

3rd Sunday of Easter

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FR. PASTOR'S REFLECTION

During the epidemic, we are reminded of an old truth that in times of difficulty we need God differently than usual, we seek Him more intensely. This image of God, which is ingrained in us, requires a change in the way of thinking. We must realize that God accompanies us all the time, comes whenever we need Him, and permeates our every thought and desire. He wants what's good for us, even if we cannot fully understand it.

We are experiencing the Easter season like never before. However, we should trust that Jesus is coming "although the doors [are] locked" – literally and figuratively. He comes to our homes – in which we have been separated from the outside world for over a month – to soothe our anxiety, ease our pain, and give us confidence in times of uncertainty. Jesus brings us strength that will allow us to rise not only from the situation caused by the epidemic, but also from our personal tribulations.

Praying at Home Spiritual Communion

Currently, we are still not allowed to open our churches and celebrate Mass with the faithful. However, we encourage you to pray individually at home. The optimal solution would be to watch Mass live on TV or the Internet and receive Holy Communion spiritually. How is Spiritual Communion received? Spiritual communion consists of awakening in your heart an ardent desire to unite with Jesus; the grace received this way is the same as when we receive the Eucharist in the church.



Spiritual Adoption of a Conceived Child

The spiritual adoption of a conceived child could not take place as planned and in a traditional fashion; therefore, **it will take place individually this weekend after the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass.** Please continue to pray for your spiritual child.

First Reading: Acts 2.14, 22b-28

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.17-21

Gospel: Luke 24.13-35

Today's **Second Collection** is for the building and renovation fund. Thank you for your support.

Please continue to check our parish website and Facebook page for the latest information concerning our parish.
www.kolbe.ca

Group Intentions Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

On Wednesdays we continue our Group Intention Mass and the Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Intentions can be submitted by phone during regular office hours. The faithful can participate in Mass through our parish TV. Mass offering can be placed in the offertory box found inside the entrance to the parish office.

Month of Mary – May Devotions

The month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Join us daily at 6:30 p.m. for the Marian Devotion, and additionally on Wednesdays the Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

First Friday of the month, May 1st

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and before the 7 p.m. Mass

First Saturday of the month, May 2nd

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, May 3rd

Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:30 a.m.
Virtual exchange of Rosary Mysteries after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Mass.
Please continue to pray the same mystery.

Lessons for First Communion Students

Children preparing for their First Holy Communion are invited to take part in virtual lessons. Go to kolbe.ca, YouTube Channel, Playlists, Religion Class for Kids.

All homework should be submitted to communionkolbe@gmail.com



MyParish App – our parish now has a mobile application. Install myParish App on your phone, select St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Mississauga, and stay up to date on all current events taking place at our parish. Important! In your phone settings remember to *Allow Notifications* in order to receive most up-to-date information, e.g. when public Mass will be celebrated again.

If you are an elderly person and can't or shouldn't leave the house, call the parish office and our parish youth will do your grocery shopping for you.

COVID-19 and Our Parish

The Government of Ontario has extended the state of emergency in our province by another 28 days. All current restrictions remain in place: churches, schools, shopping malls, and most stores are expected to be closed until mid-May. **Under these circumstances, and as was the case with Confirmation, First Holy Communion will certainly be postponed until after the end of the pandemic.** As of today, no one knows for certain when it will take place.

Reminders:

• The **church is closed** until further notice! The Government of Ontario makes it clear that churches as public meeting places must remain closed.

• **Priests continue to celebrate Mass** but without the physical presence and participation of the faithful. Cardinal Collins granted all faithful dispensation from attending church on Sunday and days of obligation. This means that we do not commit a grave sin if we don't attend Sunday Mass.

• We encourage you to participate in Mass that is being broadcast live from our church. **We are back to our regular Mass schedule, except for the weekend evening Masses.** Those intentions will be celebrated at a different time; appropriate individuals will be informed of the change by phone.

• There is currently **no confession**, except in the event of a serious illness. Confessions with the presence of many priests will take place once restrictions are lifted and all activities return to normal.

