



Reflection

“Lent is a time for us to turn our hearts to God. It can be a time of prayer and personal sacrifice, practices that remind us of Jesus’ time in the desert, and ultimately his death on the cross. These practices also help us to discern the will of the Father at work in our lives.

Our intention to follow Christ must be genuine and not superficial. In today’s second reading Paul writes to the Philippians, criticizing those who appear righteous in following the laws but ultimately lack a moral compass. Paul offers hope, promising that human weakness will be “conformed to the body of [Christ’s] glory.” He encourages the Philippians to imitate him and others who follow Christ: “Stand firm, my beloved, in the Lord.” Paul’s own devoted imitation of Christ can be for us a wonderful model of a good Christian.

In the Gospel, we see Jesus going up the mountain to pray. As he is transfigured, we learn that Jesus is following the will of the Father: “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” We are children of God, and God is pleased whenever we follow his will to the best of our ability. If we are faithful, we will, like Jesus, rise to be with him in the time to come.

Michael Finoro; Guelph, ON

First Reading: Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18

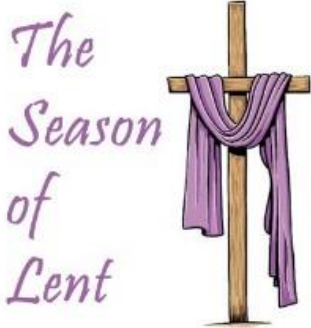
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 3.17 – 4.1

Gospel: Luke 9.28b-36

Second Collection

- March 13 – Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief
 - March 20 – Building Fund
 - March 27 – Share Life
- Thank you for your generosity.



Lenten Lamentations

Come grow with us in prayer and reflect on Christ’s passion during Lenten Lamentations each Sunday of Lent at 6 p.m. (in Polish)

Stations of the Cross

- Mondays at 6:30 p.m. for children
- Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in English
- Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in Polish

Parish Groups responsible for leading the Stations of the Cross:

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| Tue. | Mar. 15 | Knights of Columbus |
| Fri. | Mar. 18 | Domestic Church |
| Tue. | Mar. 22 | Families of John Paul II |
| Fri. | Mar. 25 | Krucjata Wyzwolenia Człowieka |
| Tue. | Mar. 29 | Fr. Mariusz Bosek (in Polish) |
| Fri. | Apr. 1 | Korona Pasyjna |
| Tue. | Apr. 5 | Oblate Youth |
| Fri. | Apr. 8 | Gold Rose Apostolate |

Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief

Ukraine has been plunged into war after the Russian military invaded the country last week, resulting in widespread violence and a looming humanitarian crisis. In response to the request of parishioners, the Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time.

If you would like to contribute, you may do so in the following ways:

- Today during the second collection;
- Online through the parish website: www.kolbe.ca. In the “note” section, please write: **Ukraine**;
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: **St. Maximilian Kolbe Church**. In the “memo” line, please write: **Ukraine**.

Please continue to pray for the Ukrainian people and all those who suffer under the human tragedy of war.

Plenary Indulgence during Lent

During Lent, plenary indulgence under regular conditions may be obtained by participating in the Stations of the Cross or Lenten Lamentations, as well as by praying “It is I, o good and most sweet Jesus” on each Friday of Lent.



Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites all parishioners to join 40 Days for Life – a global prayer campaign to defend the lives of unborn children. In our parish, this campaign takes the form of silent prayer in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration and runs for the duration of Lent. We strongly encourage the entire parish to join us in praying to save the lives of unborn children. All that is needed is an hour of your time.

Spiritual Adoption of the Conceived Child



Spiritual Adoption of the Conceived Child will take place at the 7 p.m. Mass on Friday, March 25th – the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

What is Spiritual Adoption? It is a prayer for a conceived child whose life is threatened with abortion. It lasts nine months and involves praying one decade of the Holy Rosary and a short prayer for the child and the child’s parents. Please join us and help save many lives from abortion. Application forms are available in the church hallway and foyer leading up to the chapel. Please drop off your filled out application into a basket so that we can add your name to a special Book of Spiritual Adoption. For more information call Krystyna at (905) 897-0550 or visit <http://www.duchowaadopcja.info/>

Book of Sobriety

Lent is a wonderful opportunity to take up abstinence from alcohol. The Church calls us to individual and community prayer for sobriety, so that there are no more people and families among us who suffer from alcohol, smoking, and drug addictions. A Book of Sobriety is placed beside the Altar of Relics. Individuals and families are encouraged to sign their names as a pledge to take up abstinence during Lent.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Lucas Alexander Dougall,
son of Caroline & Alexander

We welcome Lucas to our Church community and congratulate his parents and Godparents.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bp. Ivan Camilleri will bestow the sacrament of confirmation on our youth on Saturday, March 26 at 4 p.m. (There will be no Mass at 5 p.m.)

Sacrament of Eucharist

First Communion dates are as follows:

May 7 at 4 p.m. in English
Ms. Victoria’s class

May 8 at 2:30 p.m. in Polish
Ms. Eva’s and Ms. Magda’s class

May 14 at 4 p.m. in English
Ms. Veronica’s class

May 15 at 2:30 p.m. in Polish
Ms. Teresa’s and Ms. Caroline’s class

May 22 at 2:30 p.m. in Polish
Sister Halina’s class

Easter Greeting Cards

Easter Greeting Cards (in Polish) are available for purchase this Sunday. All proceeds will support the initiatives of the Jubilee 2000 Children’s Choir.

Coffee and Donuts

Knights of Columbus are selling donuts after each Sunday Mass. Coffee is also available, with all proceeds going towards the Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief.

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.

Polish Credit Union

St. Stanislaus-St. Casimir’s Polish Credit union has opened a new branch in Milton at 377 Main Street East. Stop by if you are in the community! Branch hours: Mon. – Fri., 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tel. (905) 272-1260 www.polcu.com

Our Church is Open

On March 1, 2022, capacity limits and physical distancing requirements were lifted for places of worship in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Please note that masks are still mandatory. Cardinal Collins writes: “The Eucharist remains the source and summit of our life in Christ. For Christians, participation in the Sunday Eucharist is the central experience of the week, and that is the foundation for the obligation of every Catholic to be personally present at Mass every Sunday. