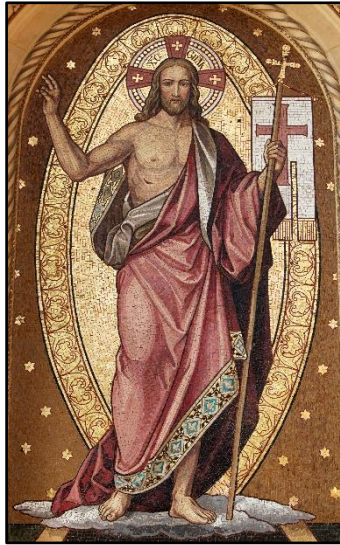


Easter Sunday



As I ponder today's Gospel, my attention is riveted by Mary Magdalene. How emotional her "resurrection" weekend must have been. I find it difficult to relate to the times of Jesus...so different from today's era. Yet human reactions and feelings have surely remained unchanged over 2,000 years.

Mary Magdalene was an avid follower of Jesus, teacher and prophet. She walked the Way of the Cross and witnessed his Passion and death. She must, indeed, have mourned the loss of her friend and mentor. I cannot begin to fathom her sense of desperation on that first Holy Saturday.

A woman of courage, she dared to rise early on the third day and visit Jesus' tomb. She wept when she found that his body had disappeared and she no longer knew where he lay. Surely she had a sense of utter hopelessness. When Jesus appeared to her, she did not recognize him until he spoke her name, "Mary!" and her desperation turned to utter joy!

Lord Jesus, I have mourned many losses in my lifetime and I have experienced a vast range of feelings. Resentfully, I have often asked, "Why did you let this happen?" When things do not go my way, teach me to accept your will gracefully and always "to rejoice and be glad." Thankyou for showering me with endless blessings.

Barbara K. d'Artois, Sainte-Geneviève, QC

Easter 2021

We send forth warm wishes to all our parishioners, hoping that the resurrected Lord inspires our hearts with love, joy, and added strength for everyday victories. May the Risen Lord be an endless source of hope and help find signs of His living presence in everyday life.



Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who have received the Sacraments of Initiation on Holy Saturday.

Anna Lisowska
Ghizlane Khouiy
James Michael Doracin
Natalia Zand (Rajkowska)
Piotr Adam Romanow
Redi Shaba
Sam Zand
Sandra Jennifer MacDonald

It is with great joy that we welcome them and thank God for their presence which renews and strengthens our community.

THANK YOU to our dedicated RCIA catechists who devoted their time and effort to prepare the catechumens and candidates: **Fr. Marcin Serwin, Fr. Tomasz Jarosz, Wojciech Opala, Gabriela and Michal Kasprzak, and Justyna Armatowicz.** Thank you for sharing your talents with our parish community.

Registration for Mass & Liturgies

Registration for Sunday Mass, Holy Week Liturgies, Easter Mass, and Easter Monday Mass are REQUIRED. Registration can be done directly on our website at www.kolbe.ca. Those who have absolutely no access to the Internet may call the parish office to register by phone. When leaving a message, remember to include your name and phone number.

Holy Communion

For those who were unable to secure a spot for Easter Liturgies or Mass but participated in them virtually, Holy Communion will be distributed in the church on:

Thursday, April 1st at 9:30 p.m.
 Sunday, April 4th at 8:30 p.m.
 Monday, April 5th at 8:30 p.m.

Thank You

Thank you to all our wonderful parishioners who brought in daffodils (jonquils) for the Lord's tomb. We have received almost 200 potted plants. Thank you for your generous contribution.

Also, thank you to the cleaning crew who helped make the church spotless for Easter. You all did an outstanding job. Thank you for your hard work.

Scavenger Hunt for Children

All children who participated in a Lenten Retreat and collected stickers are invited on Easter Monday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for an Easter Scavenger Hunt with the disciples of Jesus. Registration for this event was mandatory.

