

Passion (Palm) Sunday



FR. PASTOR'S REFLECTION

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. In a situation where it is not possible to receive Holy Communion by consuming the Lord's Body, one can – if one is in a state of sanctifying grace – awaken the desire to receive communion and tell God about it in any form, asking for sacramental union with Christ. This results in the actual receiving of grace from the Blessed Sacrament. The optimal situation is to do so while participating in a Mass broadcast (but actually participating and not just watching it while doing other things). In other cases, one should begin with the act of penance, reflect on the readings of the day, and before the act of spiritual communion say the Lord's prayer and "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof..."

When the crowds see Jesus, he is on a small donkey being led by one of the Apostles. The word spreads that this is he, Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah. Stories begin to circulate in the crowd about the wonderful things he has done: given sight to the blind, cured the sick, even raised someone from the dead. Most are eager to see him with their own eyes. The mood is festive and filled with excitement. People waving palms grow in number surrounding Jesus.

Yet Jesus is remarkably calm. He does not take advantage of the situation. He could have rallied the crowd behind him to protect himself from what was to come. He doesn't, because at this moment of seeming triumph, he knows full well what awaits him. Paul tells us in his letter to the Philippians what he did do: Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

As Psalm 22 says, we must commit our cause to the Lord; we are in God's hands, and we must let the Lord deliver. Isaiah tells us how we must be when we face terrible situations. We must be open to hearing what the Lord asks of us. We must not turn back but follow the path that God calls us to take.

Jack Panozzo; Toronto, ON

First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

Responsorial Psalm:

*My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?*

Second Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26.14-27.66

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Through the liturgy of **PALM SUNDAY**, we enter the celebrations of Holy Week, which lead us from the spectacular and magnificent entry into Jerusalem to the triumph of Easter, the triumph of the Resurrection – of victory over sin and death. Holy Week is an event in which our intellect becomes helpless in the face of faith.

Today we bless palms. However, because the church is closed, blessed palms have been placed inside the entrance to the parish office building. Please pick one up at your convenience. The door is open 24 hours a day.

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.**



Holy Week

PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Due to the prevailing pandemic, all Holy Week celebrations take place without the physical presence of parishioners. Please participate in all celebrations via the Internet by going to our parish website at www.kolbe.ca

HOLY THURSDAY – The Mass of the Lord's Supper is the gateway of the Paschal Triduum, which must be crossed in order to understand the meaning of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. It is celebrated in the evening and has a very sublime tone. It is celebrated by all priests who serve in the parish. Before the Liturgy of the Word we sing *Glory to God*, a hymn we have not sung for the 40 days of Lent. The performance of this song of praise of God is very important and takes place with the accompaniment of the church organs. On Holy Thursday we commemorate the establishment of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

GOOD FRIDAY is when we remember and live out the passion and death of Christ on the cross. It is a day of penance and strict fasting for the whole Church. It must be noted, however, that it is not a day of mourning, but a celebration of the victorious death of Christ who overcame sin and death by the power of his sacrifice. That is why we talk about the blessed and glorious Passion of the Lord Jesus. On this day, according to ancient tradition, the Church does not celebrate the Eucharist and other sacraments, except for the sacrament of penance and the anointing of the sick. Only the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion is celebrated, which is characterized by seriousness and austerity and emphasized by the church's decoration. The altar is bare, which means that no Holy Mass will be celebrated today. The red color of the liturgical vestments does not indicate Christ's blood and martyrdom as much as his royal dignity and victory achieved by His passion.

HOLY SATURDAY is a day when the Church stands by the tomb of the Savior, in silence and concentration pondering the events of Good Friday – the saving passion and death of Christ. Since the first centuries, Christians refrained from celebrating the sacraments on this day, especially the Eucharist. They did not even gather for community prayer, so as not to disturb the silence and reflection of this special day. Instead, they tried to find time to ponder the magnitude of Christ's love who accepted the cross for human salvation.

