

*“Go your way,
and from now on
do not sin again.”*

John 8.1-11

Reflection

Have you ever been in a position where, after committing a sin that was hurtful to another, you were put on public display because of it – and then were stunned to receive forgiveness instead of punishment?

The scribes and Pharisees have brought to Jesus a woman who was caught in the act of the worse kind of sin imaginable. The scene centres around her and the story ends with her. However, there is another trial taking place: that of Jesus and his interpretation of the law. The woman is being objectified, used as a way of entrapping Jesus. What will Jesus do? What will Jesus say? Instead of saying something that might contradict Moses and the law, Jesus pushes the onlookers to consider their own sins with the same level of gravity as the woman’s. All leave Jesus’ presence escaping condemnation. The woman is blessed with Jesus’ tender response of “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.” Jesus does not condemn us; therefore, we do not need to condemn ourselves.

Our Lenten journey each year draws us closer to Christ, with the challenge of growing in mercy towards ourselves and others. In what ways do we act like the woman? Like the scribes and Pharisees? And in what ways are we like Jesus, living mercy?

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First Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21

Responsorial Psalm:

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

Second Reading: Philippians 3.8-14

Gospel: Luke 8.1-11

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

– THIS WEEKEND –

Lenten Retreat in Polish

This weekend we welcome in our parish Fr. Marcin Szwarz OMI, who will preach the Lenten Retreat in Polish.

Retreat Schedule

Saturday, April 5 & Sunday, April 6
Sunday Mass with retreat homily

Monday, April 7

10 a.m. Mass with retreat homily
7 p.m. Mass with retreat homily

Tuesday, April 8

10 a.m. Mass with retreat homily
Anointing of the Sick
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7 p.m. Mass with retreat homily

Wednesday, April 9

10 a.m. Mass with retreat homily
7 p.m. Mass with retreat homily

Thursday, April 10

10 a.m. Mass with retreat homily
7 p.m. Mass with retreat 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.

Emilia Anna Gaj,

daughter of Joanna and Robert

Rylee Milena Belchior,

daughter of Justyna and Christopher

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

April 6 – Polish Scouts
April 13 – Radosc-Joy

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 #7 leads the rosary this week.

Meeting for Parents of Confirmation Candidates

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

– COMING UP –

Sisters of Life / Moms in Need

This weekend Oblate Youth is 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.

Food Drive

Once again, Knights of Columbus are organizing an annual food drive in support of those in need in our local community. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off inside the entrance to the church. The following are in high demand: rice, pasta, coffee, and all kinds of canned goods (meat, soup, vegetables, fruits). **No expired food, please!** Food drive runs until **April 13.**

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 are available for purchase this Sunday 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.

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, April 11,** after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

Evening of Adoration

On **Saturday, April 12,** immediately after the evening Mass, 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.

– LENT 2025 –

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

Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Polish led by Fr. Marcin Szwarz OMI

Friday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. led by the Bible Group/Passion Crown

Friday, April 18 at 8 a.m. in Polish led by Oblate Fathers

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.

– EASTER 2025 –

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.

Lenten Confession

Monday, April 14 at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 16 at 6 p.m.

There will be no confession from April 17 to April 21 inclusive.

Church Cleaning

As we get ready for Easter, we want to make sure our church is spotless for the holidays. Please join us for the annual church cleaning on **Tuesday, April 15 at 6 p.m.** “Many hands make light work,” so bring your whole family and invite your friends.

ShareLife

YOU OPEN THE DOOR TO SAFETY FROM ABUSE

Your support of ShareLife-funded agencies is a saving grace for victims of domestic abuse. Maria was trapped in an abusive relationship, isolated from family and friends. A mother of three, pregnant with her fourth, she needed to escape for her safety and theirs. At Safe Centre of Peel, led by Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, 17 partner agencies unite to care for families. They provide legal assistance, safe housing, and financial aid. Through your solidarity, Maria and her young children were able to secure the freedom they deserve.

– OTHER 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 this Sunday, April 6 at 4 p.m. Tickets are available through Eventbrite and at the door. 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

Job Offer

Sacred Heart Parish in Kitchener is looking to hire an organist. For more information, please contact Barbara from the Parish Council: (519) 896-7881.

Pilgrimage to Buffalo

Holy Rosary Family is organizing a one-day bus trip to Buffalo, NY on **Sunday, June 15.** The itinerary includes a visit to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and Our Lady of Victory Shrine and Basilica. Information and registration:

Teresa (905) 495-7035
Wieslawa (416) 799-2122

*Cast your care upon God,
for you are God’s,
and God will not forget you.*
~ St. John of the Cross

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

April 7

8⁰⁰ ✚ Irena – Adam
○ For God’s blessing for children, grandchildren, and great granddaughter
10⁰⁰ ✚ Jozef and Antonina Manka
19⁰⁰ ✚ Stanislaw Zabielski – son and family

TUESDAY

April 8

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and protection of the Holy Family for Alina and Andrzej on their 37th wedding anniversary
✚ Parents Julia and Franciszek; deceased from family
10⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and health for children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross in Polish**
19⁰⁰ ✚ Zofia Niemiec (Mass in Polish)

WEDNESDAY

April 9

8⁰⁰ ○ For the gifts of the Holy Spirit for Agnieszka – father
✚ Adela and Wladyslaw Rak
10⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and health for children and granddaughter
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for 55 years of marriage of Teresa and Stefan Szczurek and for God’s blessing and protection of Mary and St. Joseph for them, their children, and families

THURSDAY

April 10

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Irena on her birthday – family
10⁰⁰ ○ For health and God’s grace for Marek
19⁰⁰ ✚ Longin Kulina; Antonina and Feliks Lyzwa – family
✚ Antoni Oleszczuk and siblings on both sides

FRIDAY

April 11

8⁰⁰ ✚ Leon Antkowiak – daughter and family
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross in Polish**
19⁰⁰ ✚ Jan Gaweda; deceased from Bujalski family – daughter and family
○ For God’s blessing for father, Halina with family, Andrzej with family – Malgorzata with family

SATURDAY

April 12

8⁰⁰ ✚ Andrzej and Alicja Wietrzeba – brother and family
17⁰⁰ ✚ Ryszard Gadowski – wife and family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Patryk Welna (4th anniv.)

SUNDAY

April 13

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s blessing and Mary’s protection for Julia Mis on her 18th birthday – parents and grandparents
9³⁰ ✚ Henryk and Sabina Ziolkowski – Lucy Dworak and family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✚ Monika Filipek (5th anniv.) – mother and family
14³⁰ ✚ Franciszek and Franciszka Grabarczyk; Zygmunt Kanas; Mieczyslaw
18¹⁵ **Lenten Lamentations**
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and health for the Paczkowska and Gonkiewicz families

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