



## The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary September 8<sup>th</sup>

This feast originated in the Eastern Church and was commemorated in the West as early as the 5<sup>th</sup> century. No one is certain where Mary was born, but two traditions have survived from ancient times, one naming Nazareth and the other, Jerusalem. An occasion for praise and thanksgiving, the feast celebrates Mary's personal sanctity and vocation as the mother of Jesus.

### Reflection

Those who have faith and have the heart of a child are humble and ready to be in awe of God's wonder. They expect miracles. And Jesus' healing love brings them much joy.

Today's Gospel recalls a story of a deaf man being brought to Jesus by other people. They must have heard and seen Jesus performing signs and wonders. It is not their duty, but they beg Jesus to pray for this man. Such love of neighbor welling up makes them forget themselves and be concerned for others' good.

These people had child-like faith; and Jesus, Son of the Most High God, modelled being a child of God. He had all the power to heal but he did it in union with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. He looked up to heaven, thanking the Father for his love; with the Holy Spirit he healed with compassion; and he who is the Word spoke Life over the man.

Jesus invites us to stay rooted in God's love and then share what we have received with other people. Through his merciful heart and by our caring for others – with words, deeds, and prayers – healing and miracles happen. And the first miracle would be genuine joy and real hope in our very own hearts.

*Sr. Michael Penelope Nguyen, SC  
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**First Reading:** Isaiah 35.4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

**Second Reading:** James 2.1-5

**Gospel:** Mark 7.31-37

## Parish Website

[www.kolbe.ca](http://www.kolbe.ca)

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



On **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**, immediately after the evening Mass, Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites one and all to take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation to Lord Jesus for sins against life and its dignity.

### Confession

Sacrament of reconciliation is available 30 minutes before each Mass. Face masks are mandatory.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who are registered members of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and would like to baptize their child must contact the parish office at least 6 weeks before the anticipated date of baptism. Nowadays, baptisms take place on Saturday mornings, outside of Mass.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Couples wishing to be married at St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Church must contact the parish office at least one year prior to the anticipated date of the wedding in order to open a wedding file and obtain a list of required documents. In addition, marriage preparation course is mandatory for all couples intending to be married in the Roman Catholic Church. Please keep in mind that our priests can only marry those who are registered members of our parish and reside within the geographical boundaries of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

### Radosc-Joy Dance Ensemble

Registration and rehearsals are held in the parish hall. Masks are obligatory.

### JUNIOR/MINI GROUP:

Wed., September 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### INTERMEDIATES:

Wed., September 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

### SENIORS:

Thu., September 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.

### Mass Intentions

Please note that there are no individual Mass intentions available at our parish. However, Wednesday evening Mass is offered for multiple intentions. These may be requested by calling the parish office.

## 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.

### Bulletin Advertisements

Did you know that the advertising in our parish bulletin generates annual revenue towards our parish's financial obligations? Thank you for patronizing our advertisers! If you would like to advertise your business, please contact the parish office.



### Coffee from Madagascar

Friends of the Missions (MAMI) in collaboration with Oblate Youth Canada invite you to support Malagasy families by purchasing **coffee (\$12) from mission countries**. There is a wide range of flavours available, and all proceeds help provide tuition, school supplies, daily meals, and medicine for children and their families in Madagascar. To make a purchase, please call the parish office at (905) 848-2420. Thank you for your support.

### Scholarship Applications The Canadian Polish Millennium Fund

The Canadian Polish Millennium Fund is offering grants to students of Polish descent who have completed their first year of studies and are currently enrolled in a program of study at a Canadian post-secondary educational institution. The deadline for submission is **September 15, 2021**. Application forms can be obtained from [www.millenniumfund.ca](http://www.millenniumfund.ca) and once complete, can be dropped off at the parish or mailed to:

Canadian Polish Millennium Fund  
Fundusz Wieczysty Milenium  
3055 Lakeshore Blvd. W.  
Toronto, Ontario M8V 1K6

For further information, please contact the organizers at:  
[www.millenniumfund.ca](http://www.millenniumfund.ca)  
[cpmf@millenniumfund.ca](mailto:cpmf@millenniumfund.ca) / [cpmf@kpk.org](mailto:cpmf@kpk.org)  
(416) 532-1921

## COVID-19 and Our Parish

We are happy to announce that our church is once again open for in-person celebrations. All Masses are held indoors.

- For sacramental celebrations, in Step 3, there is no capacity limit for places of worship. However, physical distancing of 2 metres is still required between parishioners attending Mass who are not from the same household.

- Livestreaming** of services and dispensation from physical participation in the Sunday Eucharist continues. The elderly, those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions should be encouraged to exercise extreme caution about any outings, including attendance at church.

- Funerals** take place from Monday to Friday in the morning.

- Baptisms** take place outside of Mass, on Saturday mornings.

- Meetings** in parish halls or other indoor spaces are permitted in Step 3. Attendance may not exceed 50% of meeting space capacity. Participants must be masked and physically distanced. In addition, a sign-in sheet for meetings should be provided for the purposes of contact tracking. Meals and food services at meetings is discouraged at this time.

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

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

- Local municipal by-laws remain in place – the use of face masks inside all public places is still in effect, even for those who are fully vaccinated.**



## MONDAY, September 6<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Ewa, Wladyslaw, Jerzy and Ryszard Kotwicki – granddaughter and niece  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Maria Gruszka and son Roman Gruszka  
✠ Regina & Eugeniusz and their families – sister Boleslawa

## TUESDAY, September 7<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Anna, Andrzej, Czeslawa, and Stanislaw Dudek – Stefania with husband  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for grandchildren  
✠ Jan & Michalina Grodecki – daughter with family

## WEDNESDAY, September 8<sup>th</sup>

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8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Bogdan, Wanda, Helena, and Stanislaw Kawala, and Andrzej Dzal  
✠ Piotr Pyrek – parents and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Group Intentions

## THURSDAY, September 9<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jadwiga Koczorowska – family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Elizabeth Polanski and parents – family  
✠ Augustyn, Jozef, Maria, Janina and Wladyslaw – daughter and sister

## FRIDAY, September 10<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for Mother Mary's protection for Jennifer, Tammy, and Maria  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Anna & Stanislaw Guzda – son with family  
✠ Alexander, Michalina, Zygmunt, Mieczyslaw Lisek and Aleksandra Zarzeczna – daughter and sister with family

## SATURDAY, September 11<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased members of the Stopp and Baniak families – son with family  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanislaw Guzdek (27<sup>th</sup> anniv.)  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For health and gifts of the Holy Spirit for families on both sides – Joanna & Zygmunt

## SUNDAY, September 12<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Sabina Cwalinska (20<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – husband and daughters  
9<sup>30</sup> ○ Special intention for God's continued blessing for Katarzyna & Darko Miodrag on their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Polish School students and teachers  
13<sup>00</sup> ✠ Ryszard Plewa – Paulina  
14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Jozef & Jadwiga Rzakowski and Cecylia & Piotr Kwapis – Kwapis family  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for Tadeusz & Bronislawa on their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary