



Reflection

The people of Nazareth knew Jesus – he was Joseph’s son. He spoke so well, this hometown boy! But Jesus’ message fell on deaf ears. Their eyes did not “see” Jesus for who he was, nor did their hearts respond to his mercy. They could not accept him as the healer, Saviour and Messiah that he said he was.

Truth is always challenging. The pride and self-righteousness of the people of Nazareth prevented them from understanding who Jesus was. Instead of accepting Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, they attempted to murder him by throwing him off a cliff.

Are we like the crowds that followed Jesus, hungry to know him as their healer and redeemer, or are we like the people of Nazareth? Do we come to Mass week after week trusting in our own opinions of Jesus, proud that we belong to his Church, seeing but not perceiving him, and hearing his word but not integrating it into our lives?

Today Jesus is present at Mass just as he was in the synagogue at Nazareth. What will we do with Jesus? Will we, too, try to toss him off a cliff outside of church because his words are inconvenient and uncomfortable? Or will we humbly and hungrily follow him as he walks through our midst and continues on his way?

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Presentation of the Lord February 2nd

Forty days after Christmas, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This is in remembrance of Mary and Joseph offering their firstborn son, Jesus, in the temple of Jerusalem. Prior to 1969, this day was known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After the Second Vatican Council, the name was changed to show the Christocentric significance of the ceremony.

In the Polish tradition, this day is also known as Candlemas Day (Matki Bożej Gromnicznej); the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world.

February 2nd is also the Day of Consecrated Life. Priests and religious, like Jesus in the Jerusalem Temple, offer their lives for the sole service of God.

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, Feb. 3rd
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, Feb. 4th
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses

First Saturday of the month, Feb. 5th
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, Feb. 6th
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

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.

Confirmation for Adults

Adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic faith but have not received the sacrament of confirmation may contact the parish office to sign up for a short preparation course. This sacrament fully initiates an adult into the Church and is required if one wishes to act as a godparent or enter into the sacrament of marriage.

Faithful Departed



The following parishioners passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

- ✠ Sebastian Patkowski, 36
- ✠ Ewa Koriacki, 55
- ✠ Irena Drozd, 59
- ✠ Marek Rum, 69
- ✠ Boleslaw Walega, 71
- ✠ Bogumila (73) & Bronislaw (79) Komonski
- ✠ Teresa Nowomiejska, 73
- ✠ Anthony Pasiak, 74
- ✠ Marianna Waclawska, 75
- ✠ Teodor Czyzo, 76
- ✠ Edward Romasz, 77
- ✠ Stanislaw Wroblewski, 82
- ✠ Antonina Nowak, 86
- ✠ Stanislaw Gibner, 90
- ✠ Bronislaw Dlugopolska, 96
- ✠ Marianna Tworz, 96

Bible Contest for Children



Children ages 7-14 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 characters(s) after the Biblical parable ends), and present it in the form of a comic strip.

All entries should be the size of 1/2 of a bristol board, consist of minimum 6 comics, with text either in English or in Polish. Remember to include your full name and your parent’s phone number on the back of your work.

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

– 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.

2021 Income Tax Receipts



We are in the process of preparing income tax receipts for contributions of \$50 or more. They will be mailed out around February 15.

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!**

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 AIAnon.

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. 31st • Saint John Bosco was a thoughtful man whose teaching was motivated by charity and gentleness.

Feb. 3rd • Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor who eventually became a “physician of souls”. **Saint Ansgar** is the patron of Denmark, Germany, and Iceland. He is known for his charity and sanctity.

Feb. 5th • Saint Agatha is a patron of miners, alpine guides, nurses, and breast cancer patients.

Feb. 6th • Saint Paul Miki and the 25 companions who died with him were canonized in 1862.

Rosary intention for February

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage. May they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, January 31st

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Mieczyslaw Koza (16th anniv.) – daughter Barbara
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Anna & Zdzislaw Wozniak – granddaughter with family
 - For the gift of healing for Beata Mitianiec

TUESDAY, February 1st

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz Zaczek – daughter
- 10⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Kolbe Seniors Club
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for the Baran family – Marek

WEDNESDAY, February 2nd

The Presentation of the Lord

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased members of the Kawa, Rzepa, Sopinski, and Szwedowicz families – Malgorzata
- ✠ Stefania & Jan Borowiec – son with family
- 10⁰⁰ ✠ Maria Targonska – daughter with family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ No Group Intentions

THURSDAY, February 3rd

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Lidia Nowotniak – sister with family
 - Intention known to God – Lech
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for all priests and religious – Gold Rose Apostolate

FRIDAY, February 4th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Czeslawa Kulina-Lyzwa (anni.) and members of the Kulina, Lyzwa, and Blaszczyk families – sons with family
- 10⁰⁰ ✠ Teofila & Stanislaw Bienasz – son with family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God’s continued blessing, Mother Mary’s protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Daniel on his 12th birthday – mother

SATURDAY, February 5th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Holy Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Marianna & Stanislaw Kowalczyk and Joanna Kowalczyk
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For health, God’s blessing, and peace in the Lapinski family – mother

SUNDAY, February 6th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Holy Rosary Family
- 9³⁰ ○ For healing for Maciej
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Marian Cisko (4th anniv.) – wife and children
- 14³⁰ ○ For God’s continued protection for Boleslawa on her 95th birthday – children and grandchildren
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Anna & Jan Dusza and members of the Dusza family – son with family

Parish Website
www.kolbe.ca