

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel, Jesus invites people to repent and believe that the "kingdom of God has come near." Throughout his ministry, in both word and deed, Jesus showed humanity that the kingdom of God is a present reality. For Christians, the appropriate response to the presence of God in real time – in the here and now – is conversion and discipleship.

In the first reading, God commands Jonah to action; he gets up and goes forth. Jonah's faithfulness to his prophetic task leads the people of Nineveh, from the grandest leaders to the smallest child, to repent and change their ways.

In the Gospel, Simon, Andrew, James and John have no way of knowing what the future holds for them as followers of Jesus. Yet, they respond without hesitation. They forsake the comfortable, familiar and certain. They place the nearness of the kingdom of God, manifest in Jesus, at the very centre of their lives.

We are also called to be followers of Jesus and prophets of our time. We are effective messengers of the good news when ongoing spiritual renewal informs our conduct and lifestyle.

May today's liturgy advance our conversion and fill us with the confidence to get up and go forth, praising God with our lives.

Louise McEwan; Trail, BC

First Reading: Jonah 3.1-5, 10
Responsorial Psalm:
Lord, make me know your ways.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7.29-31
Gospel: Mark 1.14-20

Parish Website
www.kolbe.ca

January 25th 205th Anniversary of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate



"January 25th, 1816 is the beginning of our congregation, characterized by the missionary spirit of Eugene and his companions to respond to the situation of the Church by preaching the Gospel to the poor and most abandoned. They responded to this missionary call by coming together in poverty and joy to live in apostolic community."

Father Louis Lougen OMI, Superior General

Lord our God, loving Father, we humbly pray to you for all our missionaries, heralds of the Gospel. May our prayers reach their hearts that they may feel our love, our strength, our faith. May our prayers reach their hearts that they continue with your zeal the mission you entrust them with.

An Act of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here, and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from You.

~St. Alphonsus Liguori

Rosary Intention for January
May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

The Sacrament of Baptism
will be bestowed upon

Jagoda Zima,
daughter of Agata & Michal

We welcome Jagoda
to our Church community
and congratulate her parents and Godparents.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be distributed in the Good Shepherd Catechetical Centre on Sunday, January 24th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Maximum 10 people in the building, including the priest. Face masks are mandatory.

Confession

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment only. If you have access to the Internet, please go to our parish website www.kolbe.ca, click on Confession, and choose a date and time. If you don't have access to the Internet, you may call the parish office at (905) 848-2420 and we will book an appointment for you. Confession takes place in the Good Shepherd Catechetical Centre. Face masks are mandatory.

Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will take place on 7 consecutive Mondays **from February 15th to March 29th at 8 p.m.** Delivery method: ZOOM or in-person. Cost: \$100 per couple. Registration: (905) 848-2420.

Marriage Preparation Course for couples where one or both partners were previously married is facilitated by Catholic Family Services. Contact www.cfstoronto.com to register for an appropriate re-marriage course.

Marriage and Family Counselling

Free marriage and family counselling is available at our parish. If your family needs guidance, please call (647) 677-1142 and leave your name and phone number. A qualified counsellor will call you to schedule a meeting.

Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners who wish to marry in the Roman Catholic Church must contact the parish office to open a wedding file and obtain a list of required documents. This must be done one year prior to the anticipated date of the wedding. In addition, marriage preparation course is mandatory for all couples intending to be married in the Roman Catholic Church.

Hospital Visits

Please note that a hospital chaplain – a Roman Catholic priest – is available 24 hours a day. To arrange for a visit from a priest, please ask a nurse to call the priest on duty. Parish priests are currently not allowed to visit hospitals.

Sunday Collection

We are very grateful to our parishioners who regularly bring their Sunday collection and support the parish in these challenging times. Sunday collection can be placed in a secure box found on the steps of the altar or by the parish office door. Donations can also be made online at www.kolbe.ca by clicking on *Donate Now* and choosing *St. Maximilian Kolbe Church* from the list of parishes.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Offertory Envelopes for 2021

Offertory envelopes for 2021 are available for pick-up in the parish hall. The church and the parish hall are open outside of Mass times. Please write your complete name and address on the first envelope of the 2021 set.

