



Reflection

COVID-19 shook us and changed the way we live our daily lives. In many places we could not attend Mass or even enter a church. Sacraments were cancelled or delayed. When we returned months later, we found the holy water stoups were empty. Holy water – this simple life-affirming symbol – was absent. There was a void.

Amid such challenges, today's readings rekindle our hope and courage. God the Father sets the earth on its foundations so that it shall never be shaken. Likewise, he comforts and strengthens us, renewing our hope and fortitude through the Holy Spirit, a continuation of our baptism.

Nothing evokes the joyous occasion of our baptism like holy water. Essential for our rebirth, yet profoundly missed when we were deprived of it. The faithful have depended on holy water for centuries; as St. Teresa of Avila attested, nothing compares to holy water to put devils to flight and to offer consolation for our soul.

We know that, through baptism, Jesus was given strength to resist Satan's temptations in the desert. Like Jesus, we are strengthened for the journey by our baptism. Even if we can't always bless ourselves and our homes with holy water, let us always remember that through baptism we receive fortitude, protection and hope in the Lord.

Sarah Escobar, Ottawa, ON

The Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

— Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Dakota Mongui Bajgier,
daughter of Aleksandra & Joan

We welcome Dakota to our Church community and congratulate her parents and Godparents.

Oblate Study Days

Oblate Study Days, originally planned for **January 10-14**, have been cancelled. Morning and evening Mass will be celebrated, but there will be no Group Intentions on Wednesday.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On **Wednesday, January 12**, 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.

Adoremus

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, January 14** after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and joyful praise.

Rosary intention for January

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



– IMPORTANT –

Offertory Envelopes for 2022

Offertory envelopes for 2022 can be picked up from the parish hall. They are arranged in alphabetical order. All those whose envelope number was higher than #2030 have been assigned a new number.



We kindly ask that you write your full name and address on the first envelope in your set. This is important so as to avoid any confusion, especially since many families in 2022 have a set of envelopes with a different number. Such a correction of numbers was necessary because many parishioners did not collect their sets in 2021, while others moved out or passed away.

Please do not use envelopes from previous years.

Intentions for Wednesday Mass

Wednesday evening Mass is celebrated in multiple intentions. These can be submitted by calling the parish office on weekdays before 5 p.m.

Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

We are in need of individuals or families who can commit to regular weekly adoration in the chapel. If you can devote one hour of your time each week, please contact the coordinator, Malgorzata, at (647) 888-7487. **Please wear a face mask while praying in the chapel!**

Thank You for Supporting ProLife

Kolbe ProLife Group would like to thank everyone who supported the Change for Life campaign. Your donation will allow us to continue the work of protecting life from conception to its natural death and will help support those in need.

SACRAMENTS AT OUR PARISH

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.

RECONCILIATION

Confession takes place 30 minutes before each Mass. No registration is required. Masks are mandatory in the confessional.

EUCCHARIST / FIRST COMMUNION CONFIRMATION

Registration for First Communion classes (grade 2) and Confirmation classes (grade 7) takes place at the beginning of September and classes commence in October. For more information, please listen to parish announcements, read the bulletin, or check the parish website in late August/early September.

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office if you or your loved one require a visit from a priest.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the way that a non-baptized person is brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Roman Catholic, please call the parish office for more information.

Our Church is Open

Our church is open for in-person celebrations. All Masses are held indoors.

• **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.

• **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.**

Meetings

All parish meetings have been cancelled at this time. The only exception would be those deemed as essential services, such as A.A. and AlAnon.

Office Hours

Monday: closed
Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 12 noon
Sunday: closed
Lunch break: 12 noon – 1 p.m.

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 in the coming year, please contact the parish office.

Calendar of Saints

Jan. 12th • Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys: She is often referred to as the "Mother of the Colony" for her contribution to the establishment of Ville-Marie, the place we know today as Montreal.

Jan. 13th • Saint Hilary: He is best known for his defence of Christianity against the Arian heresy.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, January 10th

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Agata & Michael Brozda on their 1st wedding anniversary and for Mother Mary's protection for their unborn baby
19⁰⁰ ✚ Grzegorz Derwal – children with families

TUESDAY, January 11th

8⁰⁰ ○ Intention known to God
19⁰⁰ ✚ Jozef Ogorek – family

WEDNESDAY, January 12th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Sister Andrea Mazur CSSF and deceased members of the Mazur family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Kazimierz Swiatek

THURSDAY, January 13th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Danuta Bartczak – family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Wanda Galazka – sister Ewa with family

FRIDAY, January 14th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Stanislaw Wroblewski Ulinski and Bogners families
19⁰⁰ ○ For health and Mother Mary's protection for Daniela Sadowska – husband

SATURDAY, January 15th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Parents Joanna & Franciszek Lojek
17⁰⁰ ✚ Eddy Niedziela – parents
19⁰⁰ ✚ Halina Trzcinska-Kowalczyk – husband and children

SUNDAY, January 16th

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's continued blessing and grace for Gabriela & Alexander on their 1st wedding anniversary – parents
9³⁰ ✚ Marianna & Tadeusz Winiarz – Zbigniew with family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✚ Members of the Podczerwinski and Antolak families
14³⁰ ✚ Marek Mierzwa (1st anniv.) – family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Sebastian Kosiba – parents and children

First Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7

Gospel: Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

Parish Website
www.kolbe.ca