

The Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday



EASTER GREETINGS

Dear Parishioners and Guests!

Usually at this time we send each other heartfelt wishes full of peace and joy. Unfortunately, this year our lives are subdued by darkness and lack of hope. We are overwhelmed by fear, loneliness, and lack of closeness to God in our churches. For the first time in our lives, we will celebrate the holidays in front of television sets and in a rather miserable atmosphere.

However, this unique situation cannot extinguish our holiday spirit. Therefore, let us lift our heads and like Apostles Peter and John on Easter morning, let us run into tomorrow with faith because the Risen One is our hope and our future. He is the One who destroys darkness and fear.

May the Resurrected Lord inspire your hearts with love, joy, and strength for everyday victories. May He be an endless source of hope and help find signs of His living presence in the contemporary world.

*Have a Blessed Easter!
Missionary Oblates
St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish*

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.

FR. PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We would like to remind all our parishioners that during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- 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. Starting this weekend, with the exception of the weekend 7 p.m. Mass. 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 Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, and Marriage, as well as Funeral Masses are postponed until the end of the epidemic.

- All **meetings** of religious formation groups and other group meetings in our parish are cancelled indefinitely.

Group Intentions

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

On Wednesday after Easter we will resume 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 website.

Divine Mercy Novena

On Good Friday, April 10, we began the Novena to the Divine Mercy, which consists of praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet for 9 consecutive days. Jesus asked St. Faustina to pray the novena in preparation for the solemnity when we celebrate the mystery of God's infinite mercy. This year especially, let us ask God in a special way for an end to the pandemic and mercy for us and the whole world.

Due to financial problems experienced by the Archdiocese of Toronto and our parish, Cardinal Collins decided to temporarily dismiss many employees in the Archdiocese of Toronto and in local parishes. Some of our parish employees have lost their jobs temporarily and our priests' salaries were significantly reduced. That is why we ask all parishioners to continue supporting their parish by making Sunday Offering, despite the churches being closed. The parish must function despite the crisis and continue to pay expenses on regular basis. Sunday collection can be placed in a secure box found 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 support.
May God Bless you.**

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.

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



Living the Gospel by supporting vocations

“The financial help provided by the people of God through ShareLife plays a significant part in my vocation. Without ShareLife, I would not be able to complete my studies and go on in my formation. Thank you very much for being instrumental in the hands of God and His Church, so that His word could come true in my vocation.” – *Deacon André Luis de Lima, priest in formation at Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary*

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Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 13th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ Thanksgiving for daughter Agnieszka – father
- 9³⁰ ✠ Barbara Wawrusiak (11th anniv.) – Lucy Dworak with family
- 11⁰⁰ ✠ Bronislawa & Antoni Szostek and souls in purgatory – daughter
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw & Boleslaw Stachal and deceased members of the Stachal & Baran families – daughter with family
- 14³⁰ ✠ Leon Antkowiak (17th anniv.) – daughter with family

TUESDAY, April 14th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia & Romuald Dudarew - daughter
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslawa & Michal Ilnicki – daughter with family

WEDNESDAY, April 15th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For continued grace for Marianna on her 85th birthday – husband with children and grandchildren
- ✠ Danuta & Stanislaw Bednarczyk
- 19⁰⁰ *Group Intentions*

THURSDAY, April 16th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Rozalia Lizon (18th anniv.) – son with family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for daughters Teresa & Janina
- For God's blessing and health for children and grandchildren – mother and grandmother

FRIDAY, April 17th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimiera Kedzia – Krystyna & Adam
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz Szaran – wife and sons
- ✠ Katarzyna & Franciszek Oblak – family

SATURDAY, April 18th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For health and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Teresa & Stefan on their 50th wedding anniversary – children with families
- For God's blessing and health for children and grandchildren from the Machocki & Wdowczyk families – parents and grandparents
- In thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage of Krystyna & Szczepan Budzalewicz
- ✠ Tadeusz Rembisz (1st anniv.) – daughter with family

SUNDAY, April 19th

Divine Mercy

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Helena & Jozef Miastkowski and Marianna & Piotr Zajkowski and deceased family members – family
- 9³⁰ ○ Thanksgiving for God's grace and for health, protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for children Ryszard, Beata, Laura, and granddaughter
- 11⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage of Lila & Jozef Studzinski
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Krystyna & Dominik Nowacki – daughter Maryla with family
- 14³⁰ ✠ Deceased family members of the Dabrowski & Zukowski families

First Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43
Responsorial Psalm:
*This is the day the Lord has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad.*
Second Reading: Colossians 3.1-4 or
 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8
Gospel: John 20.1-18

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