



Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

On Saturdays from 4:15 to 4:45 PM and 30 minutes before weekday Mass

The Sacrament of Baptism: By Appointment

The Sacrament of Marriage: Should be arranged at least 6 months in advance.

First Holy Communion: If you have a child who will be making their First Communion please contact the Parish Office.

TRUD ZDOBYWANIA WIARY

Jeden jedyny raz Jezus ukazał się ludziom w całej pełni swej boskiej chwały. Była to jednak sytuacja wyjątkowa... Do odkrycia i uznania boskości Jezusa miała bowiem prowadzić wiara, a nie naoczne dowody. Dlatego nawet gdy Jezus objawił swe bóstwo, to uczynił to na osobności i jedynie w obecności trzech wybranych świadków. Ta wiedza, to wspomnienie, miało być im później potrzebne do dawania świadectwa, ale trzeba przyznać, że do czasu i tak na niewiele się to zdało. Same bowiem dowody i wiedza o boskości Jezusa nie wystarczą. Dopiero wiara przyjęta od Ducha Świętego czyni człowieka mocnym, wytrwałym i odważnym. Scena Przemienienia na górze Tabor jest jakby modelem i symbolicznym obrazem ukazującym strukturę aktu wiary. Początek i inicjatywa wiary należy zawsze do Boga. To Jezus zabiera uczniów na wyprawę w góry. To On zna cel i bezpieczną drogę do celu. Ale to uczniowie muszą przebyć tę drogę na własnych nogach. W skwarze pogodnego dnia wielokilometrowa wspinaczka na wysoki szczyt musiała kosztować sporo wysiłku. Człowiek musi być gotów ten wysiłek w drodze do wiary podjąć. Wiąże się z tym także pewne odosobnienie, usunięcie się na bok, oddalenie od życia. Wiara dojrzewa w samotności i wyciszeniu, oderwaniu od codzienności. Kiedy człowiek wykona cały trud, niezbędny do aktu wiary, musi dalej czekać, aż Bóg ponownie udzieli łaski i ukaże to, w co mamy uwierzyć. Wiara w swej istocie polega bowiem na widzeniu tego, czego normalnie nie widać. Wiara jest jakimś olśnieniem, wizją, nagłym odkryciem, zachwytem tym, co dane nam było w mgnieniu oka zobaczyć i zrozumieć. Nie oczekujmy, że to widzenie będzie miało jakiś naturalny kształt, że da się je utrwalić na fotografii czy określić formę i wymiary zjawiska. Wiara nie jest fizyczną naocznością, dostępną dla przyrządów optycznych, lecz wizją wewnętrzną, światłem i kształtem duchowym, widocznym jedynie dla duszy. Gdy próbujemy ten duchowy kształt pochwycić i wpisać jakoś w wymiary fizycznego świata, w obręb swojej logiki i rozumienia, napotkamy na przeszkody. Pojawi się jakby mgła, która przesłoni nam oczywistość tego, co jeszcze przed chwilą tak jasno widzieliśmy. Ostatecznie trzeba będzie znów wrócić do życia, prawie że z pustymi rękami i mglistymi wspomnieniami. Jedyne, co nam pozostanie, to gotowość posłuszeństwa i wypełnienia tego, co mówi Jezus, oraz odwaga i wola dawania świadectwa o tym, co dane nam było przeżyć. To będzie znak, że nasza wiara nie jest tylko złudzeniem. Wiarę bowiem poznaje się po owocach, podobnie jak w fizyce, siłę poznaje się po skutkach.

ON THE MOUNTAIN

The hours on the mountain were a huge experience for Peter, James and John, who would always be with him. They saw him in his glory, the beloved son of the Father. There was more to him than meets the eye. You climb a mountain and you see new views, you see the city from a new vantage point. You see the countryside in its beauty. We need times to climb mountains and get away from the ordinary. Lent is a time like that - as we give something up, we take something on. From the mountain, we now return home with a good seed: the seed of the Word of God. The Lord will send rain and that seed will grow. It will grow and it will bear fruit. We thank the Lord for the seed but we also want to thank the sower because you were that sower and you know how to do it (Pope Francis, 2014). Whenever we climb the mountain of the Lord or make any journey with him, we are changed. As every mountain is different, so every moment with him is well worth while! We receive this word of God and we receive our call to share it. The apostles would spend their lives sharing what they got on the mountain, and how it changed them.

A Message from Bishop Fabbro regarding COVID-19 (see letter on bulletin board)

The international and national news about the COVID-19 is causing disruption and, in some cases, unnecessary panic. Though many have fallen sick and some have died overseas as a result of the virus, it is not so widespread in the region to make drastic changes to our lives. It has come to my attention, though, that some parishes have unilaterally eliminated the Sign of Peace and Communion from the Cup as a response. From the information I have received, these measures are unnecessary and not acceptable, according to the policies of the Diocese. Leading medical personnel have made it clear that this virus is different from the SARS virus that we faced ten years ago; it is something to be addressed seriously but without exaggeration. I want to assure you that we are monitoring the messages of Public Health Ontario and the local Medical Officers of Health. Until we hear warnings from those authorities, however, we will not recommend changes in the liturgy. People need to take normal precautions if they have any signs of cold or influenza, regardless of the strain.

