

The schedule of the peregrination of the Triptych

May 18, 2020, marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of St. Pope John Paul II. To celebrate this milestone event, many churches around the world are celebrating Holy Mass and offering thanksgiving devotions. Hence, for this reason, three portable altars called Triptychs, consisting of a central part and two side wings with the image of Our Lady of Czestochowa (Black Madonna), St. Sister Faustina, and St. Pope John Paul II and their relics are travelling across three continents of the globe (Europe, Asia, and North America) so that the faithful people of God can receive God's favours and blessings.

I want to share with my parishioners the good news. The long-awaited Triptych is coming to Sacred Heart Parish in Kitchener during the last week of the month of the Holy Rosary. Its peregrination will last from the 24th to the 30th of October.

Our parish family has been spiritually preparing for the visit of this unique "Guest." Since August, the faithful have been reciting the Divine Chaplet, the Novena to St. Pope John Paul II, and say prayer through His intercession. Moreover, in the sanctuary, we have placed two large posters of the Pope's likeness, with an inscription in the English and Polish language, highlighting the importance of the jubilee celebrations.

The Triptych will cross the thresholds of our Parish on Friday, October 23. The solemn celebrations will take place on Sunday, October 25. Provided his health allows it, Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki, an auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Hamilton, will preside Mass for the English Congregation at 10:00 a.m. The Mass for the Polish Congregation will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of London, at 11:30 a.m. After the Eucharist, there will be the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Litany to St. Pope John Paul II.

During the peregrination of the Triptych, the schedule of the devotions will be as follows:

1. Saturday, 24 October:
 - a. Confession from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - b. Mass in English at 5:00 p.m.

- c. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass until 9:00 p.m.
 - d. Spontaneous prayers of praise, thanksgiving and atonement, led by the Domestic Church (in Polish) from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
2. Monday to Friday, morning Mass in English at 8:00 a.m. and evening Mass in Polish at 7:00 p.m.
 3. Daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and from 7:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 4. Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered daily from 7:30 a.m. to 7:55 a.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 6:55 p.m.
 5. Stations of the Cross with Saint Pope John Paul II on Friday, Oct. 30th, after the morning Mass, followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please visit our parish website (www.kitchenercr.com), where copies of the Litany to St. Pope John Paul II and Novena have been posted. These prayers are printed weekly in our parish bulletin.

At the parish office or in the sacristy, two books are available for purchase; “*Miracles of John Paul II*”, and a prayer book to St. Pope John Paul II at the price of \$10.00.

On April 2nd, we celebrate Canada’s St. Pope John Paul II Day. For this occasion, a special insert will be included in the parish bulletin.

Emphasizing the importance of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Karol Wojtyla - St. Pope John Paul II - the Government of Poland and Lithuania have designated the year 2020 as the “*Year of Saint John Paul II*”. On behalf of myself and the faith community of Sacred Heart Parish in Kitchener, I cordially invite everyone to visit our church and pray together in the presence of the Triptych and the relics of St. Faustina and St. Pope John Paul II. May the celebration of this meaningful Jubilee help us to obtain many of God’s blessings and graces through the intercession of St. Pope John Paul II the Great.

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