Change of Address

If your address or telephone number has changed, please call the parish office at (905) 848-2420.

2020 Income Tax Receipts



Income tax receipts for contributions of \$50 or more will be mailed out shortly.

Parish Office

Parish office is currently closed to the public. If you require assistance, please call (905) 848-2420 and leave a message.

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do thou,

O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Did you know?

Jan. 25th • The conversion of Paul was a turning point in the history of the early Church.

Jan. 26th • Timothy and Titus were disciples of Saint Paul, and Paul's letters to them are found in the New Testament.

Jan. 27th • Angela Merici, the founder of the Ursulines, believed in the importance of education for the poor and worked to educate young girls.

Jan. 28th • Thomas Aquinas is a Doctor of the Church whose intellect and insights have had a profound influence on the Church.

Jan. 30th • Bronislaw Markiewicz was a Roman Catholic priest who established the Congregation of Saint Michael the Archangel that devoted itself to the principles and teachings of John Bosco as well as the figure of Saint Michael the Archangel.

COVID-19 and Our Parish

Recognizing the health and safety measures announced by the Province of Ontario on November 20, 2020, Cardinal Thomas Collins directed parishes to implement the following in the Toronto and Peel regions:

- All public Masses are temporarily cancelled. All Masses are celebrated privately by the parish priests and the faithful are encouraged to take part in Mass through the parish TV.

- Parishes throughout the region of Peel must restrict attendance inside the church building to 10 people. Our church is open for private prayer and the hours are posted on the church door. As you enter the church foyer, you'll notice a binder with a large number indicating the number of people presently in the church. If the number is less than 10, turn the page and go in. If the number is already at 10, please wait for someone to leave the church. As you leave the church, turn the page back. This way we'll be able to keep track of the number of individuals inside the church building. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Weddings and funerals are restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry. Baptisms take place outside of Mass and are also restricted to 10 persons.

- No meetings should take place in parish halls or other church spaces at this time. The only exception would be those deemed as essential services.

MONDAY, January 25th

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Stanislaw & Tadeusz and brother Ireneusz
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Agnieszka & Dariusz on their 26th wedding anniversary and for God's grace for their family
✠ Kazimiera Bartoszek

TUESDAY, January 26th

Saints Timothy and Titus

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Wladyslaw & Sanislaw Rygiel – daughter with family
19⁰⁰ ○ For blessing and health for the Skrobucha family
✠ Wiktor Stojanowski – wife and children

WEDNESDAY, January 27th

Saint Angela Merici

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Natalia – daughter with family
✠ Helena Niemczyk (1st anniv.), Tadeusz Niemczyk, Tadeusz Widot, Stanislaw Malek
19⁰⁰ *Group intentions*

THURSDAY, January 28th

Saint Thomas Aquinas

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw & Zygmunt Pracon
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received on the 43rd anniversary of marriage of Maria & Jerzy
✠ Marian Kmietek – children

FRIDAY, January 29th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Ozga – daughters with family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw, Wladyslaw, Stanislaw Debinski – daughter
○ For Parishioners and Benefactors

SATURDAY, January 30th

Blessed Bronislaw Markiewicz

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased members of the Cwalinski, Grzymala, and Bogumil families – grandchildren
17⁰⁰ ✠ Jan & Michalina Swirk – granddaughter
19⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Stanislawczyk – daughter with husband

SUNDAY, January 31st

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Zeneusz, Marian, Halina, Mariusz, Janusz and deceased members of the Gajos family – family
9³⁰ ✠ Maria & Jozef Bajon – daughter and family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's continued blessing for the Pacheco family and for Paulina on her 17th birthday
✠ Alexandra, Franciszek, Maria, and Jan Jedrusiak – daughter Helena
19⁰⁰ ✠ Henryk Mitaniec (40th aniv.) – son Stanislaw with family