⁰⁰ ✚ Marian Cisko (6th anniv.)

PALM SUNDAY March 24

Blessing of Palms at each Mass
 8⁰⁰ ✚ Mieczyslaw Toporowski
 9³⁰ ✚ Henryk and Sabina Ziolkowski – Lucy Dworak and family
 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
 13⁰⁰ ✚ Jozef Mendela
 14³⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for children Julia and Sebastian
 18¹⁵ *Lenten Lamentations*
 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Wojciech on his 1st birthday

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