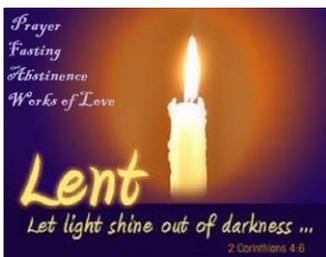


The First Sunday of Lent

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: “Be with me Lord when I am in Trouble”

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after His baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use His power to appease His hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation. Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to His promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that He will not put God to the test. Grounding Himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by His confidence in God's protection and faithfulness. This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency is a temptation from the devil. Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

Lent has 40 days - ever wonder why?



Lent is the 40 day long penitential period in the Catholic Church, immediately prior to the Paschal Feast (Easter) the greatest feast in the Church. The Eastern Catholic churches call this period Great Lent. There is a strong Biblical foundation for observing a 40 day period of penance and/or anticipation. The

Scriptures are full of the significance, perhaps known only to God, of the number 40. In the Old Testament, God punished mankind by sending a flood over the earth for 40 days and nights. The people of Nineveh repented of their sins with 40 days of fasting. The Prophet Ezekiel lay on his right side for 40 days as a precursor to the siege and destruction of Jerusalem. The Prophet Elijah fasted and prayed for 40 days on Mount Horeb. Moses fasted 40 days and nights while on Mount Sinai. Moses and the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 penitential years until they entered the Promised Land. In the New Testament, the Lord fasted for 40 days and nights in preparation for the beginning of His public ministry. We model our 40 day season of Lent today on this holy tradition, established throughout Salvation History, the story of God's relationship with humanity. The Catechism tells us “*By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.*” (Catholic Catechism #540).

DEVOTIONS DURING LENT

Way of the Cross – Monday 6:30pm – with participation of children

Way of the Cross – Thursday 6:30 pm– in English

Way of the Cross – Friday 6:30pm in Polish

Sorrowful Lamentations – each Sunday of Lent at 5:30pm.



Best Wishes to

Deacon Wojciech Nowak

On the occasion of his birthday we pray that God bless him abundantly and commend him to the care of our Blessed Mother for each day of his earthly journey!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Through the sacrament of Baptism, the following child have become the member of our parish community:

Maja Sylwia Musiej

We welcome her to our community warmly, and wish her, her parents, and godparents all of God's graces and care for their whole lives of the throat on **Monday** after the morning and evening Mass.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT in POLISH

This year Fr. Wieslaw Zielonka, OMI, from Poland, will guide us in our Lenten Retreat from March 23rd – 27th. We ask our parishioners to please mark these dates in their calendars and attend our Lenten Retreat in order to properly prepare for Easter.

ROSARY INTENTIONS – March



Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

PERPETUAL ADORATION



Come and spend time with our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament exposed in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. We sk all who have not as yet signed up for an hour of adoration of our

Loving Lord, by calling Beata Konieczna at:
(905) 878-7407 or (647) 403-7407.

OUR THANKS AND GRATITUDE

Our wholehearted **thanks** to all the parishioners who have volunteered at the Parish last week!

Our Lady of Ludzmiierz House and church – J. Nowak, N. Nowak

T. Kopacz, S. Kolanowski, M. Turczynski, H. Gierczak, Plominski.

Flowers - B. Pierzchlewska, Gabriel Palczewski, M. Palczewski, J. Grochowski,

Church Cleaning – Families - : Kaszkur, Kus, Kulawiak, Mulica and: S. Kubica, J P. Szaflarski, E. Klepacki, N. Ghazala, A. Bholia, B. Sarkowicz, M. Gieniec, P. Krsek, J. Labak

Businesses - EuroFoods, Eden Garden, Supreme Pierogis, Price Chop Cleaners, Turbo Disposal and Excavation, Andrew Carpet Cleaning,

Grateful God Bless

Pro-life Action Week, March 11-14, 2019

For your sons, daughters, nieces, nephews and even grand kids (provided that they are in grade 10 and up), please consider attending a great educational event to help improve your pro-life conversational skills and gain real life experience doing pro-life outreach, changing the hearts and minds on abortion. For more details on how to apply, please go to www.endthekilling.ca/get-active/plwa. Get in your volunteer hours by getting enrolled in this program.

SHARE LIFE 2019 - Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

agencies “As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to live the Gospel in all we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. For 43 years, countless individuals have experienced the compassionate care offered by our agencies. Please support our annual archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season!” — Cardinal Thomas Collins. **This year the expected funds to be raised by our parish during the ShareLife Campaign is \$25,000.00.** March 31 is ShareLife Sunday.