Confession

There will be no confession during Holy Week and Easter Octave.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Due to ongoing restrictions, the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be administered in groups – each class on its own. Confirmation is scheduled for the week of April 19th and First Holy Communion for the second and third weekend in Mary. An e-mail was sent to all parents at the end of March. It included information on the exact date of their child's sacrament as well as how many guests each family may invite (at least for now.) If someone has not received this information, please send a brief message to communionkolbe@gmail.com or confirmationkolbe@gmail.com and include the name of your child and the name of your child's catechist. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Catechesis on ZOOM

On Saturday, April 10th at 6 p.m. you are 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.

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.

Parish Office

Parish office is closed to the public, but you may always call and leave a message. Remember to include your name and phone number.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

Iwona Wenderska,
 daughter of Elzbieta & Franciszek
& Cezary Mroczkowski,
 son of Danuta & Ryszard

Milena Szumowski,
 daughter of Marzenna & Grzegorz
& Nicolas Macias,
 son of Maria & Juan

who are preparing for Holy Matrimony.

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 most up-to-date information is always communicated at the end of Mass. Please listen carefully.

- Weddings and funerals are restricted to 15% of the church capacity. Baptisms take place outside of Mass and are also restricted to 15% of church capacity.

- No meetings are taking place in parish halls or other church spaces at this time. The only exception are essential services, e.g., A.A.

- First Communion and Confirmation classes continue to take place virtually and will stay in this format for as long as the Region of Peel remains in a grey zone. If anything changes, we will inform all parents.

- When leaving a message on the parish answering machine, remember to include your name and phone number.

Change of Address

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

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 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.

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. All are welcome.

Rosary Intention for April
We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Latest News

Up-to-date information concerning our parish is always communicated at the end of each Sunday Mass. Please listen carefully.

Parish Website

www.kolbe.ca

MONDAY

April 5th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Karol Lejawa (6th anniv.)
 9³⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for Nicole, Nicolas, Alenzo and their parents
 11⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for grandchildren: Sean, Justin, Kaylin Skorupski
 13⁰⁰ ✠ Bronislawa & Antoni Szostek and souls in purgatory – daughter
 14³⁰ ○ For God's grace and strength for Joanna and Arkadiusz
 19⁰⁰ ✠ Tomasz Mycek – family

TUESDAY

April 6th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Longin Kulina (anniv.) – sons with family
 19⁰⁰ ○ For gifts of the Holy Spirit for Paulina and Patricio and for Emanuel on his birthday
 ✠ Roman (2nd anniv.) – daughter Krystyna

WEDNESDAY

April 7th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Zabielski – son with family
 ✠ Parents Stanislaw & Danuta and wife Irena
 19⁰⁰ Group Intentions

THURSDAY

April 8th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Julia & Franciszek and family members
 19⁰⁰ ✠ Parents, brothers, and sister-in-law from the Gacek family – Maria with family
 ○ For God's grace and blessing for the Stecki family

FRIDAY

April 9th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Leokadia & Roman Bajewski
 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Teresa & Edward Cop on their wedding anniversary and for God's continued grace
 ✠ Zofia & Jerzy Pudelko and family members

SATURDAY

April 10th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Leon Antkowiak (18th anniv.) – daughter with family
 17⁰⁰ ✠ Carolina & Joseph Bernard and Margaret & Joseph Budzinski
 19⁰⁰ ✠ Marianna Jarzabek – son

SUNDAY

April 11th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Elizabeth Polanski (5th anniv.) husband with children
 9³⁰ ✠ Tadeusz Rembisz – Justyna with family
 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
 13⁰⁰ ○ For God's continued grace for Renata & Tomasz with family
 14³⁰ ○ For God's continued blessing for Aldona & Zygmunt Chrzanoski on their 50th wedding anniversary
 19⁰⁰ ✠ Halina & Jan Rebisz – daughter with family