

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Everyone is searching for you,” the disciples say to Jesus. Two thousand years later we still search for Jesus, each in our own way, even when we do not realize it. There is a hunger in the human heart that only God can fill.

Once, while camping with friends, one of our young children wandered away from the group. She went in the wrong direction and found herself alone in the woods. We soon realized she was not in the camp and I started searching in the direction that felt right. I found her running deeper into the woods. Later she told me she had been trying to find me, but it was I that found her. She was looking in the wrong place, but we would have found her no matter how long it took.

It is the same with Jesus – we may be searching for him, but he is intently seeking us and he will never give up. He is the shepherd who searches for the lost sheep, the patient one who stands knocking at the door, the God who draws near to us when we draw near to him. As we enter into the eucharistic celebration, our part is to let God find us, not to hide but rather to receive him as he gives himself in the guise of bread and wine.

Kathleen Giffin; Hinton, AB

First Reading: Job 7.1-4, 6-7
Responsorial Psalm:
*Sing praises to the Lord
 who heals the broken-hearted.*
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mark 1.29-39

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.

World Day of the Sick

The 29th World Day of the Sick will be celebrated, as it is every year, on **February 11th**, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Holy See has released the Holy Father’s Message which is entitled “You have but one teacher and you are all brothers” (Mt 23:8), which encourages a trust-based relationship with the sick and the nurturing of integral human healing. In his Message, Pope Francis writes: “...the commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.”

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, February 7th** 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.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for adult volunteers to help out once public Masses resume in our church. Please call the parish office if you are interested in giving of your time and talent.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On **Thursday, February 11th**, immediately after the evening Mass, Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites one and all to take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation to Lord Jesus for sins against life and its dignity. Join us virtually through our Parish TV.

Confirmation for Adults

Adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic faith but have not received the sacrament of confirmation may contact the parish office to sign up for a short preparation course. The sacrament of confirmation fully initiates an adult into the Church and is required if one wishes to act as a godparent or enter into the sacrament of marriage.

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.

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.

Oblate Missions

Every year in February, a second collection is taken up in support of Oblate Missions. For over 170 years, Oblate Fathers have been working in 74 countries where they devote themselves to evangelizing the poor and planting seeds of civilization. Our financial support enables them to do this job. If you wish to support Missionary Oblates on **February 13/14**, special envelopes can be found in the church hallway or in your annual set. Thank you for supporting the missions.

Change of Address

If your address or telephone number has changed, please call the parish office.

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: **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.

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.

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.

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 were mailed out this week. Individuals who made their offering on-line will receive income tax receipts directly from the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Did you know?

- Feb. 8th** • Josephine Bakhita is the first saint from Sudan.
- Feb. 10th** • The twin sister of Saint Benedict, Scholastica was the leader of a woman’s community.
- Feb. 11th** • The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes honours the mystery and beauty of the Immaculate Conception.

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 8th Saint Josephine Bakhita

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia & Stanislaw Kisielewicz and Rev. Zbigniew Tracz
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Malgorzata Chabowska (1st anniv.) ✠ Krystyna & Zenon Nizinski and their deceased children – sister

TUESDAY, February 9th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslaw Ozga – daughters with families
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Franciszek Olszewski – son with family ✠ Waclaw & Bronislawa Malinowski – Malinowski family

WEDNESDAY, February 10th Saint Scholastica

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Mother Kazimiera Misztal ✠ Teresa Zincewicz, Maria Sromek, Maria Kulik
- 19⁰⁰ *Group intentions*

THURSDAY, February 11th Our Lady of Lourdes

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for Mother Mary’s protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Irena on her birthday – friend
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Aleksander Wojnarowicz and deceased members of the Wojnarowicz and Gedos families – Wojnarowicz family ✠ Remigiusz Oswiecinski

FRIDAY, February 12th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Szczepan Zalewski (anniv.)
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For Mother Mary’s protection for Kazimiera on her birthday ○ For the return to sacramental life in the family

SATURDAY, February 13th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Stanislawczyk – daughter with husband
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Mary & Steve Dutka – grandson Christopher
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Franciszek Gubernat (20th anniv.) – wife

SUNDAY, February 14th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Stefania & Jan Kabara
- 9³⁰ ✠ Walenty Siuda
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Zdzislaw Stopa – wife and children
- 14³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for the graces received and for God’s continued blessing for the Dziewiecki family and for Sylwia on her birthday
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For healing, God’s blessing, and Mother Mary’s protection for Monika, Klara, and Sara

Parish Website
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