



Reflection

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus repeatedly overturns our comforting expectations. This Sunday, Jesus tells us that the poor, the hungry, and those who weep are blessed, but woe to those who are rich, well-fed, and laughing. "Woe to you when all speak well of you." Jesus is not laying down moral principles here; he is speaking directly to me.

This is not what I want to hear on a cold Sunday in February. The winter has been long, and I am anxious for spring to arrive. I am glad to have a warm home, good food, and good company, but I still want more. I always want more of the good things of life. But Jesus says, "You have received your consolation."

In two and a half weeks, Lent will begin. My goal for this season should be to go deeper than prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. While essential, those are externals. Rather, such practices should help me grow more deeply into Christ.

My solidarity with Jesus includes a solidarity with the poor, the hungering, and the sorrowful. Solidarity means more than a feeling of unity in my heart; it means that I, in some way, experience what the marginal ones are experiencing. Ascetic practices can nurture that experience. Better still is to have an encounter with those who suffer. Through this encounter, February will become spring.

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New Pastoral



newpastoral.net

New Pastoral is an at-home formation program intended for small groups of family and friends. It is currently offered in Polish and in French. More information can be found in the Polish bulletin or at:

- kolbe.ca
- newpastoral.net

In preparation for the launch of the formation program, we invite you to join us for silent prayer and vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, from Monday to Friday after the evening Mass.

Marriage Preparation Course

An in-person Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married starts this Monday, **February 14th at 8 p.m.** in the parish hall. Attendance at all meetings is mandatory.

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.

Polish Donuts

Jubilee 2000 Children's Choir is serving donuts this Sunday after Mass in the parish hall.

Bible Contest for Children

Just a reminder to all the children taking part in the Bible contest entitled "Parables as Comic Strips." The deadline for submitting your comic strips is this **Sunday, 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.

2021 Income Tax Receipts



Income tax receipts for contributions of \$50 or more have been mailed out. Look for them in your mailbox. Individuals who made their offering on-line will receive income tax receipts directly from the Archdiocese of Toronto.

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.

Offertory Envelopes for 2022

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



Please 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

• St. Maximilian Kolbe 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 are 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.

Calendar of Saints

Feb. 14th • Saints Cyril and Methodius are sometimes referred to as the Apostles of the Slavs.

Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love." Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome. In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him. However, the Church still recognizes him as a saint, listing him in the February 14 spot of Roman Martyrology. St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, beekeepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travellers, and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses and his feast day is celebrated on February 14.

Feb. 17th • The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order decided to dedicate themselves to lives of prayer and service after being inspired by visions of Our Lady.

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.

Parish Website
www.kolbe.ca

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, February 14th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For Mother Mary's protection and needed grace for Kazimiera on her birthday
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Wojtowicz – sister
✠ Rozalia Gabiga – husband and children

TUESDAY, February 15th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's blessing and continued protection for Irena
19⁰⁰ ✠ Felicja & Piotr Bera and Edward Bajon – brothers and family
○ For God's blessing for Justin on his 38th birthday – parents

WEDNESDAY, February 16th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's continued blessing for Maciej
○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for the Wojna family
19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, February 17th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Rozalia, Adam and Stanislaw – sister with family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Elzbieta & Antoni Drobiecki – family
○ For healing for Izabela Rowska-Burza

FRIDAY, February 18th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimierz Rozanski and deceased family members – son with family
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for children – Jan Kuc
✠ Leopold Wasilewski (1st anniv.) – Janina

SATURDAY, February 19th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Julianna & Jozef Tryniecki and members of the Tryniecki, Zaba, Durakiewicz, and Jurczak families
17⁰⁰ ✠ Bronislawa Szuber – son with family
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for Mother Mary's protection for Zuzanna on her 90th birthday

SUNDAY, February 20th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslawa & Ludwik Tomaszewski – children and grandchildren
9³⁰ ✠ Members of the Naranowicz, Abramowicz, Dobrzanski, Crossman, and Bigatti-Ferreira families – Ryszard & June Naranowicz
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Wieslawa Machowska (6th anniv.) – daughter Aneta with family
14³⁰ ✠ Jacek & Helena Zaszewski and grandparents of the Zaszewski and Swiat families
19⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia & Henryk Kaczmarczyk and Kazimiera & Zenon Kozlowski

First Reading: Jeremiah 17.5-8

Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6.17, 20-26