5th Sunday of Lent



Acknowledgement, openness and acceptance of what God wants of us are central to what it means to be a Christian.

Our Lenten prayer and fasting give us the strength to remain open to understanding what God wants of us, acknowledging God's purifying grace that will wash us thoroughly "from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin," and accepting God's will with "a new and right spirit."

Through this willingness to be ever open to God's call, we enter into a new covenant and a new life, one in which God is our guarantor. It is only when we allow God to write in our hearts what is being asked of us that our covenant with God is assured.

In the Annunciation (which we commemorate later this week), Mary gives us a magnificent example of acknowledging God's invitation, opening her heart and accepting what she is being called to do. Our response, like Mary's, must be unreserved and unintentional.

Even Jesus "in the days of his flesh" offered up prayers and supplications. We need to acknowledge that we must die to ourselves and be open to God's word. Through our acceptance we will "bear much fruit."

Let us remember, as the Gospel reminds us, that when Christ is lifted up, we will also share in the glory of his resurrection.

Jack Panozzo; Toronto, ON

First Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34 Responsorial Psalm:

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Second Reading: Hebrews 5.7-9 Gospel: John 12.20-33

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

LENTEN RETREAT

Thank you, Fr. John Bosco Gali OMI, for preaching the Lenten Retreat in English and teaching us more about St. Joseph the Dreamer, Spiritual Father, and Patron of Catholic Families. May God bless you and may St. Joseph intercede for you and guide you in your work as hospital chaplain in our community.

This coming week, Fr. Alfred Grzempa OMI will preach a retreat in Polish according to the following schedule:

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

08 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

followed by:

Mon. | An Evening of Mercy Tue. | An Evening with St. Joseph Wed. | An Evening with Mary

Thu. | TMI...for youth ONLY

COVID-19 and Our Parish

- As of Monday, March 15, 2021, churches in the Region of Peel are once again open at 15% capacity (250 individuals) and faithful can participate in Mass. Face masks are still mandatory inside all church buildings.
- Please listen carefully to parish announcements regarding registration for weekday and Sunday Mass. Seniors who do not have access to the Internet may call the parish office.
- All <u>most up-to-date information</u> is always communicated at the end of Mass. Please listen carefully.
- Weddings and funerals are restricted to 15% of the church capacity. <u>Baptisms</u> take place outside of Mass and are also restricted to 15% of church capacity.
- No <u>meetings</u> are taking place in parish halls or other church spaces at this time. The only exception are essential services, e.g., A.A.
- <u>First Communion</u> and <u>Confirmation</u> classes continue to take place virtually. No other information about the two sacraments is available at this time. We will contact all parents once information becomes available.
- When leaving a message on the parish answering machine, remember to include your name and phone number.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Angelina Nieweglowski, daughter of Mary & Alan

Nathan Cheuk Yin Luk, son of Ewelina & Vincent

Oliver Pawel Chyb,

son of Boguslawa & Pawel

We welcome all children to our Church community and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

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.

Holy Communion

For those who were unable to secure a spot for Mass in the church, but who participated in Mass virtually, Holy Communion will be distributed on Sunday, March 21st at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the church. Face masks are mandatory.

Confession

Sacrament of reconciliation is available from Monday to Saturday at 7:30 a.m. and from Monday to Friday at 6 p.m. in the accessible confessional next to the elevator and in the staircase on the North side of the church building. 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. This event takes place on ZOOM and is one hour in duration. Meeting ID and Passcode are posted on our website.

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.

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

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.

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 in the foyer of the main entrance to the church.

Change of Address

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

Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for adult volunteers willing to help out during Sunday Masses (Saturday evening and Sunday). Please call the parish office if you are interested in giving of your time and talent.

Food Drive

Once again, **Knights of Columbus** are organizing an annual food drive in support of those in need in our local community. Nonperishable food items can be dropped off inside the entrance to the church. The following are in high demand: rice, pasta, coffee, and all kinds of canned goods (meat, soup, vegetables, fruits). **No expired food, please!** Food drive ends on March 28th.

SL ShareLife

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.

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.

Church Hours

The church building is usually open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

MONDAY, March 22nd

- 8⁰⁰ ♣ Anna Ozga
 - → Brother Stanislaw Szafranek and father Stanislaw Szafranek
- 10⁰⁰ For God's blessing, Mother Mary's protection, and health for Amanda
- 1100 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 19⁰⁰ ♣ Jerzy Kiwek (2nd annv.)
- 2000 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament An Evening of Marcy

TUESDAY, March 23rd

- 8⁰⁰ \$\frac{1}{2} \text{ Jan Kedziak (21st anniv.)}
- ♣ Teofila & Stanislaw Bienasz
 ♣ Genowefa & Maciej Krzysiak
- 1100 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 18³⁰ Stations of the Cross
- 19⁰⁰ ♣ Antonina Ulinska
- 20⁰⁰ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament An Evening with St. Joseph

WEDNESDAY, March 24th

- 800 🕏 Maria & Jozef Jemiolo
- 10⁰⁰ ♣ Aleksander Kaminski (2nd anniv.) parents, siblings, and family
- 1100 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 19⁰⁰ † Agnieszka Rumianowski
- 20⁰⁰ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament An Evening with Mary

THURSDAY, March 25th The Annunciation of the Lord

- 8⁰⁰ P Jadwiga & Marian Towarek and Kazimierz Daniel
- For God's blessing, faith, and health for daughters Aleksandra and Ewa with families – parents
- 10⁰⁰ ♣ Maria (3rd anniv.)
- 1100 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 1900 O For God's grace and perseverance for all taking part in a spiritual adoption of a conceived child
- 2000 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament TMI...for youth ONLY

FRIDAY, March 26th

- ☆ Marian and Marian Krak, Krystyna Grabowska, and Laura Krajewska
- 1830 Stations of the Cross
- 19⁰⁰ ♣ Antoni Oleszczuk

SATURDAY, March 27th

- 8⁰⁰ In thanksgiving for all graces received on the 43rd wedding anniversary of Jan & Helena Kolpak
- 17⁰⁰ & Anna & Eugeniusz Polkowski, Ryszard & Miroslaw, Elzbieta & Alfred, and family members
- 19⁰⁰ ♣ Genowefa & Tadeusz Gabiga

SUNDAY, March 28th

- 800 🕏 Julianna & Franciszek Choroszewski
- 9³⁰ P Sabina & Henryk Ziolkowski
- 11⁰⁰ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 18⁰⁰ Lenten Lamentations