



In today's Gospel, the people of Nazareth refused to renounce their possessive attitude toward Jesus. He was bitterly criticized because he demonstrated great openness of heart, particularly towards people on the peripheries of society. The Gospel story shows how difficult it is to attain a universal vision. When we face someone like Jesus, someone with a generous heart, a wide vision and a great spirit, our reactions are often filled with jealousy, selfishness and meanness of spirit. His own people couldn't recognize the holiness of Jesus, because they had never really accepted their own. They were suffering from a form of blindness. They couldn't honour Jesus' relationship with God because they had never fully explored their own sense of belongings to God. Until we see ourselves as people beloved of God, miracles will be scarce, and the prophets and messengers who rise among us will struggle to be heard and accepted for who they are. Jesus was called to break boundaries and take God's message of salvation to unexpected people and unexpected places. Through our Baptism, we are called to be prophets for the kingdom of God. We will encounter many reactions from those to whom we are sent, not all of them positive. Unswerving dedication, bold courage and deep biblical hope must be our trademarks.

FR. Thomas Rosica, CSB, Toronto ON

**First reading:** Jeremiah 1.4-5, 17-19  
**Responsorial Psalm:** My mouth will tell, O Lord, of your deeds of salvation.  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12.31-13.13  
**Gospel:** Luke 4.21-30

**Rose # 13** will lead the rosary this week.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS** will be served today by **Domestic Church**.

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - Receipts were mailed already to all parishioners who gave offerings over \$50.00.**

#### VOLUNTEERING

We are looking for volunteers for a period of 2 weeks to help prepare for setting up of the parish album.

Volunteers will be needed in the parish hall during the sittings; calling parishioners to remind them of the date and time of their sitting; helping with registration for our seniors, etc.

Please fill out a volunteer registration form and give it to one of the Fathers or call the parish office.

**Thank you and God bless!**

## The World Day for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on **Saturday, February 2, 2019 and in parishes on the weekend of February 2/3, 2019.** Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

All are welcome to come to a special Mass presided by **Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick on Sunday, February 3 at 3:00pm at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto** to celebrate with and pray for these consecrated men and women who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our archdiocese.

**ADULTS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION** - Meetings for adults preparing for the sacrament of confirmation will take place on following **Fridays: March 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> & April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm** in Sister Faustyna Room (new Catechetical Centre). Classes will be held in Polish. All adults interested are asked to contact the parish office at 905 848 2420. *A copy of the baptismal certificate is mandatory upon registration.*

### Children's Heart Foundation is asking for help for Wiktor

Wiktor was born in 2010 with a serious heart defect. He underwent life-saving heart surgery when he was just 10 days old. Wiktor has a type B aortic dissection, aortic valve stenosis and inter ventricular septal dissection.

The family's financial situation has worsened, due to constant added expenses. Wiktor's family is asking people of good will for help and financial assistance. So that Wiktor may live, he must undergo an operation in Germany, the cost being incurred by the family.

Please send donations to:  
Dina Radziwiłłowa Children's Heart Foundation  
ul. Narbutta 27 lok.1  
02-536 Warszawa  
For Polish złotys, account #  
17 1160 2202 0000 0000 8297 2843  
SWIFT BIGBPLPW  
(must add the following):  
**ZC 8495 WIKTOR KUDAN**  
or send donation via our Credit Union, Account # 0122923

*Thank you and God bless.*

## From the Pulpit

### St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This year St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish celebrates the 40th Anniversary of its establishment. Parish Council has prepared many events to thank God for our parish, but what is most important, is to prepare spiritually for this momentous occasion. Among other things, we have planned:

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** - complimentary screenings of "Fatima, Message for our Times", and a meeting with the director Jaroslaw Manka and Slowomir Skiba, president of the "Polonia Christiana Foundation" of the Institute of Father Piotr Skarga.

**Our guest for the Feast of Divine Mercy will be Archbishop Tadeusz Wojda of Białystok.**

**Bishop Andrzej Przybylski of Czestochowa** will be presiding over the celebrations of the **Feast of the Assumption in Midland and in our parish.**

**In September**, there will be 3 meetings with Father Professor Sergiusz Nizinski, exorcist from Poznan.

**The first week of October**, there will be a Marian retreat, according to the Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary of St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, preached by Polish missionary **Father Grzegorz Pawlus, OMI**

The main celebrations will take place **October 6<sup>th</sup>**, and our guest will be **Bishop Wieslaw Smigiel of Torun.**

**For the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, we would like to prepare a Parish Family Album with pictures of the families of our parish. This will be a beautiful keepsake, and as well, a good opportunity to get to know each other.**

**The picture taking sittings will take place Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall.**

**Up to 4 appointments can be made for the same time, as there will be 4 photographers. IPC Canada Photo Services Inc., a well-known Canadian company will be taking the pictures and producing the albums. During each sitting, one free picture will be taken for the album. You will receive a complimentary album. There will also be an option to purchase pictures and picture packages. You can also purchase more albums. Parishioners are asked to register for photo sittings online, at [kolbe.ca](http://kolbe.ca) or in the parish office.**

## Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins

As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ wedding anniversary in 2019, they are invited to join in this special celebration. **The Mass will take place at 4:00pm on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Avenue, Woodbridge).** A reception will follow Mass.

All are welcome to attend - couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or by calling (416) 934-3400, x 523.

