

3rd Sunday of Lent

“...unless you repent,
you will all perish
as they did.”

Luke 13.1-9

Reflection

In today’s Gospel, Jesus speaks of the importance of repentance. Interrogators approach Jesus to tell him about a massacre of Galileans, looking for him to react and to give an opinion on such a violent event. We can imagine the torture and cruelty that the Galilean people experienced under Pilate’s ruthless rule. Asked if it is because of sin that they suffered in this way, Jesus reminds those questioning him that we are all sinners. He then refers to a tragic accident, a source of gossip at the time. Victims of such tragedies are no greater sinners than anyone else in their communities. Rather than condemn the Romans or shame sinners, Jesus points to repentance.

It is in our human nature to look for the reason bad things happen to people. Life is fragile, death is a reality, and we have a need to be in right relationship with our God. Suffering is not reserved for the sinner and repentance is necessary for everyone.

We believe in a merciful and compassionate God who gives us time for growth. This Lenten season is a good time to dig around the foundation of our lives and fertilize where it is needed. In this eucharistic celebration, we pray with hearts open, repentant and mindful of our need for God’s love.

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First Reading: Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15

Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10.1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

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

– PARISH NEWS –

Lenten Retreat for Children

“Witnesses of Hope”
Preached by Fr. Jonas Lalik OMI
Sunday, March 23, 9:30 a.m. / 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

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.

Julia Maja Lobaza,
daughter of Theresa and Lukasz

Samuel Levi Ford,
son of Angelika and Tyler

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

March 23 – Jubilee 2000 Children’s Choir
March 30 – Fiends of Oblate Missions

Rose #5 leads the rosary this week.

Second Collections

This Weekend
Parish Renovation Fund

March 29/30
ShareLife

Thank you for your generosity.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday, March 25
This ancient feast, celebrating the Incarnation of the Word, is a joint celebration of Christ and the Blessed Virgin: of the Word who becomes the Son of Mary and of the virgin who becomes the Mother of God. In the universal Church, this liturgy celebrates the beginning of redemption. It also honours Mary as the ‘new Eve,’ the obedient and faithful woman who generously agrees to be the Mother of God.

**Easter Program is available
in the hallway of the church.
Please take one home.**



Lenten Retreat in English

“Hope and Responsibility”
Preached by Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI

Saturday, March 29 at 5 p.m.
Sunday, March 30 at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass with retreat homily

Monday, March 31 at 7 p.m.
Mass with retreat homily followed by a talk
for all couples: dating, engaged, married

Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross
Mass with retreat homily followed by a talk
for young people and the young at heart

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. 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 Człowieka*.

– COMING UP –

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!

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, March 28**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

Jubilee 2000 Children’s Choir 25th Anniversary

Mass on the occasion of the 25th anniversary will take place on **Sunday, March 30 at 1 p.m.** It will be followed by a banquet in the parish hall.

St. John Paul II Day

In 2015 the Canadian Government announced April 2nd as St. John Paul II Day. This year marks the 20th 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.

Camino Fair

Those interested in walking the Camino are invited for an information session on **Saturday, April 5 at 6 p.m.** in Bro. Anthony Room. All are welcome. Buen Camino!

Pilgrimage to Wilno Saturday, April 26, 2025

Conference of Polish Priests is organizing a pilgrimage to Wilno (Kaszuby) on the occasion of the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Bus tickets will be available for purchase on **Sunday, April 6** in the parish hall. More information: Wieslawa (416) 799-2122

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.



Jubilee Year 2025 Resources
archtoronto.org & iubilaeum2025.va



**THANK YOU FOR HEEDING THE LORD’S
CALL TO FEED THE HUNGRY**

For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can’t learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The FoodShare program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall “is a lifeline for families,” says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. “It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be.”

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

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.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY March 24

8⁰⁰ ✚ Monika, Leon, Stefan Ladzik
19⁰⁰ ✚ Marek, Czeslaw, Anna, Wawrzyniec,
Zbigniew, Tadeusz Krol; Bozena Kosirek
o For health for parents

TUESDAY March 25

8⁰⁰ ✚ Mieczyslaw and Genowefa Lewicki -
son
18³⁰ *Stations of the Cross in English*
19⁰⁰ o That every conceived life would be
surrounded by love and could develop and
live for God’s glory
✚ Deceased from the Pawluc and
Jakubowski families

WEDNESDAY March 26

8⁰⁰ o For God’s blessing for Jan and Helena
Kolpak on their 47th wedding anniversary
✚ Swieczkowski and Jez parents; brother
Jan
19⁰⁰ o Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY March 27

8⁰⁰ ✚ Zofia and Eugeniusz Kozacz – daughter-
in-law and family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Emilia, Edward, Wlodzimierz Baran
o For gifts of the Holy Spirit and Mary’s
protection for Mateusz and Jakub –
grandparents

FRIDAY March 28

8⁰⁰ ✚ Franciszek Palinski – wife Krystyna,
daughter Irena with family
18³⁰ *Stations of the Cross in Polish*
19⁰⁰ ✚ Genowefa, Jan, Henryk Stepien – Halina
and family
o For God’s blessing, gifts of the Holy
Spirit and health for Bernadeta, Barbara,
Marek with families, and grandchildren –
mother and grandmother

SATURDAY March 29

8⁰⁰ ✚ Kazimiera Kedzia (10th anniv.) –
Krystyna and Adam
17⁰⁰ ✚ Grace Brynczka – Marek, Jared, Caitlyn
19⁰⁰ ✚ Tadeusz and his parents

SUNDAY March 30

8⁰⁰ ✚ Irena and Tadeusz Kropiewnicki –
daughter and family
9³⁰ ✚ Aleksandra Czubik
11⁰⁰ o For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✚ Parents and siblings from the Stachura
family; Stefan; deceased from the Adach
family – family
14³⁰ o For the grace of conversion, help in
overcoming addiction, God’s protection
and blessing for Konrad
18¹⁵ *Lenten Lamentations*
19⁰⁰ ✚ Janusz Rzodkiewicz – wife

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