

*This is my Son, my Chosen;  
listen to him!*

Luke 9.286-36

### Reflection

A few years ago, when I asked my students to draw an image of God, one of them said: "I have no idea how to do this. I don't even think about God at all." I was taken aback; but now I realize this is more and more the experience of many in our world.

Today's readings offer us many ways in which we can "see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Sometimes it just takes stopping, noticing and articulating God-moments, as the disciples did on that mountain: moments of transfiguration that keep us in awe-struck silence.

Although we, like the disciples, yearn to savour those moments, we are called instead to witness to the Transfiguration in the ordinary all around us: the woman who offers you a seat on the bus; the store clerk who gives you an extra avocado for free; the boys sharing a joke in the hallway; our daughter texting us to check in. These are the moments when we can see God's face and are assured that we, like Abram, have overflowing and unaccountable blessings in our daily lives.

Back in class three years later, that same student who was now in Grade 12 told me he had finally seen the face of God: it was there in the teachers he had met. He just had to open his eyes to see God was there all along.

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**First Reading:** Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

**Second Reading:** Philippians 3.17 – 4.1

**Gospel:** Luke 9.28b-36

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## – PARISH NEWS –

### 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.

**Chloe Isabella Nafalski,**  
daughter of Monica and Michal

**Victoria Helen Szkuc,**  
daughter of Aleksandra and Cezary

**Would the person who requested a Mass intention for Wednesday, April 2 at 8 a.m. please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you.**

### Coffee and Donuts Schedule

March 16 – Kolbe ProLife

March 23 – Jubilee 2000 Children's Choir

### Conversations about Faith

– in Polish –

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish and St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish have invited two publicists from Poland – **Grzegorz Gorny** and **Rafal Porzezinski** – who will give talks on subjects such as: ● the Shroud of Tourin in light of scientific study ● Eucharist miracles under a cardiologist's microscope ● Belief vs. Trust ● The war for the word's soul according to John Paul II ● Fatima apparitions – has Russia converted? ● Who is God? ● Who is Man? ● Love and its deadly counterfeits... and much more. The talks will take place this week, **March 17-22**, after the evening Mass in our parish and at St. Eugene de Mazenod Church in Brampton. Details can be found on posters in the church foyer.

**Rose #4 leads the rosary this week.**

### Second Collection

**March 22/23** – Parish Renovation Fund  
Thank you for your generosity.

### 40 Days for Life

Let's Save Life! Kolbe ProLife invites parishioners to take up Lenten prayer for life as part of the global campaign 40 Days for Life. We pray in the Adoration Chapel until April 17, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



### Lenten Retreat for Children

"Witnesses of Hope"

Preached by Fr. Jonas Lalik OMI

**Sunday, March 23, 1 p.m.**

Mass and Homily

**Monday, March 24, 7 p.m.**

Bilingual Mass and Homily

**Tuesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m.**

Bilingual Stations of the Cross, Mass, and Homily

### Lenten Retreat in English

March 29/30 – April 1

Preached by Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI

### Lenten Retreat in Polish

April 5/6 – April 10

Preached by Fr. Marcin Szwarc OMI

\*Details to Follow\*

### 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

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. 18** Scouts  
Fri. Mar. 21 Gold Rose Apostolate  
**Tue. Mar. 25** Fr. Jonas (children)  
Fri. Mar. 28 Domus Ecclesiae  
**Tue. Apr. 1** Fr. Marcin (youth)  
Fri. Apr. 4 Holy Rosary Society  
**Tue. Apr. 8** Fr. Marcin Szwarc OMI  
Fri. Apr. 11 Bible Group/Passion Crown

**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.**

### 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*.

## – COMING UP –

### Meetings

#### Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, March 18 at 11 a.m.  
at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

### Spiritual Adoption of a Conceived Child

Spiritual Adoption is a prayer for a child at risk of being killed in the womb. It lasts nine months and involves reciting one rosary decade every day (Our Father and 10 Hail Marys) and a short prayer for the child and his or her parents. You can add any good resolutions you choose to your prayers. The Kolbe Pro-Life Group encourages you to join in spiritual adoption. Spiritual adoption will take place on **Tuesday, March 25** at the 7 p.m. Mass. All are welcome!

### Jubilee 2000 Banquet

Jubilee 2000 Children's Choir is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They are organizing a banquet on March 30, which includes dinner and other attractions. There are a few tickets left and are available from Sister Halina.

### St. John Paul II Day

In 2015 the Canadian Government announced April 2<sup>nd</sup> as St. John Paul II Day. This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. Flag raising ceremony will take place on **Sunday, March 30** at 12 noon at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre.

### Anointing of the Sick

● A hospital chaplain – a Roman Catholic priest – is employed full-time at local hospitals and is on-call 24 hours a day. To arrange a **hospital visit**, please ask a nurse to call the priest on duty.

● Please contact the parish office if you or your loved one require a **home visit** from a priest.

### Parish Registration Change of Address

**Are you formally registered at the parish? Has your address changed?**

Ours is a personal parish. Our parishioners are individuals of Polish descent who are formally registered at this church. Please note that we are not able to issue any references or letters of eligibility to non-parishioners. Registration Forms and Change of Address Forms can be found in the parish hallway.



## ShareLife

### Announcing the 2025 ShareLife Campaign

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 30, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal, 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
- distribute food to families in our community
- 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](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### Memorials and Feasts

**Monday, March 17**

Saint Patrick

**Tuesday, March 18**

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

**Wednesday, March 19**

Solemnity of Saint Joseph  
Principal Patron of Canada  
Patron of the Universal Church

*St. Joseph was a just man,  
a tireless worker,  
the upright guardian of those  
entrusted to his care.  
May he always guard, protect,  
and enlighten families.*

~St. John Paul II~

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY March 17

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Franciszek Kowalczyk  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from Kondej and Rutkowski families  
✠ Kazimiera Gorzedowska, Ewa Franczak, priests and nuns

### TUESDAY March 18

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from Krol family  
18<sup>30</sup> **Stations of the Cross in English**  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for members of the Mathews, McCaul, Ardel, Chyjek families  
○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing for the Kurek, Solarz, Menns families – Aldona and family

### WEDNESDAY March 19

#### Solemnity of St. Joseph

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from the Murzydlo and Komperda families  
✠ Jozef Grabowski; deceased from the Grabowski and Kaleta families – son and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY March 20

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Weronika and Bronislaw Czaniecki and deceased family members  
○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing and Mary's protection for Tammy, Jennifer, Maria  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Helena, Irena, Jan, Henryk, Jolanta from the Klej family  
○ For God's blessing, Mary's protection, and health for Malgorzata and Leszek Guminski

### FRIDAY March 21

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Wieslaw Szewczyk (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – wife, children, grandchildren  
18<sup>30</sup> **Stations of the Cross in Polish**  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Maria and Jan Maciata, Jan Bobak  
○ For the grace of faith and healing of soul for Kazimierz – brother Jan

### SATURDAY March 22

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Anna Ozga – daughters and family  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Wiktor Stojanowski, Anna and Andrzej Wrona, Halina and Antonina Nenko – Danuta and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Mieczyslaw Feret – wife

### SUNDAY March 23

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stefania, Wladyslaw and Roman Kowalyszyn – family  
9<sup>30</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing for the Palferro family  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ✠ Marian Cislo (7<sup>th</sup> anniv.)  
14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Stanislaw Barnach  
18<sup>15</sup> **Lenten Lamentations**  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jerzy Fiwek (6<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – children and families

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