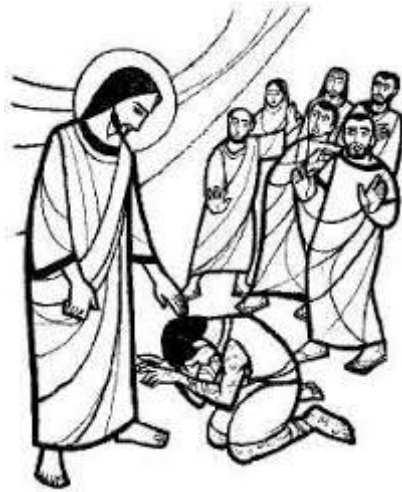


6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“If you choose, you can make me clean,” a man cries out to Jesus. “If you choose, you can change my life,” we cry out in prayer. “If you choose, you can change our lives,” come the cries in the news and in our streets.

Throughout our daily life, we lift our needs and hopes to God, trusting in God’s mercy. And if we take some time to reflect on the flow of our lives, we realize and rejoice that, like the man with leprosy, we have been changed and our lives have been shaped by our own encounters with Jesus. These changes bring us closer to Jesus; they also make us more like Jesus. God is shaping us individually and as a community, empowering us to be Christ in our world, acting in his name. It’s up to us to listen and act.

In today’s celebration, we gather to lift our voices to God in praise and thanksgiving for God’s action in our lives. We cry out to God, giving voice to the pleas of refugees and others seeking shelter, of prisoners seeking rehabilitation and freedom, of all the forgotten ones in our complicated world. And finally, we are sent forth with grateful hearts to stretch out a hand in response to the cries we hear. With God’s grace we will change the world.

Margaret Bick; North York, ON

First Reading: Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46

Responsorial Psalm:

*You are my refuge, Lord;
with deliverance you surround me.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.31 – 11.1

Gospel: Mark 1.40-45

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.



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WEDNESDAY

LIVESTREAM MASS SCHEDULE

8 a.m. / 10 a.m. / 7 p.m. – in Polish
5:30 p.m. – in English

There will be no Group Intentions on Wednesday, February 17th.

ASHES & HOLY COMMUNION

will be distributed on Ash Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m and from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Catechetical Centre. Maximum 10 people in the building, including the priest. Face masks are mandatory.

FASTING

Ash Wednesday is an obligatory day of fasting for Catholics ages 14 to 60. On this day, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding for individuals from age 14 onwards. Please note that the Church encourages the practice of fasting even for those who are not required to do so.

Lenten Lamentations

Come grow with us in prayer and reflect on Christ’s passion during Lenten Lamentations each Sunday of Lent at 6 p.m. (in Polish)

Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in English
Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in Polish

Plenary Indulgence during Lent

During Lent, plenary indulgence under regular conditions may be obtained by participating in the Stations of the Cross or Lenten Lamentations, as well as by praying “It is I, o good and most sweet Jesus” on each Friday of Lent.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be distributed in the Good Shepherd Catechetical Centre on **Sunday, February 14th** from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Maximum 10 people in the building, including the priest. Face masks are mandatory.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Rozalia Halina Van Valkenburg,
daughter of Anna & Taylor

We welcome Rozalia to our Church community and congratulate her parents and Godparents.

Confirmation for Adults

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. 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. Classes begin on **February 23rd** in English and **February 26th** in Polish.

Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married begins tomorrow and will run for 7 consecutive Mondays. Attendance at all meetings is mandatory. Classes being on-line but will move to in-person once we are allowed to do so.

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.

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.

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.

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 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 use 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 last week. Individuals who made their offering on-line will receive income tax receipts directly from the Archdiocese of Toronto.

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 when public Masses resume in our church. Please call the parish office if you are interested in giving of your time and talent.

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. If you wish to support Missionary Oblates with your offering this weekend, special envelopes can be found in the church hallway or in your annual set. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of the missions.

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.

MONDAY, February 15th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Mieczyslaw & Genowefa Lewicki – son
19⁰⁰ ○ For gifts of the Holy Spirit and Mother Mary’s protection for Konrad on his 14th birthday
✠ Karolina Obszynska and deceased members of the Obszynski and Mroz families – daughter Marianna and family

TUESDAY, February 16th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria (10th anniv.), Ludwika, and Bonifacy – family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Janina & Jozef Vilkas – daughter-in-law
✠ Jozef Zoltek (anniv.) – wife with family

WEDNESDAY, February 17th

Ash Wednesday

8⁰⁰ ✠ Elzbieta & Antoni Drobiecki
10⁰⁰ ✠ Rozalia, Adam, and Stanislaw – sister
17³⁰ ✠ Jolanta Pycella-Matysek
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw & Maria, brother Stanislaw Raczynowski, Miroslaw Kraska

THURSDAY, February 18th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Danuta & Wojciech Prokopczyk – Aleksandra
19⁰⁰ ✠ Boleslaw & Jozef Bielanski
✠ Zofia & Wladyslaw Pawka

FRIDAY, February 19th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Wieslawa Machowska (5th anniv.) – daughter with family
18³⁰ *Stations of the Cross*
19⁰⁰ ✠ Felicja & Stanislaw Chabinka and deceased members of the Kulis and Szabla families

SATURDAY, February 20th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw & Henryka Kuczynski
17⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Zabielski (10th anniv.) – daughters with families
19⁰⁰ ✠ Ludwik Podgorzec and his parents – son with family

SUNDAY, February 21st

8⁰⁰ ✠ Marian Leonczuk – wife Danuta
9³⁰ ✠ Cecylia & Stawomir Wieszczyk and Marek Hajduk – daughters
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Milan Kapolka (1st anniv.) – wife Maria and son Robert with family
✠ Antoni & Halina Szelest – daughter with husband
18⁰⁰ *Lenten Lamentations*
19⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Andrzej & Wladyslawa and brother Jozef

Change of Address

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

Parish Website
www.kolbe.ca