

# 4th Sunday of Lent

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



## FR. PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We are experiencing one of the biggest crises in the world caused by the outbreak of COVID-19. Fear of infection has reached our community as well, and we ask all to maintain proper personal hygiene and reasonable caution.

In view of the declared state of emergency in the province of Ontario, **Cardinal Thomas Collins has canceled all public Masses during the week and on Sunday.** The faithful received dispensation, which means that they do not sin by not attending Mass at the present time.

To read Cardinal Collins' complete message please visit [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

**Our church is open** for private prayer:

- daily from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- on Sunday from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

**Mass is broadcast** on our parish website:

- on weekdays at 8 a.m.
- on Sundays at 8, 9, 10, 11 a.m.

### Cancellations

**The following have been cancelled:**

- Stations of the Cross
- Lenten Lamentations
- Lenten Retreats
- First Communion classes
- All parish group meetings

### Lenten Retreat Online

Fr. Andrzej Juchniewicz OMI, a Missionary from Belarus, will preach the Lenten Retreat on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 8, 9, 10, 11 a.m. and from Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. All homilies will be in Polish and can be viewed on our parish TV through our website at [www.kolbe.ca](http://www.kolbe.ca)

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5.8-14

**Gospel:** John 9.1-41

### Second Collections

...for Building and Renovation Fund will be collected at a later date

...for ShareLife will be collected once regular Mass is reinstated

**In light of the pandemic, please check our parish website and Facebook for the latest information concerning our parish.**

**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.**



**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.

### An Extreme Way of the Cross

An Extreme Way of the Cross will take place on **Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**. It will leave St. Casimir's Church in Toronto after the 7 p.m. Mass and finish at St. Eugene de Mazenod Church in Brampton. The entire route – known as St. Joseph's – is almost 40 km and is walked in silence, individually or in very small groups. This is a wonderful opportunity for prayer and reflection, especially during Lent. For more details and to register, please visit [www.edk.org.pl](http://www.edk.org.pl)

### Book of Sobriety

Let us embrace Lenten sobriety with more courage. A **Book of Sobriety is placed beside the Altar of Relics.** Individuals and families are encouraged to sign their names as a pledge to take up abstinence during Lent.

### Plenary Indulgence during Lent

During Lent, plenary indulgence under regular conditions may be obtained by participating in the Stations of the Cross or Lenten Lamentations, as well as by praying "It is I, o good and most sweet Jesus" on each Friday of Lent.



**Spiritual Adoption** of the Conceived Child will take place at a later date.

**What is Spiritual Adoption?** It is a prayer for a conceived child whose life is threatened with abortion. It lasts nine months and involves praying one decade of the Holy Rosary and a short prayer for the child and the child's parents. Please join us and help save many lives from abortion. Application forms are at the back of the church. More info: (905) 897-0550 (Krystyna) or [kolbe.prolife@gmail.com](mailto:kolbe.prolife@gmail.com)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites all parishioners to join 40 Days for Life – a global prayer campaign to defend the lives of unborn children. This campaign takes the form of silent prayer in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration and runs throughout Lent. All that is needed is an hour of your time.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Bp. John Boissonneau has postponed the sacrament of confirmation at our parish. We will announce the new date as soon as it is available.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please note that there is no confession during Sunday Mass. It is each Catholic's duty to attend Mass from the very beginning until the final blessing. Leaving the church before the blessing or being notoriously late is a venial sin. Doing anything but participating in Mass is not allowed; this includes reading the bulletin.

We ask the faithful to leave the confessional door open after their confession.

### The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

**Brooke Sayewich,**  
daughter of Nancy and Paul  
& **Jakub Binkiewicz,**  
son of Teresa and Mirosław

**Annabel Maria Coelho,**  
daughter of Eva Maria and Denzil Joseph  
& **Marek Dorna,**  
son of Lidia and Roman

**Magdalena Maria Pierog,**  
daughter of Anna and Stanisław  
& **Hicham Roumieh,**  
son of Nzha and Elias

who are preparing for Holy Matrimony.



**How can you "Live the Gospel" when life is so busy?**

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to "Live the Gospel" by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign.

**Please support ShareLife**

**Parishioners are asked not to use offertory envelopes from previous years.**



## Upcoming Events



Servant of God, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, will be beatified on **June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at Plac Pilsudski in Warsaw, Poland. Those who live outside of Poland and would like to receive entry cards for the beatification ceremony should contact the parish office no later than March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### New Pilgrimage Dates

The pilgrimage to **Holy Land** is postponed until September (exact date TBD). The pilgrimage to **Japan** will now take place from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 8<sup>th</sup>. The pilgrimage to **Medjugorje** will take place from September 27<sup>th</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Władysław Reymont Foundation

Scholarship applications from the Władysław Reymont Foundation are available at: [reymontfoundation.com](http://reymontfoundation.com) Application deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

### Text Scam Targeting Parishioners

Please be aware of scammers who send text messages to parishioners, pretend to be their parish pastor, and ask them to purchase iTunes gift cards to help sick parishioners in the hospital. Similar email scams have taken place in the past. The scams appear to target parishioners who have phone numbers listed on the front of the bulletin or on the parish website. Please note that we never send such requests by phone, e-mail, or text message. If you are a target, we recommend that you contact the police and make them aware of the situation.

### Flag Raising Ceremony

The annual flag raising ceremony at Toronto City Hall to celebrate Pope John Paul II Day has been cancelled.

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Anna Ozga – daughters with families
- ✠ Jadwiga, Jerzy, and Cezary Wierzbicki and all deceased from the Swierzbinski family – sister with family
- For God's blessing and grace for Nicolas on his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday – parents and grandparents

### TUESDAY, March 24<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jan and Władysław Piersiak (21<sup>st</sup> anniv.)
- ✠ Stefan Bernat (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.) – Lucy Springer
- ✠ Anna & Kazimierz, Irena & Kazimierz, Halina & Jozef

### WEDNESDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jan & Helena Tomaszewski – daughter with family
- ✠ Genowefa Szczerba (7<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – granddaughter
- ✠ Piotr Szczerba – family

### THURSDAY, March 26<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Agnieszka Rumianowski – nephew Edward with family
- For responsible motherhood and fruitful spiritual adoption of conceived life – Kolbe Pro-Life
- ✠ Władysław Armatys – wife and daughters with families

### FRIDAY, March 27<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Genowefa & Tadeusz Gabiga – son
- ✠ Maria, Marian Krak, Krystyna Grabowska, Laura Krajewski – granddaughter Agnieszka with family
- ✠ Lidia Labenda
- For God's blessing for Weronika on her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday and blessing for Marcin and Daniel – parents

### SATURDAY, March 28<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ **Special intention for God's blessing for Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI on his birthday**
- ✠ All deceased from the Slowik family – Henryka with family
- ✠ Maria Barszcz (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.) – son with wife
- ✠ Jerzy Fiwek (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – daughter

### SUNDAY, March 29<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for Paweł and his family, and for Piotr – parents
- 9<sup>00</sup> ✠ Gustaw Zelek – wife
- 10<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jozef Mendela – wife and daughter with family
- 11<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and protection for Jessica on her 25<sup>th</sup> birthday – mother
- ✠ Barbara & Ryszard Banasik and Leokadia & Marian Piatek