

The smallest seed becomes the greatest of all shrubs.

Mark 4:26-34

Reflection

When I was a child, hearing the words “Once upon a time...” invited me into a land of wonder and possibility. The words called me to listen, to be ready to receive. Jesus, the gifted storyteller – uses the words “The kingdom of God is like...” to accomplish the same purpose. A wise and keen observer of the world around him, Jesus uses ordinary things – seeds and growing seeds, harvesting and nesting birds – to draw us into the wonder and awe of what the kingdom of God is like. And then he goes further, inviting you and me to build that kingdom.

So, what *is* the kingdom of God like? It is a place where we all have a part to play in the great work of God. It’s a place where each worker knows that we are cooperating in a great and awesome dream – God’s dream. God dreams of growth and possibility, of feeding the hungry, and of providing shelter for creatures big and small. Nothing in this parable is scanty or scarce! God’s dream is of bountiful harvest, of small seeds becoming something massive, of huge numbers of creatures finding shelter.

Through this parable, God calls you and me to share God’s mindset of abundance and possibility, and to act on it by co-creating a kingdom where no one goes hungry and where all are welcome.

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First Reading: Ezekiel 17.22-24

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.6-10

Gospel: Mark 4.26-34

– THIS WEEKEND –

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 pray for God’s blessing for them and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

Anakin Grzegorz Szumowski-Macias,
son of Milena and Nicolas

Larisa Isabel Vazquez,
daughter of Lynda and Daniel

Oakley John Skruch,
son of Jamison and Krystian

Olivia Nieznalski,
daughter of Lillian and Victor

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

June 16 – Oblate Youth

June 23 – Polonia Brass Band

Father’s Day – June 17

“You are a provider, protector, guide, leader and consoler that children need to have in their lives so that they may fulfill their calling and live the abundant life. You give them support and security, a link to their past, and you open up for them a horizon and opportunities for their future in the world before them. When you are involved in their lives and take your place in family life, children flourish, they come to know their worth and relish in self-confidence and in the knowledge of their unique giftedness.

I assure you of my fervent prayers that you may always be pleasing to the Lord in the way you raise your family. I congratulate you in your efforts to fulfill your vocation as an incredible gift of self-giving in fidelity, love and devotion.” – *Most Rev. Francis Leo*

Wishing all fathers and father-figures a day filled with joy and fulfillment and praying for God’s blessing and health for you on this special day.

Pope’s Rosary intention for June

FOR MIGRANTS FLEEING THEIR HOMES
We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Rose #23 leads the rosary this week.

– COMING UP –

Meetings

Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, June 18 at 11 a.m.
at John Paul II Polish 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



Happy Birthday Sister Halina! May God’s love and peace be with you always and may Mother Mary intercede for you and keep you in her loving care.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Pray with us the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus:
Friday, June 21 and 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, June 30 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.

Parish Office Hours

Monday: closed
Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 12 noon
Sunday: closed
Lunch break: 12 noon – 1 p.m.

Summer Parish Office Hours

Parish office will be closed on Saturdays in July and August.

– REMINDERS –

Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

Let us remember in our prayers our parish priests who celebrate anniversaries of their priestly ordination.

June 7, 2012 – Fr. Marcin Serwin

June 14, 2006 – Fr. Piotr Nowak

June 15, 1985 – Fr. Jan Kobzan

June 20, 1996 – Fr. Bogdan Osiecki

Oblate Youth Fundraising

This summer, a group of young people from our parish will be traveling to France and Madagascar for a mission experience. In preparation for the two trips, they are hosting several fundraising events.

Soccer Cleats and Soccer Shoes

Thank you to all who donated soccer cleats and shoes last Sunday. They will be given to children and youth in Madagascar.

Lottery – June 23

Prizes can be viewed, and tickets purchased this Sunday, June 16 in the parish hall. The prize draw will take place next Sunday, June 23 after the 11 a.m. Mass.

Empty Alcohol Containers – All June

Empty alcohol bottles and cans can be placed by the garage door on the west side of the parking lot.

