

“... *he was dead
and has come to life;
he was lost
and has been found.*”

Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

Reflection

For me, one of the most attractive aspects of the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola is his emphasis on imaginative contemplation. The idea is to approach a Scripture passage by imagining the scene, using all your senses. What do you see? Smell? Hear? And who are you in the scene: a main character, a supportive figure, an observer? With a bit of practice, I have found this to be quite a rich way of praying with Scripture.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the figure I instantly identified with was the sulky elder brother. It humbles me to admit how easily I could relate to his indignation and his feeling of being unappreciated.

Now, however, it seems to me that each of us is reflected in all three of the main characters. Can we accept the unconditional love offered to the elder son, even when we feel most unlovable? Can we, like the younger son, admit when we have sinned and humbly seek forgiveness? Like the father (often interpreted to represent God), each of us too is called to practice hope, forgiveness and unconditional love.

Today’s Gospel characters model for us many aspects of authentic discipleship. May they lead us to a deeper Lenten reflection on our relationship with God and one another.

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First Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12

Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

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

– THIS WEEKEND –

This weekend we welcome back to our parish Fr. Marcin Serwin, who will preach the Lenten Retreat in English on the theme of “Hope and Responsibility.” Please join us:

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

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Sebastian Wieslaw Dobrowolski**, son of Aneta and Wieslaw will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate his parents and Godparents.

Jubilee 2000 Children’s Choir
25th Anniversary

Mass on the occasion of the 25th anniversary will take place this Sunday 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 this Sunday at 12 noon at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

March 30 – Fiends of Oblate Missions

April 6 – Polish Scouts

Second Collection

This weekend’s second collection is for ShareLife. Thank you for your generosity.

2024 Financial Statement

Parish financial statement for the year 2024 is available in the hallway of the church. Please take one home.

Pope’s Rosary Intention for April

Let us pray that the use of new technologies does not replace interpersonal relationships but takes place in an atmosphere of respect for God’s law and for each person, helping to overcome all crises.

Rose #6 leads the rosary this week.

– COMING UP –

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, April 3

Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, April 4

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.

Confession starts at 6 p.m.

First Saturday of the month, April 5

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, April 6

Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

Kolbe Seniors Club

All seniors are invited for Mass on **Tuesday, April 1 at 10 a.m.**, followed by a meeting at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre.

Camino Fair

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

Meeting for Parents
of Confirmation Candidates

Formation meeting for parents of youth preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation will take place next **Sunday, April 6 at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

Sisters of Life / Moms in Need

Next **Sunday, April 6**, Oblate Youth will be fundraising for Sisters of Life in support of their work with moms in crisis and their babies. If you wish to contribute to this fundraiser, please place your donation in a playpen located by the entrance to the church. The following items are in demand:

- baby diapers (size 4, 5, 6, 7)
- baby wipes
- new newborn onesies
- new baby blankets
- nice toiletries and gifts for mom

Thank you for supporting the congregation of the Sisters of Life and their initiatives.

Pilgrimage to Wilno

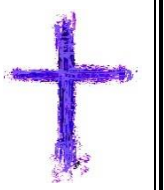
Conference of Polish Priests is organizing a pilgrimage to Wilno (Kaszuby) on Saturday, April 26, on the occasion of the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Bus tickets will be available for purchase next **Sunday, April 6** in the parish hall. More information: Wieslawa (416) 799-2122

Extreme Way of the Cross

Extreme Way of the Cross will take place on **Friday, April 11**. It will commence with Mass at St. Casimir’s Church in Toronto at 7 p.m. 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. For details and to register, please visit www.edk.org.pl or call Andrzej at (647) 646-1006 or Ewa at (647) 669-4744.

LENT 2025

Fast Pray Give



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. 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

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*.

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.

– IN PREPARATION –
– FOR EASTER –

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

Flowers for the Tomb

If any parishioner would like to help decorate the Lord’s tomb, we will gladly accept potted hydrangeas of any colour, or monetary donation. These can be given directly to Sister Halina or dropped off at the parish office. Thank you for your contribution.

– IN MEMORIAM –



The following parishioners passed away recently. Let us keep them in our prayers.

✠ Bronislaw Mika, 105

✠ Zofia Rogowska, 100

✠ Fr. Kazimierz Krystkowiak OMI, 91

✠ Gerard Grzesiczek, 86

✠ Zygmunt Ryzowicz, 77

✠ Slawomir Nowolecki, 61

ShareLife

THIS WEEKEND IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish’s annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way.

As a family of faith, we lift each other up from our lowest moments. Nick’s life had an easy start – he came from a good home, where he was raised with a strong work ethic, and he welcomed a son. But living with a mental illness, he struggled more than some. Deep inside, he felt like something was missing, and he devastatingly fell into addiction. With your helping hand, he rose up through the DARE Program at Good Shepherd.

“By the grace of God, I am still alive,” he proclaims. “I’d love to be able to give back what was so freely given to me. I am taking roles of service, giving back as much as I can. I was afraid I’d never be able to feel the way I feel. I am very grateful that I have been given this opportunity to be sober.” Thanks to your support, he is no longer just surviving—he is thriving, with a heart full of hope and a future filled with promise.

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

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

Novi Singers

Novi Singers Toronto choir presents a Lenten and Easter concert entitled *Te Deum: from Lament to Glory*. The choir will be joined by Mosaic Canadian Vocal Ensemble, Toronto Sinfonietta and guest soloists at our Lady of Sorrows Church on Sunday, April 6 at 4 p.m. Tickets are available through Eventbrite, and further information can be found at novisingerstoronto.ca

Assumption Cemetery

Assumption Catholic Cemetery has a limited inventory set aside exclusively for the Polish community. For inquiries, please call Marcos Carvajal at (905) 670-8801 ext. 1

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

March 31

8⁰⁰ ○ For conversion and good confession for children – Helena

19⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia and Boleslaw Bytnar and deceased family

✠ Franciszek Paliwoda – children with families

TUESDAY

April 1

8⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from Wanczyk and Wozny families

10⁰⁰ ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club

18³⁰ *Stations of the Cross in English*

19⁰⁰ ✠ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Sean, Justin, Kaylin – grandparents

WEDNESDAY

April 2

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued blessing for Sebastian Paradiuk on his 21st birthday

✠ Andrzej Sikora (1st anniv.)

19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY

April 3

8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria and Stanislaw Stoklosa – daughter Krystyna and family

✠ Marianna, Stanislaw, Mieczyslaw Jarzabek; Janina Lukasik

19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for all Priests and Religious

FRIDAY

April 4

8⁰⁰ ✠ Czeslawa and Bronislaw Jastrzembski – Katarzyna with family

10⁰⁰ ✠ Helena and Jan Krzynowek – daughter and family

18³⁰ *Stations of the Cross in Polish*

19⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Tadeusz and Helena Kopec, brother Jozef, brother-in-law Andrzej, deceased from family

SATURDAY

April 5

8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate

17⁰⁰ ✠ Eugeniusz Jagiello (9th anniv.) – daughters with family

19⁰⁰ ✠ Krzysztof Kielb and parents from the Kaczorowski and Kielb families

SUNDAY

April 6

8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate

9³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for the Swiatek family with children and grandchildren – Swiatek family

11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors

13⁰⁰ ✠ Longin Kulina (anniv.) – sons with families

14³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for the Oswieciniski, Kolba, Milewski families

18¹⁵ *Lenten Lamentations*

19⁰⁰ ✠ Sebastian Kosiba – parents

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