

Matthew's Monthly Message

March/Março 2021

Happy Birthday in March

Many happy returns, and special Birthday Prayers for all those who have joined our Birthday Club. I wish you all a happy and healthy year ahead.

Elaine Kelly
Conor Sinclair
Roseanne Michelsen

Sandra Abraham
Colleen Sinclair

If you would like to be included in future months, please let me know. I will publish only your names. No dates of birth or ages, unless requested.

St. Joseph's Feast Day is celebrated on March 19th, which is traditionally said to be his birthday. Popes Pius XII (1876) and Leo XII (1810), as well as St. John of God on March 8th, 1495 had March birthdays.

Polish Lessons

I had my first formal Polish language lesson with Fr. Vladimir recently. It was short and to the point. I learned these useful phrases:



Dzień dobry Good morning.
Dobry wieczór ... Good night.
Dziękuję Thank you.
Wesołych Świąt .. Happy Easter.

For Happy Birthday, there are two options:

Wszystkiego najlepszego z okazji urodzin,
or
“Sto lat”

Sto lat is pronounced “stow lat” and literally means a hundred years. It is a strong Polish tradition to wish people a century of life. I think I will have to ask **Fr. Włodzimierz** how to greet someone who is over one hundred years in age.

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Laetare Sunday, March 14th

Rejoice. Rejoice. Rejoice.

An idea popped into my head this week, probably because there was a vacancy there. Next Sunday is the mid-point of Lent, when the celebrants wear Rose-coloured vestments.

How about this? – if you possess clothing in any of these shades, wear them next week to celebrate on Laetare (meaning “Rejoice”) Sunday:

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| pink | rose | fuchsia | punch |
| blush | watermelon | flamingo | rouge |
| salmon | coral | peach | strawberry |
| rosewood | lemonade | taffy | bubblegum |
| ballet slipper | crepe | magenta | hot pink |

You will be in good company



Finally

A great idea for a birthday or anniversary gift is a subscription to the **St. Patrick's 100 Club**. The recipient may even win a cash prize, and the Church benefits from the donation.

God's Blessings to all - **Deacon Matthew**