

2nd Sunday of Lent



Today's first reading is one of the most important religious texts ever written. While it is stranger for us to read of a god asking for human sacrifice, that was nothing out of the ordinary in Abraham's world. The bewilderment we feel reading this passage is, in fact, a result of the text's own success. It is because of the story of Abraham and Isaac that human and child sacrifice looks the way it does to us.

Human sacrifice is not some aberration in human history. In one way or another, it is the norm. The other gods humans have worshipped, whether they go by ancient names like Baal and Moloch, or modern names like Choice and National Security, have always demanded what is most precious, our sons and daughters. It is only the God of Abraham who does not demand but provides the sacrifice.

The story of Abraham and Isaac begins the trajectory that ends with Christ. When Paul tells the Romans that God "did not withhold his own Son," he is linking Jesus and Isaac and pointing us towards the inversion of sacrifice that Isaac presaged, and Jesus fulfilled.

This inversion transfigures human history. What could this rising from the dead mean? That the one who gave himself to be sacrificed so that we might see the truth about human sacrifice was God's own Son.

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First Reading: Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18
Responsorial Psalm:
*I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living..*
Second Reading: Romans 8.31b-35, 37
Gospel: Mark 9.2-10

Rosary Prayer

Daily at 6:30 p.m.

Join us in prayer through the Parish TV.

Rosary Intention for March

Let us pray that we may experience
the sacrament of reconciliation
with renewed depth,
to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Today during the High Mass we pray for God's grace and blessing for the following couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries:

30th – Renata & Jacek Migdal

37th – Danuta & Wojciech Siuda

47th – Jadwiga & Jan Szulc

48th – Danuta & Ryszard Janicki

50th – Emilia & Jerzy Budzik

50th – Wladyslawa & Boleslaw Swiderski

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, March 4th

Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, March 5th

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses

First Saturday of the month, March 6th

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, March 7th

Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:30 a.m.

Please arrange for a private exchange of Rosary Mysteries among your group members.

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

Join us through the Parish TV.

Stations of the Cross for Youth

Kolbe Youth have prepared a unique Way of the Cross. Each Monday and Friday, a new reflection will be available on the following YouTube Channels: **Oblate Youth Canada** and **KolbeParish OMI**.

Lenten Retreat for Children

All children are invited for a special retreat that will help them learn how to be a disciple of Jesus. Videos and challenges are posted on the **KolbeParish OMI** YouTube Channel every Saturday morning. Stickers may be picked up on Sunday during Holy Communion in the Good Shepherd Catechetical Centre.

Faithful Departed



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

✠ Mariusz Pawel Lubaszewski, 30

✠ Andrew Mark Wasilewski, 56

✠ Dariusz Kajser, 59

✠ Elzbieta Wilczek, 64

✠ Zdzislaw Zych, 69

✠ Richard Lubert, 77

✠ Leopold Wasilewski, 94

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be distributed in the Good Shepherd Catechetical Centre on **Sunday, February 28th** 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 specific 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.

Hospital Visits

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

Evening Prayer

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

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 and other matters related to our faith. The upcoming topics will centre on sins against the Holy Spirit. This event takes place on ZOOM and is one hour in duration.

Change of Address

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



Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites all parishioners to join 40 Days for Life – a global prayer campaign to defend the lives of unborn children and those threatened by euthanasia. In our parish, this campaign takes the form of a silent prayer in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration and runs for the entire period of Lent. As space in the chapel may be limited, we encourage you to pray at home, with your family. An hour of your prayer can save someone's life – make good use of this grace-filled time.

Adoremus

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and joyful praise. This is a virtual event – tune in through the Parish TV.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for adult volunteers to help out when public Masses resume in our church. So far, of the 30,000 registered parishioners, only 8 signed up to volunteer. Please call the parish office if you are interested in giving of your time and talent.



MONDAY, March 1st

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received for Jerzy Cierpich on his 86th birthday and for health and a successful surgery
19⁰⁰ ✠ Jadwiga & Albin Pigiel – daughter Danuta
✠ Danuta Twardowska

TUESDAY, March 2nd

8⁰⁰ ✠ Helena & Michal Zieba and deceased members of the Zieba & Skrzypek families
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Klara & Maksymilian Kirchof

WEDNESDAY, March 3rd

8⁰⁰ ✠ Jozefa & Wladyslaw Bobek – daughter Teresa with family
✠ Karol, Maria & Grazyna Tomczyszyn and Agnieszka & Blazej Szerba
19⁰⁰ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, March 4th St. Casimir

8⁰⁰ ✠ Franciszek & Stefania – family
✠ Anna & Stanislaw Plonicki – family
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for all priests and religious – Gold Rose Apostolate

FRIDAY, March 5th World Day of Prayer

8⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia & Wacław Nowotnik and Zbigniew Raczka
10⁰⁰ ✠ Janina & Eugeniusz Plonski and deceased on both sides – son
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Aleksandra Prymicz & Bogumila Jurek

SATURDAY, March 6th

8⁰⁰ ○ For all members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
17⁰⁰ ✠ Janina Grabowska (2nd anniv.)
19⁰⁰ ✠ Helena & Leon Skrobucha, Albina & Jan Brozny, their son Jan, and Kazimierz Brozny

SUNDAY, March 7th

8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Holy Rosary Family
9³⁰ ✠ Kazimierz Kolecki – sister with family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef Mendela – wife and daughter with family
14³⁰ ✠ Genowefa & Maciej Krzysiak – daughter with family
18⁰⁰ **Lenten Lamentations**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Jolanta Lewandowska (5th anniv.)

Parish Website
www.kolbe.ca