

4th Sunday of Lent



A young gang member in a state prison told the priest who came to visit him about a dream he had in which the two were together in a completely dark room. The youth was searching for the light switch but in vain. However, the priest had a flashlight that he shone on the switch. He didn't go over to turn it on, but simply showed the youth where it was. The youth had to go and turn on the light himself. And his comment to the priest was, "The light is so much better than the darkness."

The light of Christ is so much better than the darkness of selfishness and sin. But Christ cannot force that light upon us. As the Gospel tells us, we have to come to the light. We have to choose to allow the light of Christ to shine in and through us. Sometimes we need a little help to find it because we don't know where to look. But once we find the light of God's loving presence in our life and embrace it, life looks a whole lot better.

May the light of Christ, lifted up for our salvation, shine brightly in us so that all we do may be done in God and be a witness to the power of God's love.

Fr. Leonard Altia, SJ; Montreal, QC

LENTEN RETREAT

– In English –

Friday, March 19, 8 p.m.

Mass and retreat talk on St. Joseph the Dreamer: Vision and Mission

Saturday, March 20, 5 p.m.

Mass and retreat talk on St. Joseph, Our Spiritual Father

Sunday, March 21, 9:30 a.m.

Mass and retreat talk on St. Joseph, Patron of Catholic Families

– In Polish –

Sunday, March 21

Retreat talk at each Mass

Monday, March 22 – Thursday, March 25

10 a.m. Retreat Mass

11 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7 p.m. Retreat Mass

8 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by:

Mon. | Evening of Mercy, Penitential Service

Tue. | St. Joseph, a Role Model for all Men

Wed. | Vigil with Mary

Thu. | TMI...for youth ONLY

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 is available on the following YouTube Channels: **Oblate Youth Canada** and **KolbeParish OMI**.

Lenten Retreat for Children

Videos and challenges for children taking part in the Lenten Retreat 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.

Change of Address

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

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Oliwia Garbowski,
daughter of Natalia & Radoslaw

Grayson Spencer Kucz,
son of Valerie & Gregory

We welcome Oliwia and Grayson to our Church community and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be distributed in the Good Shepherd Catechetical Centre on **Sunday, March 14th** 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. To register, visit the parish website or call the parish office. 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 topic will centre on the Morality of Human Acts and the Morality of the Passions (1749-1775). This event takes place on ZOOM and is one hour in duration.

Daffodils / Jonquils for the Tomb

If any parishioner would like to help us decorate the Lord's tomb, we will gladly accept **potted daffodils (jonquils)** from March 29th to 31st. Plants may be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you for your contribution.

Spiritual Adoption of the Conceived Child



Spiritual Adoption of the Conceived Child will take place on **Thursday, March 25th** – the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**.

What is Spiritual Adoption? It is a prayer for a conceived child whose life is threatened with abortion. It lasts nine months and involves praying one decade of the Holy Rosary and a short prayer for the child and the child's parents. Please join us and help save many lives from abortion. Application forms are displayed in the entrance to the parish office and chapel.

For more information call Krystyna at (905) 897-0550 or visit <http://www.duchowaadopecja.info/>



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 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.

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 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.

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.



In April, we will begin an annual charity appeal in the Archdiocese of Toronto known as ShareLife. Your contribution helps fund ShareLife agencies which provide services in an environment rooted in Catholic values. If you are able to contribute to this cause, you may do so at any time using special envelopes in your offertory set, or on ShareLife Sundays: April 17/18, June 19/20, and October 2/3.

MONDAY, March 15th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's continued blessing, Mother Mary's protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Lucjan on his birthday
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Jozef Taborowski
- ✚ Jozef and Helena Kondej and their parents

TUESDAY, March 16th

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Jozef & Cecylia Wrobel
- 18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross**
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For better health for Richard Joseph Budzinski – Karen & Helena
- ✚ Danuta Sondej (1st anniv.) and Jan Sondej (13th anniv.)

WEDNESDAY, March 17th St. Patrick

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Jozef & Maria Balinski and members of the Balinski and Murzydlo families
- ✚ Natalia, Adam, and Michal Dec
- 19⁰⁰ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, March 18th St. Cyril of Jerusalem

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Helena & Jozef Szczurek
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For a fruitful campaign of the 40 Days for Life in our parish
- ✚ Jozef Smolko (17th anniv.)

FRIDAY, March 19th St. Joseph

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Jozef Golen
- 18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross**
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Bronislaw Iwanek (40th anniv.) and members of the Iwanek family
- ✚ John Ziolkowski

SATURDAY, March 20th

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Teofil Kurzatkowski (5th anniv.), Jan & Natalia Wajdzik, and grandparents on both sides
- 17⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for gifts of the Holy Spirit for Tammy, Jennifer, and Maria
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Lucjan Stachal, Wladyslaw Brzozowski, and members of the Stachal and Brzozowski families

SUNDAY, March 21st

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Zdzislaw Panaszewicz
- 9³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Stanislaw Rogowski on his 80th birthday, and for health, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and protection of Mother Mary
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✚ Ryszard Kukulski, Jozef Szewczyk, Zdzislaw Bora
- 14³⁰ ✚ Jozef Szulga
- 18⁰⁰ **Lenten Lamentations**
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Jozef & Alina Korgol and members of the Zackiewicz family

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm:

*For my tongue cling to my mouth
if I do not remember you!*

Second Reading: Ephesians 2.4-10

Gospel: John 3.14-21

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.

Parish Website

www.kolbe.ca