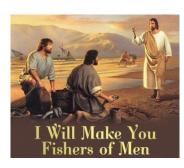
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<u>RESPONSORIAL PSALM:</u> "Teach me Your ways, O Lord"





In today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling His first disciples. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that He will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

This week:

Ralph Lopez son of Emanuel and Guia
Monika Homa daughter of Jerzy and Katarzyna

Celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage. We wish them an abundance of God's graces and the loving care of Our Lady of Ludzmierz on their new journey towards holiness.



St. Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capitol of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly struck by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centers of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome around 66 A.D., and his relics are in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls near the Ostian Way.

PASTORAL VISITATION - "KOLEDA"

Kolęda, or the traditional Christmas pastoral visits already begun. Families wishing to participate please call the Parish Office at: 905-451-1422.

GRANDMA'S AND GRANDPA'S DAY



On the occasion of "Grandmother's and Grandfather's Day", we extend our best wishes to all Grandmas and Grandpas. Today, January 21 between masses the "Hope in the Future" Foundation invites all to take part in the campaign: "Buy a flower for your Grandma."

PERPETUAL ADORATION

"Take the road less travelled" – take the first step to building an intimate relationship with Jesus... Come and spend time with our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament Reserved in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. We ask all those who have not yet signed up for an hour with our Lord who is Love by calling Beata Konieczna at:(905) 878-7407 or (647) 403-7407.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

We invite all representatives of parish groups and organizations to take part in Parish Council meeting which will be held on January 30, 2024.

WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY

On the second Sunday of February each year, the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates **Marriage Sunday**. In 2024, it will be celebrated on the weekend of February 10/11. This occasion highlights the importance of the institution of marriage rooted in faith, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those

celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

CARNIVAL BALL

Canadian Polish Congress cordially invites you to the Carnival Ball, on Saturday, 20.01.2024 in JPII Polish Cultural Centre. Proceeds will help with organizing May 3rd Parade. Delicious Dinner with wine prepared by Jan Gromada, lottery and dancing with great band 'IMPULS'. Tickets \$75, Janusz 647-559-1738 also in JPII Centre. Please join us & tell your friends as well!

OFFERATORY ENVELOPES FOR CURRENT & NEW USERS FOR 2024

Are displayed **in the parish hall** in alphabetical order according to the family name. All users of the envelopes are asked to write their name, last name and address on the first" beginning offertory" envelope in order to match the envelope number with the family name signed on it

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

All parishioners who recently moved are asked to provide the parish office with their current address. Also those who joined our community by attending the Sunday Liturgy are asked to fill out the registration form, as our Parish is an ethnic not territorial Parish and only those registered will be under our jurisdiction.

CANCER PATIENT AND CAREGIVERS RETREAT

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre invites to a day of retreat to Experience God's Healing Love. Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 8:30am, cost \$45.00 For more information please contact Jean at 905-278-5229.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were <u>never married</u> will take place on seven consecutive Mondays, from **February 5 to March 18**, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Meetings are in-person and attendance is mandatory at all sessions. To register, go to <u>www.kolbe.ca</u> and click on *Liturgy and Sacraments* and then *Marriage*. Next course will be offered in October 2024.Marriage Preparation Course for couples where one or both partners were <u>previously married</u> is facilitated by Catholic Family Services. Contact <u>www.cfstoronto.com</u> to register

New Session! Merrymakers, a dynamic afternoon program for 3-5 year olds.

Mary, Mother of God School is registering children for 2 ½ hours of enriched programming on Wednesday afternoons, 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us for songs, stories, poems, nursery rhymes, instruments, games, classical music, mime, drama, and lots of play. For more information, call the school office at 416-531-7897. Come and make merry with us!

OUR THANKS AND GRATITUDE

Garden - Palczewski Family, J. Grochowski

<u>Church</u> – T. Kopacz, R. Polowczyk, A. Skalski, E. Paniak

<u>Church Cleaning</u> – Families: Kaszkur, Ogonowski, Podleszanski, Kus, Kulawiak, Dusza and: B. Sarkowicz, B.Lasota, M. Żbikowska, M. Matkowski, P. Krsek, F. Szapiel, M. Sikora, B. Mikula, L. Lisowska and volunteers

<u>Businesses</u> – EuroMax Foods, Price Chop Cleaners, for constant help in supporting our parish.

MISSION AND GREGORIAN MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Gregorian Mass – January</u>

- † Aniela Oczuś daughter
- † Władysław Tarka friends

OFFERINGS

NEXT SUNDAY- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18. 15-20 Responsorial Psalm: 95. 1-2,6-7ab,7c-9 Second Reading: 1 Cor. 7. 32 - 35

Gospel: M 1. 21 - 28

MASS INTENTIONS AND DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, January 20

8:30 – † Jerzy Gerchaltowski

17:00 – 1. For all the departed from the Zielenkiewicz family – family

 2. For God's blessings and health for Krystyna and Wladyslaw Chowaniec on the 50th anniversay of wedding.

18:30 – † Stanislaw Cichowicz on the 5th anniversary of death – son With family

SUNDAY, January 21

8:00 – 1. For all parishioners and benefactors

2. For God's blessings and health for Xavier on the 13th birthday

9:15 - Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in English

9:30 - For God's blessings and health for Monika and Victoria

11:00 – For God's blessings for Robert on his birthday – parents

12:15 – Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in Polish

12:30 – For God's blessings for Zdzisław Koscinski on his 70th birthday - wife and children

18:00 - † Bernard and Edmund Zalewski- family

MONDAY, January 22

8:30 - † Janina Jasek - Villa Polonia residents

19:00 - † Ewelina Kaczkowska - family

TUESDAY, January 23

8:30 - † Janina Jasek - Villa Polonia residents

19:00 - For God's blessings for Karol on his 18th birthday

Devotion to bl. Karolina Kozkowna

WEDNESDAY, January 24

8:30 – † Christopher Spencer - friend

19:00 - Devotion to Our Lady of Ludzmierz

- Mass with Group Intentions

THURSDAY, January 25

8:30 - † Janina Jasek - Villa Polonia residents

19:00 - † Krzysztof Pronobis - family

FRIDAY, January 26

8:30 – † Joanna Garbos – Rosary Society

19:00 – † Wladyslawa and Jan Batko and † Jadwiga Swiatko – daughter with family

SATURDAY, January 27

8:30 – † Jerzy Klimont – son with family

17:00 – 1. † Jan and Ludwika Ciuerj and Zdzisław and Henryka Drewnowski – *Children*

2. For all members of St. Eugene Guards and their families

18:30 – For all parishioners and benefactors

SUNDAY, January 28

8:00 - † Adam Trzcinski on the 3rd anniversary of death - wife with children

9:15 - Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in English

9:30 – † Andrzej Litkowiec on the 3rd anniversary of death –wife with children

11:00 –† Antoni Kasiulewicz on the 3rd anniversary of death – *sister* with family

12:15 - Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in Polish

12:30 – † Andrzej Sekita on the 1st anniversary of death - wife and

18:00 - † Janina and Eugeniusz Zuchniak – sons with family