Mass Times and Intentions For Mar 9 to Mar 15		
Monday 8am	+ Paolo Persichetti	James & Irma Persichetti
Tuesday 7pm	+ Maria & Wladyslaw Zuba	Rodzina
Wednesday 8am	+ Paolo Persichetti	Disele De Sena
Wednesday 7pm	Stations of the Cross in English	
Thursday 8am	+ Edmund Chalimoniuk	M. & D. Lang
Friday 3pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
Friday 7pm	+ Jadwiga Kus i w intencji bogu wiadomej	
Saturday 8am	+ Paolo Persichetti	Disele De Sena
Saturday 5pm	+ Adam Marut	Marut & Andrews Families
Sunday 9:30 am	For Parishioners	
Sunday 11 am	O Blogoslawienstwo Boze dla Ewy i Rodziny	Rodzice

Announcements

During the time of Lent the CWL support The Pregnancy Options and Support Centre, and are asking for the following donations: Laundry detergent, personal hygiene items - maternity pads, toothpaste, tooth-brushes, shampoo, deodorant, body wash or soap, Vaseline, baby foods - wet and solid, baby drinks, Enfelac (blue tin and pink tin) receiving blankets, soothers, diapers (all sizes) and clothing new-born to 4T, to name a few. There will be a purple bin in the hall to receive your donations. We thank you in advance for your contributions.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be collecting food for St. Vincent de Paul during Lent. There will be bins at the entrance of the church to put your food donations in. Please be generous and let us help St. Vincent de Paul keep their shelves stocked.

LENTEN PRESENTATION OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning on Wednesday March 4/20 at 7pm and continuing every Wednesday during Lent a very special presentation of the Station of the Cross will be given. This presentation is guaranteed to deepen your spiritual life during the Lenten time, so please come and participate in this beautiful celebration.

Podczas Wielkiego Postu, zaczynając od 6 Marca będziemy mieli w naszym Kościele Droge Krzyżowa w każdy piątek o godzinie 7 wieczorem. Przed Drogą Krzyżowa o godzinie 6.30 będzie odmawiany różaniec. Purposeful Womanhood

2020 Annual Women's Seminar

Find focus and peace by learning how to discover your God-given purpose in order to transform your life into a journey of love. With practical tools and tips from a guest speaker and available resources, the day aims to encourage women to build friendships and grow in their own unique roles. The guest speaker will be Anne Marie Posella, a psychotherapist, completed a Master of Arts in Theology, and a Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology and holds a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry.

Saturday, March 28th from 9:30a.m. to 3:30p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, (1360 Oxford St W, London, ON) The cost is \$40 if you register online (info@famfi.ca) or \$50 at the door. This includes lunch, refreshments, and two talks.

Letter from Bishop (copy of letter on bulletin board)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and fill the hearts of your people with an ardent desire to follow Jesus, to be his missionary disciples (Year of Prayer)

On Pentecost Sunday 2019, we began a Year of Prayer for our entire diocese which will conclude at our celebration of Pentecost on 31 May 2020. I asked that together we take this year to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we might have “an ardent desire to follow Jesus, to be his missionary disciples”. Over the past few months, it has been gratifying for me, as your bishop, to see many signs of new life and hope, as our parishes take to heart this call for renewal. I met a woman who completed Alpha in her parish. She spoke to me of the excitement she now has about her faith. A man, who is going to be a sponsor of one of the candidates for confirmation, told me about the program his parish just introduced. He is eager to participate in the program because it has renewed him in the faith he has practised since childhood. Bishop Dabrowski and I had a meal with the facilitators of the “Moments of Encounter” which were offered in many of our Families of Parishes. They spoke to us of the positive response to these retreat days. People wanted to gather to pray and reflect on their faith. They witnessed a real hunger among our people to grow in their faith. I am very encouraged by these testimonies. They are, I believe, fruits of our Year of Prayer.

As we move through this Year of Prayer, I want to draw your attention to the seasons of Lent and Easter and the special opportunities they offer us. During the Season of Lent, our parishes have missions and special devotions, such as Stations of the Cross and Eucharistic Adoration. Our ethnic communities have brought us rich traditions for the 40 days of Lent. These practices help us hear Jesus’ call to a conversion of heart: “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). Make a special effort to link these practices to our Year of Prayer and the prayer of our diocese that we may have “an ardent desire to follow Jesus”. During the Easter Season, we celebrate with great joy Jesus’ resurrection and the new life he bestows on us in Baptism. The Scripture readings for the Sunday and weekday Masses highlight the presence of the Holy Spirit working powerfully in the early disciples and are an inspiration for us as we seek to be disciples of Jesus in our everyday lives. The Easter Season ends in May, the month we have traditionally called Mary’s month. Our parishes, schools and families make use of many Marian devotions. The Rosary, for example, helps us reflect with Mary on the great mysteries of our faith. Mary is the first disciple, our model of the true disciple of Jesus. In her Magnificat, Mary rejoices and proclaims the greatness of the Lord. Through Mary’s intercession, may we be missionary disciples who boldly proclaim the Gospel by our words and deeds, by speaking to others about our faith in Jesus, by inviting them to encounter Jesus in their lives, and by reaching out to the poor and marginalized in our communities. Mary was perplexed by the words spoken to her by the angel, but she believed and gave her “yes” to God. As a diocese, we have embarked on a journey to answer Jesus’ call to us to be his missionary disciples. We do not know exactly what this call will mean and what it will demand of us. In this Year of Prayer, I believe we are being called to place our trust in God. May we be inspired by Mary’s example, and may the Holy Spirit fill us with joy and guide us on our journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.
Bishop of London

Last Sunday Collection \$2,234.60
Michaelite Missions \$190.00
Initial Offering \$10.00
Share Lent \$5.00

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