### To Married Couples throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto,

As we celebrate Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto, I wish to congratulate and thank married couples who strengthen our community through their daily witness of love, commitment and selflessness. Your ongoing "yes" provides hope and inspiration for the community, strengthened by God's grace and the love and prayers of family and friends. We also extend our loving support to those who have lost a spouse or have experienced the pain and suffering of a broken relationship. If you are in need of assistance during these difficult days, I encourage you to seek out programs and resources in your own parish or throughout our diocese so that we may accompany you through the healing process.

To those assisting couples as they prepare for marriage and for those engaged in marriage enrichment programs or movements to support the sacrament of matrimony, be assured of my gratitude. Your ministry is essential in laying a foundation for healthy relationships and loving families, something so urgently needed in our world today.

A host of resources and additional information on Marriage Sunday can be found by visiting: [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or feel free to connect with your own parish community. Thank you for all that you continue to do to value and enrich the sacrament of marriage in our homes and parishes, extending our love for one another to all those we encounter each and every day.

May God continue to bless you now and always!

Sincerely in Christ,

*+ Thomas Card. Collins*

Thomas Cardinal Collins  
Archbishop of Toronto

## In Short

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – Feb.3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the **English groups** will take place following the Mass at 9:30am

**FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH – February 7<sup>th</sup>** – Prayer for vocations at 6:30pm. "Golden Rose" Apostolate, which is an apostolate of prayer and fasting for priests working in our parish exists already for quite some time in our parish. **Info: Marzena at 647-284-1631 or Beata at 416-453-2014.**

**PRAYER EVENING WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Adoremus Prayer Group** invites on **Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** following the evening Mass at 7:00pm in the church for a prayer evening with the Blessed Sacrament. We praise and worship God in joyful songs, listen to a formation talk on selected themes in spirituality, do a guided meditation on the Gospel, pray for healing and receive individually a blessing with the Blessed Sacrament.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - on **Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** following Holy Mass at 7:00pm and the exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary. After Mass, a meeting will be held in the Knights of Columbus room at the John Paul II Cultural Centre.

**CARNIVAL DANCE** organized by the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be held on **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** at JPII Polish Culture Centre at 4300 Cawthra Rd Music provided by POLANIE. Tickets \$50.00 **Info: Jozef 416 908-3801**

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE** - The next course will be held from **February 25<sup>th</sup> – April 8 2019.** Classes will be held on Monday from 8:00pm to 10:00pm, for a total of 7 classes. Sign up – parish office. Cost \$100.00

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE FOR SECOND UNIONS** – couples should attend a specialized marriage preparation offered by the **Catholic Family Services. Information/registrations call: 416 921-1163**



**FAMILY FUN DAY – Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am - 5:00pm at JPII Polish Culture Centre Attractions for children and adults. Free admission!**

**OSTATKI DANCE** organized by the John Paul II Cultural Centre will be held on **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** Music provided by Impuls and dinner by Chef Jan Gromada. Tickets \$55.00 can be purchased by contacting office at 905 306 9900

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## Catechism Meetings

**CATHECHISM MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION YOUTH**  
**will be held today - Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm**

**FIRST COMMUNION** in 2019 is planned for:  
English group –  
**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 4:00pm**  
Polish Tuesday group –  
**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 2:30pm**  
Polish Saturday group –  
**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 2:30pm**

**CONFIRMATION** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 4:00pm**

## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00** ☩ Janina & Regina & Jan Dobosz – Tadeusz Dobosz  
**19:00** ☩ Marian Cislo (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – son & family  
☩ Zofia & Stanislaw Gubernat & son Franciszek (18<sup>th</sup> anniv.)  
**TUESDAY, February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. Agatha**  
**8:00** Special intention for God's blessings for Joanna & Henryk Gadowski and their family on their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
**10:00 In intention of Senior Kolbe Club members**  
**19:00** Special intention for God's blessings for Jaroslaw Szaram on his birthday – wife & children  
**WEDNESDAY, February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. Paul Miki and Companions**  
**8:00** ☩ Anna & Jan Dusza - son  
☩ Halina Dul (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – husband & daughters  
**19:00 Group Intentions**  
**THURSDAY, February 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00** ☩ Bronisława & Mieczyslaw Chrobak – Kubow family  
**19:00** Special intention for God's blessings for priests & religious men and women - Apostolate "Golden Rose"  
☩ Aleksander Wojnarowicz & all deceased from Wojnarowicz & Giedos families – Wojnarowicz family  
**FRIDAY, February 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00** ☩ Weronika & Jozef Stasiak - daughter  
☩ Apolonia Maksimowski – son Edward & family  
**19:00** ☩ Marianna & Stanislaw & Joanna Kowalczyk – family  
Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Wanda & Anna & Katarzyna - parents  
**SATURDAY, February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00** ☩ Władysław Ozga – daughters & their families  
**17:00** ☩ Agnieszka Bilek (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – son & family  
**19:00** ☩ Ryszard Balka - Godson  
**SUNDAY, February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00** Special intention for God's blessings for Krzysztof on his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday - family  
**9:30** Special intention for God's blessings and for health for children and grandchildren – Maria & Henryk  
**11:00** ☩ **Fr. Stanislaw Kowal OMI (11<sup>th</sup> anniv.)**  
**13:00** ☩ Felicja & Stanislaw Chabinka & all deceased from Szabla family – Zbyszek & family  
**14:30** ☩ Marian Cislo ( 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – wife & children  
**19:00** ☩ Lidia Nowotniak ( 5<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – children & sisters