



Reflection

After a busy Christmas season, I was hoping to settle into Ordinary Time with comforting words from Scripture. Today's texts do not comfort me.

In the Gospel, Jesus returns to a familiar verse from the prophet Isaiah but does not simply quote it. He lays out the next steps for our path, fulfilling the command in our hearing. I recognize his invitation in my life. I am to go to the poor, the captive, the blind, and to be good news, release, and sight. As I pray this text, I recognize my poverty, captivity, and blindness. The subtitle in my Bible for today's Gospel is "The Rejection of Jesus of Nazareth" (as we will see next Sunday). This path is not easy. Our friends and families may turn from us, as they did from Jesus.

On this Sunday of the Word of God, promulgated by Pope Francis in September 2019, we turn to the Word as people who can "hear with understanding." In the first reading, Ezra does not stand alone; and in the second reading, Paul reminds us the body is not one member. These are timely texts as we observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. May we know the power of the Spirit as we go about this mission, together.

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First Reading: Nehemiah 8.2-4a,5-6,8-10

Responsorial Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-30

Gospel: Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21

Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will take place on 7 consecutive Mondays **from February 14th to March 28th at 8 p.m.** Cost: \$100 per couple. To register, please call the parish office.

Marriage Preparation Course for couples where one or both partners were previously married is facilitated by Catholic Family Services. Contact www.cfstoronto.com to register.

Bible Contest for Children



Children ages 8-14 are invited to take part in a Bible contest entitled "Parables as Comic Strips." Your task is to choose one of the parables listed below, write a creative continuation of the story (what happens to the character(s) after the Biblical parable ends), and present it in the form of a comic strip.

All entries should be the size of ½ of a bristol board, consist of minimum 6 comics, with text either in English or in Polish.



Complete work should be submitted to the sacristy or to the parish office by February 13. There are diplomas and prizes for all participants, and they will be presented on Sunday, February 20, at the 1 p.m. Mass.

Parables to choose from:

- The sower - Mt 13:1-23
- The weed - Mt 13:24-30
- The mustard grain and leaven - Mt 13:31-43
- The treasure and the pearl - Mt 13:44-46
- The net - Mt 13:47-52
- The tenants - Mark 12:1-12
- The lost sheep - Luke 15:1-7
- The lost coin - Luke 15:8-10
- The prodigal son - Luke 15:11-32
- The good Samaritan - Luke 10:30-37

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Thalea Ela-Rose Brown,
daughter of Agnieszka & Donovan

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

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.

EUCARIST / 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.

– 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.

Change of Address

If your address or phone number has changed, please call the parish office to update your file.

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!**

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.



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.

Calendar of Saints

Jan. 24th • Saint Francis de Sales was one of the principal leaders of the Catholic Reformation.

Jan. 25th • The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle was a turning point in the history of the early Church.

Jan. 26th • Saint Timothy and Saint Titus were disciples of Saint Paul, and Paul's letters to them are found in the New Testament.

Jan. 27th • Saint Angela Merici developed a way of life or a Rule based on her experience as a single lay woman.

Jan. 28th • Saint Thomas Aquinas is a Doctor of the Church whose intellect and insights have had a profound influence on the Church.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, January 24th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Trychala (13th anniv.) – wife and son with family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Ewa Grabowski (15th anniv.) – daughter
○ Intention known to God

TUESDAY, January 25th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Jadwiga Boryczka – daughter-in-law with children
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For the grace of healing for Jakub
○ For Mother Mary's protection and health for children and grandchildren of the Siuda family

WEDNESDAY, January 26th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Grzeskiewicz – sister-in-law with family
✠ Jozefa & Jan Przydatek and parents on both sides – daughter
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, January 27th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimierz Dabrowski – wife and children
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslaw Kmiec (6th anniv.) – sister Celina with family
○ For God's blessing for children, grandchildren, and granddaughter – parents and grandmother

FRIDAY, January 28th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Bronislaw Mazurkiewicz, Ewa Mazurkiewicz, Wawrzyniec, Edward, and Zofia Klikuszewski – family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's continued blessing for Maria & Jerzy on their 44th wedding anniversary
○ For God's blessing and grace for Andrzej & Alicja – parents

SATURDAY, January 29th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Members of the Cwalinski, Grzymala, and Bogumil families – family
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslaw & Stanislaw Szutka – daughter with family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for daughter

SUNDAY, January 30th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Alicja Malek
- 9³⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Paulina on her 18th birthday and for Mother Mary's protection for the Pacheco family
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Monika & Gabriel on their 15th wedding anniversary and for God's continued grace for them and their children
- 14³⁰ ✠ Members of the Rudzikowski family – Leszek
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Aleksandra, Franciszek, Maria, and Jan Jedrusiak