

*Jesus answered,
“It is said, ‘Do not put
the Lord your God
to the test.’”*

Luke 4.1-13

Reflection

Genealogies are popular, as websites and test kits abound. I have not ventured into this world, but some of my cousins have. I am grateful for the grainy black-and-white photos that pop up in my inbox every few months.

Is it a notion of family and heritage that Moses is appealing to in today’s first reading? If it is, the story is not always as glamorous as we may want it to be. The promise of “milk and honey” in today’s first reading is sometimes a travelling companion to our psalm response of “when I am in trouble.” Paul reminds us to remain rooted in the word, on our lips and in our hearts. Yes, look back so we can move forward, but do not miss today.

This First Sunday of Lent calls us to remember God’s blessings, knowing the hardships that are ours as well. Jesus himself was not immune to temptation and neither are we. Even when rooted in his baptism and his ancestors, Jesus was tempted. And the attractions may be familiar to us, coming as our desire for provision, position and power. Times and places may differ, but temptations find us.

May this Lenten season be a time of reclaiming our traditions so that when tempted, we can resolutely call out the name of the Lord and be saved.

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First Reading: Deuteronomy 26.4-10

Responsorial Psalm:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading: Romans 10.8-13

Gospel: Luke 4.1-13

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

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archtoronto.org & iubilaeum2025.va

– PARISH NEWS –

Martyrs’ Sunday

Since Ash Wednesday, we have been hosting Fr. Bronislaw Staworowski OFMConv and Br. Jan Hruszowiec OFMConv who have been preparing our parish to receive the relics of Blessed Michal Tomaszek and Zbigniew Strzalkowski - two young Conventual Franciscan Missionary Friars from Poland who were murdered in Pariacoto, Peru. The relics will be officially installed in our parish at the 11 a.m. Mass.

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.

Elena Vy Thi Gdula,
daughter of Marek and Nyna

Ilia Ikonomi,
daughter of Mateo and Anna

Zuzanna Szablowski,
daughter of Patrick and Catherine

Confirmation for Adults

A sacrament of confirmation fully initiates an adult into the Church and is required if one wishes to act as a Godparent or receive the sacrament of marriage. Adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic faith and wish to receive the sacrament of confirmation may contact the parish office to sign up for a short preparation course. Adults will be confirmed during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on **Saturday, April 19** at 8 p.m.

Jubilee 2000 Banquet

Jubilee 2000 Children’s Choir is celebrating its 25th 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.

Hot Lunch

Youth traveling to Rome for the Jubilee Year celebrations are fundraising for their trip. If you would like to support their endeavours, please stop by the parish hall this Sunday for some delicious hot food, cake, and...flowers.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

March 9 – Oblate Youth (Jubilee Year)
March 16 – Kolbe ProLife

– COMING UP –

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m.
Mass followed by a meeting
at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Evening of Adoration

On **Wednesday, March 12**, immediately after the evening Mass and Devotion, Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites one and all to take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation to Lord Jesus for sins against life and its dignity.

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, March 14**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

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 from March 5 to April 17, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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 from **March 17** to **March 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.

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!

LENT 2025

Fast Pray Give



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. 11	Knights of Columbus
Fri. Mar. 14	<i>Krucjata Wyzwolenia Czlowieka</i>
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.

Parish Lenten Retreats

– for children –

March 23 – March 25

Preached by Fr. Jonas Lalik OMI

– in English –

March 29/30 – April 1

Preached by Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI

– in Polish –

April 5/6 – April 10

Preached by Fr. Marcin Szwarc OMI

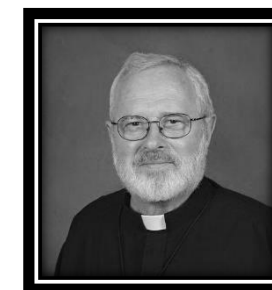
Details to Follow

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*.

– IN MEMORIAM –

Fr. Casimir Krystkowiak OMI
January 4, 1934 – March 4, 2025



Having been strengthened by the Anointing of the Sick, Viaticum, and the Apostolic Pardon, Fr. Casimir Joseph Krystkowiak OMI died peacefully in the late evening of March 4, 2025. March 4 was his patronal feast day, the memorial of St. Casimir of Poland. Fr. Casimir was in his 91st year of life, his 72nd year of religious consecration, and his 67th year of priesthood.

Fr. Casimir was born on January 6, 1934, at Marles-les-Mines in France, the fourth son of Stanislaw and Joanna Handkiewicz. He attended school in Auchel and Marles-les-Mines and then studied at the Oblate School of St. Casimir in Bethune, at Korbeek-Lo in Belgium, and at St. Charles Scholasticate in Battleford, Saskatchewan. On September 28, 1958, he was ordained by Bishop John Bokenfohr OMI.

Fr. Casimir ministered as an associate pastor and pastor in almost twenty parishes in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. He also worked as director of the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga.

Fr. Casimir retired in November of 2010, residing in St. Henry’s Parish in Melville, and finally at Copernicus Lodge in Toronto. Fr. Casimir bore his many health problems patiently, drawing upon the example of Jesus Christ, the Crucified Saviour. Fr. Casimir’s pastoral zeal, native-speaker knowledge of at least three languages (Polish, French, and English), and affinity for community life will be an example to Oblates and the lay people which he touched in so many ways.

Fr. Casimir is predeceased by his parents, Stanislaw and Joanna, his three brothers, Marek, Henryk, and Tadeusz, and his sister Zofia. His youngest sister, Elzbieta, lives in France.

Requiescat in Pace

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY March 10

8⁰⁰ ✚ Zdzislaw Panasiewicz and deceased from family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Aleksandra and Stanislaw Saganek – son and family
✚ Genowefa and Tadeusz Gabiga (anniv.) – son and grandchildren

TUESDAY March 11

8⁰⁰ ✚ Celina and Antoni Motyczynski
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross in English**
19⁰⁰ ✚ Deceased from Tomaszewski, Jedrzejko, and Sobol families
○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued blessing for children and grandchildren

WEDNESDAY March 12

8⁰⁰ ✚ Eugeniusz (5th anniv.)
✚ Wladyslawa (4th anniv.) and Mieczyslaw (18th anniv.) Koza - daughter
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY March 13

8⁰⁰ ✚ Felicja Brzeska and Danuta Ostrogorska
✚ Franciszek Rabianski
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and protection for grandchildren Krzysztof and Maya and their parents – grandmother

FRIDAY March 14

8⁰⁰ ✚ Aleksandra and Wladyslaw Wajda; Krystyna Janczur
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross in Polish**
19⁰⁰ ✚ Dariusz Szklarczuk
○ In thanksgiving for received graces, blessing, and grace and for God’s continued protection for families – Maria and Jolanta

SATURDAY March 15

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for gifts of the Holy Spirit for Veronika, Marcin, and Daniel
17⁰⁰ ✚ Lana Konarkowski – niece and family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Jozef Pluto

SUNDAY March 16

8⁰⁰ ✚ Pelagia and Zenon Wolski; deceased from Wolski family – son and family
9³⁰ ✚ Jozef, Maria, Edward Bajon – daughter, sister, family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for grandchildren Cecilia, Dominik, Jakub, Julia, Adam and for Mary’s protection for their parents
14³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Agata, Jakob, and Kali

18¹⁵ Lenten Lamentations

19⁰⁰ ✚ Anna, Aniela, Stanislaw Maciata

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

Rose #3 leads the rosary this week.