

"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty."

John 4.5-42

Reflection

Water pours through today's readings, soaking us with grace. In the desert, water pours from a rock with divine energy. St. Paul tells us that God's love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. The well water drawn by the Samaritan woman becomes living water through her meeting with Christ.

These are moments of grace. Grace is a word that eludes easy explanation, but we sense it in what Celtic Christians call "thin" places or locations where we feel God's presence. The distance between us and God is thin. Our churches are thin places, as are awe-inspiring sights in creation. Places where the needy are served are thin places. These are places soaked with grace.

The well was a very thin place for the Samaritan woman. She encountered the sacred as Jesus sat, listened and encouraged her. This love-infused sacred grace transformed her, leading her to bring that grace to others.

Where are our thin places? Where are our wells? Seeing Christ in the face of our beloved? Seeing Christ in the face of the stranger? Seeing Christ in our worship? Seeing Christ in our solitude? Seeing Christ in the beauty of creation? In its wounds? From these thin places we draw the living water that satisfies our deepest thirsts and blesses our daily pilgrimages towards holiness.

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First Reading: Exodus 17.3-7

Responsorial Psalm:

O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!

Second Reading: Romans 5.1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4.5-42

**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. Dawid Stefaniszyn OMI, who will preach the Lenten Retreat in Polish.



Fr. Dawid was born in 1994 in Lublin. In 2014, during a Lenten retreat, he met the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and entered the novitiate a few months later. After completing his theological studies at the Major Seminary in Obra, he was ordained on May 29, 2021, by Abp Stanisław Gądecki. His first obedience was as an associate pastor at St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish in Kędzierzyn-Koźle. After two years, he was assigned to serve as a retreat leader, a ministry he had been considering since seminary.

Retreat Schedule

Saturday, March 7 & Sunday, March 8
Sunday Mass with retreat homily

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

10 a.m. Mass with retreat homily
Anointing of the Sick
6³⁰ p.m. Stations of the Cross in Polish
7 p.m. Mass with retreat homily

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

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

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

March 8 – Jubilee 2000 Children's Choir
March 15 – Church Committee

Rosary Intention for March

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue instead of violence.

Rose #56 leads the Rosary this week.

Evening of Passion Songs

The Quo Vadis Choir and the Camerata Orchestra cordially invite you to an Evening of Passion Songs, which will take place this **Sunday, March 8**, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Eugene Church in Brampton.

LENT 2026

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. 10	Fr. Stefaniszyn (in Polish)
Fri. Mar. 13	Krucjata Wyzwolenia Czlowieka
Tue. Mar. 17	Oblate Youth
Fri. Mar. 20	Families of John Paul II
Tue. Mar. 24	Retreat (in English)
Fri. Mar. 27	Bible Group/Passion Crown

All groups leading the Stations of the Cross are asked to submit their text to the parish office for approval.

40 Days for 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 daily throughout Lent, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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*.

Extreme Way of the Cross

Extreme Way of the Cross will take place on **Friday, March 27**. 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 42 km and is walked in silence, individually or in very small groups. For details and to register, please visit www.edk.org.pl or download the EDK App.

– COMING UP –

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m.
Mass followed by a meeting at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, March 13**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

Camino Fair

Those interested in walking the Camino in Spain are invited for an information session on **Saturday, March 22 at 5 p.m.** in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend. Buen Camino!

– RETREATS –

Lenten Retreat for Children

Children are invited for a Lenten retreat which will be preached by Fr. Jonas Lalik OMI. The Masses will be in Polish, and the Stations of the Cross will be in English.

Sunday, March 15

1 p.m. – Mass with a homily for children

Monday, March 16

6³⁰ p.m. – Stations of the Cross for children
7 p.m. – Mass with a homily for children

Sunday, March 22

1 p.m. – Mass with a homily for children

Lenten Retreat in English

March 21-24

Preached by Fr. John O'Brien SJ
Details to Follow

Oblate Retreat for Youth

Oblate Youth Canada is organizing an overnight March Break retreat. It is open for youth ages 13 – 18 and runs from **March 16 to 20**. The retreat will be held at Camp Samac in Oshawa. The cost is \$200 per person; discounts are available for siblings. Sign up at oblateyouthcanada@gmail.com.