Summer Attire

Although the summer weather can be hot, we are all grateful for a time of rest and relaxation. The coming months might best be characterized as “casual”. However, we respectfully ask that all parishioners make an effort to dress appropriately for the Sunday Eucharist. Our respect for the Lord and the other members of Christ’s body requires that we dress appropriately. Please also remember to turn your cell phones off as you enter the church and deposit chewing gum in garbage bins. Reprinted with permission; Merciful Redeemer Parish

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Come spend an hour in prayer in the presence of the Holy Eucharist where Jesus Christ is truly present in His body, blood, soul, and divinity. Since many regular “adorers” have moved away, we are looking for individuals willing to take their spot. If you are able to help out, please call the coordinator, Margaret, at (647) 888-7487.

– COMMUNITY NEWS –



Your ShareLife gift changes lives

In a world where empathy matters most, your compassionate heart provided accessible, dignified support to over 2,500 people with special needs and their families. We thank you for your kindness and compassion. Donations can still be made at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Cradle of Hope

“Rescued by the Power of the Holy Spirit”

Conference, Praise, Worship, Adoration, Children’s Ministry

Saturday, June 22, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton

Catholic Secondary School

1515 Bloor Street West in Toronto

Details at: www.ccrctoronto.ca

Walking Pilgrimage to Midland

Annual Walking Pilgrimage to Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland will take place from August 5 to 11. The theme for this year’s pilgrimage are words from the Gospel of St. Luke: “Lord, teach us to pray.” (Luke 11:1)

The cost of participation is \$30 for one day, or \$50 for the weekend, or \$150 for the entire week. The fee covers accommodation, luggage transport, toilet and truck rentals. We provide a warm dinner at each campsite. Online registration only is now open at www.pielgrzymka.ca

Pilgrims should take with them: intention, rosary, OHIP card, tent, sleeping bag, mattress or sleeping mat, soup bowl and utensils, packed lunch, water bottle, cotton socks, T-shirts with sleeves, toiletries, first aid kit, sunscreen, bug repellent, comfortable (not new!) footwear, headgear, raincoat.

Pilgrimage to Guadalupe

November 17 – 23, 2024

For more information please contact:

Marzena (647) 284-1631

Malgorzata (416) 859-8469

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY June 17

8⁰⁰ ✠ Lidia and Wlodzimierz Torzewski – daughter Lilianna and family
✠ Husband Franciszek Palider (14th anniv.)
19⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef Mendela (22nd anniv.) – wife, daughter, and family

TUESDAY June 18

8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria and Bronislaw Magdzinski – daughter and family
✠ Krystyna and Stanislaw Nowak – daughter
19⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from Wielgus and Luczak families – daughters

WEDNESDAY June 19

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s protection and health for Helena Madzik on her birthday – son Jerzy with wife
✠ Julianna and Franciszek Choroszewski – daughters and family
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY June 20

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s continued grace for the Mathews, McCaul, Ardell, and Chyjek families
19⁰⁰ ✠ Karolina Kowalczyk – Mialkowski family
✠ Zbigniew Kus – sister Krystyna

FRIDAY June 21

8⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia and Wacław Nowotnik; Henry and Zbigniew Raczy
19⁰⁰ ✠ Bronisława and Stefan Wszeborowski – son and family
✠ Jadwiga and Albin Pigiel – daughter and family

SATURDAY June 22

8⁰⁰ ✠ Karol Warych and deceased from Warych and Kolodziejczak families – parents, brother, family
17⁰⁰ ✠ Eugeniusz Paszkowski (22nd anniv.) – daughter and family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Władysław and Wanda Ostapowicz; Grzegorz Szewczyk

SUNDAY June 23

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Eva and Arthur on their wedding anniversary, and for God’s grace for their family
9³⁰ ✠ Maria and Jozef Bajon
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from Wilk family
14³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s blessing for the Manturowicz family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Leszek Radzikowski (2nd anniv.) – wife, children, grandchildren

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