• The **parish office is closed** but you may call during regular office hours.

• **Sacraments** of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are postponed until the end of the pandemic.

• Sacrament of **Baptism** may take in the presence of the child, the child's parents, and Godparents. The sacrament of **Marriage** can take place in the presence of the couple and their two witnesses. All other guests should participate virtually.

• **Funeral** prayers and interment take place at the cemetery. Maximum 10 people may attend. Funeral Mass can take place on or around the day of the funeral, with family and friends participating in it through our parish TV. Alternately, family may wish to wait with the funeral Mass and interment until the end of the pandemic.

Thank You

We are very grateful to our parishioners who regularly bring their Sunday collection and deposit it into a secure box found by entrance to the parish office. Just over half of our parishioners feel responsible for their parish and regularly bring their Sunday collection. The parish must function despite the crisis and continue to pay expenses on regular basis.

**Thank you for your understanding and continued support.
May God Bless you.**

Wedding Anniversary Mass

God's grace and blessing to the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries:

20th Anniversary
Katarzyna & Pawel Kozlowski

23rd Anniversary
Wieslawa i Roman Zawada
40th Anniversary
Stanislawa i Jozef Sobura

41st Anniversary
Barbara & Ryszard Poniatowski

60th Anniversary
Czeslawa & Krzysztof Sowa

Faithful Departed



The following parishioners passed away recently.
May they rest in peace.

† Leszek Aleksandrowicz, 66
† Stanislaw Wojtowicz, 77
† Eugenia Klacza, 89
† Julia Mazepa, 89

ShareLife

Living the Gospel

by welcoming newcomers to Canada

The Dia Desso family were forced to flee the Cote d'Ivoire due to the civil war. They sought safety in neighbouring Ghana, where they met a team from the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT). ORAT, a ShareLife-funded agency, facilitated the family's private refugee sponsorship by Good Shepherd Parish in Thornhill. They are now thriving! The father loves his work driving a forklift, the mother cares for their one-year-old son at home, and the daughters are succeeding at school. Thanks to your support, the Dia Desso family is proud to be living in Canada.

**Next Sunday is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 27th

8⁰⁰ † Wladyslaw Mroczek (6th anniv.) – family
19⁰⁰ † Jan & Jozefa Perz – son with family
† Janina & Andrzej Rzycki – family

TUESDAY, April 28th

8⁰⁰ † Maria Bazył – daughter and son with family
19⁰⁰ † Tennie & John Bielawski and Stan Modrawski – family
† Anna Juszczyńska-Abramowska – daughter with family

WEDNESDAY, April 29th

8⁰⁰ † Maria (9th anniv.)
† Janina Grabowska (1st anniv.) – daughter
19⁰⁰ *Group Intentions*

THURSDAY, April 30th

8⁰⁰ † Stanislaw Szafranek – daughter with family
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Wanda Bryk – Teresa
○ For God's blessing and health for Klaudia Bielecki on her birthday

FRIDAY, May 1st

8⁰⁰ † Stanislaw Jurczak – children
10⁰⁰ † Zofia & Wladyslaw Jasinski – daughter
19⁰⁰ † Members from the Wasznik, Potyra, and Gucoma families – Elzbieta Gucoma

SATURDAY, May 2nd

8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Holy Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
† Julita Machowska (11th anniv.) – husband, children and the Braczka family
○ For God's blessing for Elzbieta & Tadeusz
○ For God's blessing and health for parents Czeslawa & Stanislaw Janik on their 61st wedding anniversary – daughter with family

SUNDAY, May 3rd

8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Holy Rosary Family
9³⁰ † Anna & Wladyslaw Ozga – daughters with families
11⁰⁰ ○ Special intention on the occasion of the 229th anniversary of the declaration of the Constitution of 3 May 1791
12⁰⁰ *Divine Mercy & May Devotions*
13⁰⁰ † Lukasz Dracz (2nd anniv.)
14³⁰ ○ For god's blessing and Blessed Mary's protection for Joanna on her birthday

