



### Reflection

The image in today's gospel of Jesus overturning tables is in forceful contrast to the gentle images of our Lord with children and healing the sick. In the temple Jesus witnesses the injustice taking place in his Father's house and is moved to take a stand. Animals for sacrifice are being sold to travellers for unfair prices. Money changers are making a profit off those who travelled from afar. The temple was no longer a holy place where one could encounter God.

While jarring, this Gospel reminds us of the new life that is found only in Jesus. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, all people may now encounter the love of the living God. Through baptism, we as Christians welcome Christ to dwell within us. We meet God not only in bricks-and-mortar churches: an encounter with God is just a breath – a heartbeat – away.

Like the merchants in the Gospel today, we can lose sight of the peace that comes from simply being in the all-loving presence of God. As we continue our Lenten journey towards the resurrection, may we cleanse our hearts of the greed, gluttony, and selfishness that forms a barrier between us and the true love of God. May our hearts be converted to love, peace, and new life.

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**First Reading:** Exodus 20.1-17  
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*Lord, you have the words of eternal life.*  
**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 1.18, 22-25  
**Gospel:** John 2.13-25

**ROSE #7 will lead the rosary this week.**

## – PARISH NEWS –

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Natalia Anna Miodrag**, daughter of Katarzyna and Darko will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate her parents and Godparents.

### \*\*\* 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 will be 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.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. Winners will be announced on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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

March 3 – Polish Scouts  
March 10 – Knights of Columbus

### Honey

Oblate Youth is fundraising for their summer trips to Madagascar and France by selling light honey at \$18 and dark honey at \$23 per 1kg jar. If you wish to support them, please come down to 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.



## – COMING UP –

### Upcoming Devotions

**First Thursday of the month, March 7**  
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

### Meetings

#### Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, March 5 at 10 a.m.  
Mass followed by a meeting  
at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

#### Gold Rose Apostolate

Thursday, March 7 after the evening Mass  
in Br. Anthony Room

#### 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

#### Secular Franciscans

Saturday, March 9, 12 – 2 p.m.  
in Fr. Eugene Room

### Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, March 8**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

### 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 on **Sunday, March 10** in the parish hall.

### 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)



### 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. 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 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 in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration throughout Lent, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### 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 –

### ShareLife

**You bring love and hope to young mothers through ShareLife**

Many young women who are unexpectedly pregnant don't know where to turn for help. Through your support for ShareLife, our agencies ensure they have the resources they need to keep their education on track, provide their babies a healthy start, and create a bright future.

"I have no words to describe what it means to be a recipient of your generosity," shares Arielle, a grateful young mother you support through Vita Centre. "I have a better mental state now. I know that my baby is healthy because of it, too."

Thus far we have raised [insert total raised] toward our goal of [insert goal amount]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://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 on **Sunday, March 17** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish hall. More information: Wieslawa (416) 799-2122

### 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 4

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Janina and Czeslaw Wojciechowski – daughter and son  
18<sup>30</sup> *Stations of the Cross in Polish for children*  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Bronislaw, Tomasz, Jerzy Bijos; Stanislaw and Stanislaw Chlebek – Maria ✠ Deceased from the Kedzierski family

### TUESDAY March 5

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Husband Boleslaw Wojna, parents Natalia and Stefan Michalec, brothers Ryszard and Stanislaw  
10<sup>00</sup> ○ Members of Kolbe Seniors Club  
18<sup>30</sup> *Stations of the Cross in English*  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Parents Maria and Wiktor, brothers Stanislaw and Franciszek Weglowski

### WEDNESDAY March 6

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jan and Wacława Stepień ✠ Souls in Purgatory  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY March 7

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Tadeusz and Genowefa Gabiga  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for all Priests and Religious – Gold Rose Apostolate ✠ Rozalia and Jozef Zoltek and daughter Janina

### FRIDAY March 8

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Aleksander Prymicz  
18<sup>30</sup> *Stations of the Cross in Polish*  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Marianna, Stanislaw, Joanna Kowalczyk ✠ Wiktoria and Stefan Witkos; Stanislaw and Piotr Stachura

### SATURDAY March 9

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Zdzislaw Panasiewicz  
17<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing, Mary's protection, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and health for Lillian Balasa on her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday – family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Kazimiera, Seweryn, Jacek Stadnik

### SUNDAY March 10

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Parents Tadeusz and Helena Kopec, brother Jozef, brother-in-law Andrzej, family members – Maria and family  
9<sup>30</sup> ✠ Sandra Mowbray – parents and siblings  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased members of the Kondej and Rutkowski families – daughter and family  
14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Ryszard Michalec, parents, deceased from the Michalec and Kowalski families – family  
18<sup>15</sup> *Lenten Lamentations*  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's continued blessing for Ewa and Tomasz on their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.

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