

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, February 4th
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, February 5th
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God takes precedence over the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

First Saturday of the month, February 6th
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

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

Rosary Intention for February
We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here, and I unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from You.

~St. Alphonsus Liguori

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be distributed in the Good Shepherd Catechetical Centre on **Sunday, January 31st** from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Maximum 10 people in the building, including the priest. Face masks are mandatory.

Confession

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment only. If you have access to the Internet, please go to our parish website www.kolbe.ca, click on Confession, and choose a date and time. If you don't have access to the Internet, you may call the parish office at (905) 848-2420 and we will book an appointment for you. Confession takes place in the Good Shepherd Catechetical Centre. Face masks are mandatory.

Evening Prayer

Join us daily at 9 p.m. for an evening prayer. Simply tune in through the parish TV.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Lucas Alexander Trica,
son of Anna & Alexandru

We welcome Lucas to our Church community and congratulate his parents and Godparents.

Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will take place on 7 consecutive Mondays **from February 15th to March 29th at 8 p.m.** Delivery method: ZOOM or in-person. Cost: \$100 per couple. Registration: (905) 848-2420.

Marriage Preparation Course for couples where one or both partners were previously married is facilitated by Catholic Family Services. Contact www.cfstoronto.com to register for an appropriate re-marriage course.

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.

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 a list of required documents. This must be done one year prior to the anticipated date of the wedding. In addition, marriage preparation course is mandatory for all couples intending to be married in the Roman Catholic Church.

Faithful Departed



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

- ✠ Marek Mierzwa, 56
- ✠ Edward Trocki, 61
- ✠ Czeslaw Giczewski, 69
- ✠ Henryk Skwarko, 77
- ✠ Zdzislaw Gola, 82
- ✠ Henryka Kibil, 83
- ✠ Ks. Tadeusz Porzuczek, 86
- ✠ Wiktoria Wanda Kreza, 96

Sunday Collection

We are very grateful to our parishioners who regularly bring their Sunday collection and support the parish in these challenging times. Sunday collection can be placed in a secure box found on the steps of the altar or 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.

Important Reminders

- Please do not use envelopes from 2020 or from previous years. If you wish to us them, you must write your name and address on the envelope.
- Offertory envelopes for 2021 are available for pick-up in the parish hall. Those who still wish to receive a set of offertory envelopes are asked to contact the parish office.
- All donations made for parish upkeep, renovations, retreats, and any Archdiocese of Toronto collections are tax deductible. This does not apply to offerings made for Mass intentions.
- Income tax receipts for contributions of \$50 or more will be mailed out this week. Individuals who made their offering on-line will receive income tax receipts directly from the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Parish Office

Parish office is currently closed to the public. If you require assistance, please call (905) 848-2420 and leave a message.

Hospital Visits

Please note that a hospital chaplain – a Roman Catholic priest – is available 24 hours a day. To arrange for a visit from a priest, please ask a nurse to call the priest on duty. Parish priests are currently not allowed to visit hospitals.

Catechesis on ZOOM

Each Saturday at 6 p.m. you're invited for an on-line catechesis (in Polish) focusing on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The upcoming topics are: **January 30th** – The Lord's prayer as the summary of the whole Gospel (2759-2776) **February 7th** – Our Father who art in heaven (2777-2802) **February 14th** – The first four petitions (2803-2837) **February 21st** – The last three petitions & The Final Doxology (2838-2865). This event will take place on ZOOM and is one hour in duration.

Did you know?

- Feb. 2nd** • The Presentation of the Lord stands as the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary.
- Feb. 3rd** • Blaise has long been associated with the blessing of throats.
- Feb. 5th** • Agatha is a patron of miners, alpine guides, nurses and breast cancer patients.
- Feb. 6th** • Paul Miki and the 25 others who dies with him were canonized in 1862.

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:

- All public Masses are temporarily cancelled. All Masses are celebrated privately by the parish priests and the faithful are encouraged to take part in Mass through the parish TV.
- Parishes throughout the region of Peel must restrict attendance inside the church building to 10 people. Our church is open for private prayer and the hours are posted on the church door. As you enter the church foyer, you'll notice a binder with a large number indicating the number of people presently in the church. If the number is less than 10, turn the page and go in. If the number is already at 10, please wait for someone to leave the church. As you leave the church, turn the page back. This way we'll be able to keep track of the number of individuals inside the church building. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Weddings and funerals are restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry. Baptisms take place outside of Mass and are also restricted to 10 persons.
- 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.

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

MONDAY, February 1st

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's continued blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for the Kluz and Panasiuk families
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Maria & Jan Jazienicki and Teresa & Stanislaw Kedziora – family

TUESDAY, February 2nd The Presentation of the Lord

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Kamil on his birthday mother
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased members of the Slawski and Fijalkowski families – son with family
- In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's blessing for Beata, Renata, Julianna, and Amelia on their birthdays

WEDNESDAY, February 3rd Saint Blase

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna & Bazyli Owerko and Czeslawa & Karol Rogowski – granddaughter Anna
- For God's blessing for Ewa on her 92nd birthday – daughter with children
- 19⁰⁰ *Group intentions*

THURSDAY, February 4th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Czeslawa Lyzwa – sons with families
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for all priests and religious – Gold Rose Apostolate

FRIDAY, February 5th St. Agatha

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Katarzyna Krupa-Kwak (18th anniv.) – sister with family
- 10⁰⁰ ✠ Piotr Pyrek (11th anniv.) – parents and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Daniel on his 11th birthday – mother

SATURDAY, February 6th St. Paul Miki and Companions

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For all members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 17⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for 40 years of marriage of Maria and Krzysztof Kular – children
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Regina, Janina, and Jan Dobosz

SUNDAY, February 7th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Holy Rosary Family
- 9³⁰ ✠ Zofia & Wladyslaw Grodecki – daughter with family
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Marian Cisko (3rd anniv.) – wife and children
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Lidia Nowotniak – sister with family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia & Jan Cop and deceased members of the Cop family – son with family

Parish Website
www.kolbe.ca

Surely the only unclean spirits that you and I will ever encounter are found in movies like "The Exorcist." Scary, perhaps, but not real – which is why such movies are safely enjoyable. Modern people like us know there is no such thing as being possessed.

Sadly, though, there is. Maybe not by demons that will make our heads spin around or cause us to attack strangers. The unclean spirit that possesses us is familiar and much more subtle.

The unclean spirit that controls us is none other than – ourselves. Not our true self, made in God's image, but the deformed self that is greedy, dissatisfied, always demanding more, no matter what the cost or who has to pay it. Yet that spirit's yawning, inner emptiness will never be satisfied, no matter how hard we work to fill it with the endless shiny things in our world.

But all is not lost.

There is someone who speaks with authority, whose voice can tame the deafening clamour of this unclean spirit and liberate us from ourselves so that we can be ourselves.

Jesus teaches, "Be silent, and come out." And we should listen. We should be silent. Silence is the path through the unclean spirit's endless demands. Through silence we can come out and be free in the presence of God.

Patrick Gallagher; Toronto, ON

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18.15-20

Responsorial Psalm:

O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord.

Do not harden your hearts!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7.32-35

Gospel: Mark 1.21-28

Change of Address

If your address or telephone number has changed, please call the parish office at (905) 848-2420.