Holy Week and Easter 2020
Holy Mass and Liturgies will be streamed live from our church through the Internet
<https://kolbe.ca>
<https://kolbetv.click2stream.com/>

April 5 – Palm Sunday
8 am, 9:30 am (Eng.), 11 am, 1 pm, 2:30 pm

Monday, April 6 – Wednesday, April 8
8 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Internet Mass

April 9 – HOLY THURSDAY
5:30 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper in English
7 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper in Polish

April 10 – GOOD FRIDAY
Good Friday Liturgy
3 p.m. & 6 p.m. – in Polish
4:30 p.m. – in English

April 11 – HOLY SATURDAY
Blessing of Easter Food will be done over the Internet every 30 minutes beginning at 10 a.m. and concluding at 3 p.m.
Please prepare holy water.

7 p.m. Easter Vigil Service – bilingual

April 12 - EASTER
8 am, 9:30 am (Eng.), 11 am, 1 pm, 2:30 pm

April 13 – Easter Monday
8 am, 9:30 am (Eng.), 11 am, 1 pm, 2:30 pm

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.

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets
Blessing of Easter food will be done over the Internet. At specific hours we will live stream the liturgy of the Blessing of Food, at the end of which a priest will invite you to sprinkle holy water over your Easter food basket. Please make sure you have holy water at home. It is available by the entrance to the parish office, but please bring your own container.

The following are closed:

Church
Perpetual Adoration Chapel
Parish office

The following have been cancelled:

First Communion classes
All parish group meetings
Pilgrimage to Wilno

The following have been postponed:

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sacrament of Confirmation

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.



Living the Gospel by helping seniors maintain their independence

Marie dreads the day when she can no longer care for her husband, who is experiencing memory loss. She worries they will have to move to a nursing home, where they might not be able to live together. Marie learned Les Centres d'Accueil Héritage (CAH), a ShareLife-funded agency, offers services for francophone seniors in their situation. Marie feels so relieved that, with CAH's support, they can continue living together in their own home.

Please support ShareLife

Mass Intentions

MONDAY April 6th

8⁰⁰ † Longin Kulina – sons with families
○ For God's grace for Marianna & Jozef on their 67th wedding anniversary – children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for the Marek family
† Aleksandra (9th anniv.)

TUESDAY April 7th

8⁰⁰ † Elzbieta Lazukiewicz and Weronika & Jozef Stasiak
† Zdzislaw Kamycki – Janina Gruszka
19⁰⁰ ○ For health for Jacek
† Teresa Chrzan & Sebastian Chrzan – family

WEDNESDAY April 8th

8⁰⁰ † Parents Julia & Franciszek and deceased family members
† Janusz Szczesniewski – wife
19⁰⁰ † Jozef Manka
† Grzegorz (11th anniv.)

HOLY THURSDAY April 9th

17³⁰ *Mass of the Lord's Supper*
19⁰⁰ *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

GOOD FRIDAY April 10th

15⁰⁰ *Good Friday Liturgy*
16³⁰ *Good Friday Liturgy (English)*
18⁰⁰ *Good Friday Liturgy*

HOLY SATURDAY April 11th

19⁰⁰ *Easter Vigil*
† Parents, brothers, and sisters-in-law from the Gacek family – Maria with family

EASTER SUNDAY April 12th

8⁰⁰ † Karol Lejawa (5th anniv.)
9³⁰ ○ For God's grace and Mother Mary's protection for Monika & Daniel on their 5th wedding anniversary – parents
11⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for the Prymicz family
13⁰⁰ † Janina Kielbiowski, Marian Pietruszewski, all deceased from Baczynski and Skocki families
14³⁰ ○ For God's grace and Mother Mary's protection for Stanislaw on her birthday

Faithful Departed



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

- † Dariusz Szklarczuk, 58
- † Eugeniusz Pecuch, 60
- † Malgorzata Twardowska, 63
- † Bronislaw Podlasek, 64
- † Lucyna Wszolek, 69
- † Jan Mogielnicki, 70
- † Milan Kapolka, 71
- † Mary Lewczuk, 89
- † Wieslaw Gruszczuk, 93