

First Sunday of Advent



Today we light the first Advent candle. It is purple, symbolizes hope, and is sometimes called the **Prophecy Candle** in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Advent Retreat 2020

Join us for an Advent Retreat, which due to this year's pandemic will take on a different format. **Fr. Adam Filas OMI** will preach the retreat during all Sunday Masses and we can participate in them through the Parish TV at www.kolbe.ca. We trust that this way we will be able to help our parishioners prepare for Christmas, which we all know will look quite different this year.

Topic: Trying times: a challenge to follow the Saints in a virtuous life and concrete acts of love.

Retreat Program:

- Saturday, November 28th:
5:00 p.m. (in English) and 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 29th:
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (in English), 11:00 a.m.,
1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 30th:
8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- A special talk on the topic of MISSIONS will follow the Monday evening Mass.

Faithful Departed



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

- ✠ Bogumiła Krawczykiewicz, 72
- ✠ Magdalena Bobińska, 58
- ✠ Krzysztof Lipiec, 62
- ✠ Elżbieta Łabiszewska Piękoś, 65
- ✠ Marian Skorupski, 66
- ✠ Józef Mika, 70
- ✠ Tadeusz Kołodziej, 74
- ✠ Ryszard Sztenc, 76

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

First Reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8

Responsorial Psalm:

*Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Gospel: Mark 13.33-37

Rosary Intention for December

We pray that our personal relationship
with Jesus Christ
be nourished by the Word of God
and a life of prayer.

First Thursday of the month, December 3rd
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, December 4th
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses

First Saturday of the month, December 5th
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, December 6th
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:30 a.m.
Please arrange for a private exchange of
Rosary Mysteries among your group members.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fr. Tomasz!

May God's love and peace be with you on your special day and may Mary Immaculate intercede for you always. Have a wonderful birthday!

Christmas Wafers – Oplathi

Christmas Wafers were in such popular demand last weekend that we ran out of them by mid-Sunday. We have ordered more and hope to have them delivered in about two weeks' time.

Confession

We are in the process of planning a safe and convenient way for all parishioners to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In the next few days, all details will be listed on our parish website and MyParish App. They will also be listed in next Sunday's bulletin.

Sunday Collection

We are very grateful to our parishioners who regularly bring their Sunday collection. 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 continued support.
May God Bless you.**

Parish Website

www.kolbe.ca

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:

- By Monday, November 23, 2020, parishes must restrict attendance inside the church to 10 people, including priests hearing confessions or a staff member/volunteer required to monitor capacity restrictions. Due to these measures, public Masses must be temporarily cancelled. Priests are asked to celebrate private Mass daily for the intentions of parishioners and for those suffering from COVID-19.

- Churches, wherever possible and according to the judgement of the pastor, are encouraged to remain open for private prayer and for the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Weddings, funerals and baptisms (without Mass) are restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry (priest, cantor, etc.).

- Parishioners are encouraged to view online/livestream/televised Masses. A full list is available at www.archtoronto.org

- 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.

- Parish offices are closed to the public; limited essential appointments only.

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 on weekdays from 9 o'clock in the morning until 6:00 p.m.

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.

The 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 all necessary information. This must be done **one year** prior to the anticipated date of the wedding. In addition, all couples must take a pre-marital course and provide recently obtained baptism certificates from the church where they were baptized.

Change for Life Bottles

Change for Life Bottles in support of Pro-Life will not be collected in December as originally scheduled. However, there is a collection box beside the Relics Altar where you can drop off your collection bottle. Thank you for your generous support.

Mass Intentions

There are no more individual Mass intentions available for the year 2021.

Intentions for Wednesday evening Mass should be submitted by phone.

Chapel of Perpetual Adoration



If you can devote one hour a week to the adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, please contact the new coordinator: Malgorzata Podolak at (647) 888-7487 or by email at margaret.podolak@gmail.com **Please wear a face mask while praying in the chapel!**

Honey

Kolbe Youth has some light honey for sale. If you would like to purchase a 1kg jar at \$10, please call the parish office.

2021 Calendars

Religious calendars highlighting the life and missionary work of Brother Antoni Kowalczyk are available for purchase at the parish office at \$5 each. Exact change, please.

Parish Office

Parish office is currently closed to the public. Please call (905) 848-2420 for inquiries or to schedule an appointment. Continue to check our parish website www.kolbe.ca and MyParish App for the latest information concerning our parish.

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 evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 30th St. Andrew

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Janina, Aniela, Antoni Chmiel
○ In thanksgiving for Anastazja Sawaska on her 2nd birthday – grandmother
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Bronislawa
✠ Krzysztof Kaczmarek (16th anniv.) – parents and family

TUESDAY, December 1st

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Artur Ostrowski (anniv.), Franciszek & Zofia Ostrowski, Maria Mietus, Jan & Weronika Malec, Ryszard Lalewicz – Agnieszka & Andrzej with family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Aleksander Ciezadlo – son with family

WEDNESDAY, December 2nd

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Edward Wilk (7th anniv.) – wife with family
✠ Lucyna Wszolek – Knych family
- 19⁰⁰ Group intentions

THURSDAY, December 3rd

St. Francis Xavier

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Jadwiga Sarna – daughter with children
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for all priests and religious – Gold Rose Apostolate
✠ Malgorzata Motyka (8th anniv.) – husband with children

FRIDAY, December 4th

St. Barbara

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslawa & Henryk (10th anniv.) – son with family
✠ Zdzislaw Kamycki (1st anniv.) – wife and son with family
- 10⁰⁰ ○ For health for Jacek
- 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for David on his 16th birthday – parents, brother, and grandparents

SATURDAY, December 5th

Fr. Tomasz's Birthday

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Holy Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Wiercinski
- 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Fr. Tomasz Jarosz on his birthday

SUNDAY, December 6th

St. Nicholas

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Holy Rosary Family
- 9³⁰ ✠ Janina Lizon (34th anniv.) – son with family
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Zbigniew Serwin on his birthday – wife and children
- 14³⁰ ✠ Barbara Jagodowska – friends
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Lucyna Woloszczak – children with family