KNIGHTS NEWS:

This Lenten season, we all parishioners to help feed the hungry in our community. Please help by participating in our Knights **Lenten Food Drive**, and bring non perishable food items to the Church over the next 7 weeks. **Knighthood Degree:** March 31 at 2:00pm, will take faith journey into the Knighthood (3rd) degree. Please contact GK Jan Kaszkur 416-817-4787 or Frank Kehoe 416-688-6874 if you have any questions **Council Meeting:** Tuesday March 12 at 8:00pm. **Assembly Meeting:** Tuesday March 26 at 8:00pm.

'Ready, Study Go! Poland' at the Study and Go Abroad Fair in Toronto

For the sixth time in row, Consulate General of the Republic of Poland invited Polish Universities to attend “Study and Go Abroad Fair” the largest education fair in Canada. This year five Polish Universities will present their educational offers at Toronto Fair. The Fair will be held today - March 3rd at the Toronto Metro Convention Centre at Front Street between 1:00-5:00 pm. Recruitment experts from Wroclaw Economy University, Medical University of Lodz, Medical University of Warsaw, Medical University of Wroclaw and Jagiellonian University from Krakow will present you with their outstanding programs at the “Ready, Study, Go! Poland” booth.

10th ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE & A MOTHER DAUGHTER EVENT CALLING ALL GIRLS

Dynamic Women of Faith will be hosting its annual conference for Catholic women on Saturday March 23, 2018 from 8:00am-4:00pm at JPPII Polish Cultural Centre in Mississauga with an opening Mass celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish at 9:10am. There is a mother - daughter event Calling ALL Girls the evening before – Friday, March 22nd from 7:00pm-10:00pm! For more information including registration fees and location visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com or call 905 907-1042

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS- Second Sunday of Lent



First Reading - Genesis 15.5-12, 17 - 18

Psalm – 27.1, 7-8,9, 13-14

R. The Lord is my Light and My Salvation

Second Reading - Philippians 3.17- 4.1

Gospel: Luke 9.28b-36

MASS INTENTIONS

09.03.19. SATURDAY

8:30 – For all the + from the Rzeszowski and Swidzinski family

17:00 - For God’s blessing for Alojzy Kaczmarek on his birthday

18:30 - For all parishioners and benefactors

10.03.19 – SUNDAY

8:00 – For God’s blessing for Mateusz Grecki on his 20th Birthday - *parents*

9:30 – For + Maria Kania – *children with family*

11:00 – For + Stanislaw and Henryk Rogowski – *son*

13:00 - For + Anna Roj – *granddaughter with family*

18:00 – For + Krystyna and + Tadeusz Banys – *daughter & family*

11.03.19 – MONDAY

8:30 – For + Stanislaw Kurdziel – *daughter with family*

19:00 – For + Jerzy Soltysiak

12.03.19. TUESDAY

8:30 – For + Tadeusz Janczuk – *daughter with family*

19:00 – For + Maria Falana – Dudek – *son with family*

13.03.19. WEDNESDAY

8:30 – For + Mieczyslaw Szpargala on the anniversary of death

19:00 – For God’s blessing and care of Our Lady of Ludzmiierz for Janina Wieckowska on her birthday - *husband*

- For God’s blessing and grace of health for Mateusz on his 18th birthday

- For + Stanislaw Komperda – *tenants of Villa Polonia*

- For + Anastazja Kuklinska on the 18th anniversary of

Death – *daughter with family*

For + Jerzy, Stefan and Albina Siekiera - *family*

- For + Mirosława Rapczynska – *husband with family*

- For + Beata Szumska – *family*

- For + Zbigniew Pizunski and Pelegia and Hubert Bartosz

- For + Jozef and Andrzej Wrona

14.03.19. THURSDAY

8:30 – For + Zygmunt Mieszaniec

19:00 - For + Barbara Makaroff – *sister with family*

15.03.19. FRIDAY

8:30 – For + Stanislaw Kubica on the 16th anniversary of death - *Son with family*

19:00 – For + Kamil Golkiewicz

16.03.19. SATURDAY-

8:30 – For all parishioners and benefactors

17:00 - For + Jozef Mlkelski – *wife with children*

18:30 - For + Jan Litwinczuk on the 2nd anniversary of death – *wife with family*

17.03.19 – SUNDAY

8:00 – For + Bogdan Nowak - *friends*

9:30 – For + Felicja and Boleslaw Nowak and all the deceased from the Nowak and Banasiak family

11:00 – For God’s blessing for Jadwiga on her birthday

13:00 - For + Janina and Stanislaw Raczka and + Zofia – *Daughter with family*

18:00 – For + Tadeusz Wawrzyniak – *son & family*

MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED BY MISSIONARIES

We accept intentions for Masses that will be celebrated by Missionaries in various countries around the world. This is one of the forms of supporting the Missionary Oblates in their ministry. Those interested are asked to contact the parish office.

Donations

Parish

\$9,606.00

God bless your generosity

Please remember Our Parish and The Oblate Fathers in your will