Oblate Retreat for Young Adults

Oblate Youth Canada is organizing a weekend retreat for young adults ages 18 – 30, from **March 20 to 22**. It will be held at Camp Samac in Oshawa. The cost is \$100 per person; discounts are available for siblings. Sign up at oblateyouthcanada@gmail.com.

– OTHER NEWS –

Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Le Treport Banquet Hall
1075 Queensway East, Mississauga

Guest speakers include Johnnette Benkovic Williams from EWTN, S. John Mary SV, April Smith from Alaska, Dorothy Pilarski, and Natalie Regnier. Bp. Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the Closing Mass. **Register at: dwf2026.eventbrite.ca**

Job Offer

Festival Coordinator *Hypitch* is seeking a Coordinator for the **Roncesvalles Polish Festival**. This position is available immediately and offers valuable hands-on experience in event planning and community engagement.

Eligibility Requirements:

Legally eligible to work in Canada

Qualifications & Skills:

- College and/or University education preferred
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Working knowledge of Canva, Photoshop, and PowerPoint (an asset)
- Excellent organizational skills with the ability to maintain a high level of organization in a fast-paced environment
- Experience in events, sales, administration, or customer service
- Working knowledge of MS Office. **Interested candidates should send their resume to: events@hypitch.com**

Pilgrimages

**Buffalo, NY
Sunday, June 14**

Holy Rosary Family is organizing a one-day bus trip to Buffalo, NY to visit Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and Our Lady of Victory Shrine and Basilica. Information and registration:

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

**Portugal, Spain, France
September 27 – October 10**

Spiritual leader: Fr. Tomasz Jarosz OMI
For more information please contact:
Stan (647) 463-9057

**Japan – October 12-23
Guadalupe – November 9-15**

For more information please contact:
Marzena (647) 284-1631
Malgorzata (416) 859-8469

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

March 9

8⁰⁰ † Zdzislaw Panasiewicz and deceased from family
10⁰⁰ † Zofia and Franciszek Kresek and their parents – daughter and family
19⁰⁰ † Aleksandra and Stanislaw Saganek – son and family
† Helena and Jozef Szczurek – son Stefan and family

TUESDAY

March 10

8⁰⁰ † Wladyslawa Koza (6th) – daughter Barbara
10⁰⁰ † Krystyna Przylecka – Grazyna and family
18³⁰ *Stations of the Cross in Polish*
19⁰⁰ † Klotylda and Kazimierz Szantyr
† Apolonia Maksimowski – son Edward

WEDNESDAY

March 11

8⁰⁰ ○ For the gifts of the Holy Spirit for Agnieszka and Sabrina – father
† Maria and Mieczyslaw Milewski – daughter and family
10⁰⁰ † Janina Kosnik (3rd)
19⁰⁰ † Jozefa and Franciszek Kogut; Pelagia and Ludwik Zuchara

THURSDAY

March 12

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for protection for children and grandchildren
† Edward Kubow (1st) – family
19⁰⁰ ○ For gifts of the Holy Spirit and Mary's protection for Anna and Jan Studzinski and their children
† Deceased from the Kondej and Rutkowski families

FRIDAY

March 13

8⁰⁰ † Felicia Brzeska and Danuta Ostrogorska
18³⁰ *Stations of the Cross in Polish*
19⁰⁰ † Antoni Oleszczuk, siblings from the Oleszczuk and Kraska families
† Zofia and Franciszek Kresek and their parents – Janina Stec

SATURDAY

March 14

8⁰⁰ † Maciej and Genowefa Krzysiak – daughter and family
17⁰⁰ † Jozefa and Czeslaw Olewinski
19⁰⁰ † Eugeniusz Jagiello (10th anniv.) – daughter and family

SUNDAY

March 15

8⁰⁰ † Lidia Nowotniak
9³⁰ † Souls in Purgatory
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ † Zdzislaw Bora, Ryszard Kukulski, Jozef Szewczyk
14³⁰ ○ For God's blessing for the Pliszka family
18¹⁵ *Lenten Lamentations*
19⁰⁰ † Lucja Szablinska (1st) – daughter and family

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

Beware of Scams

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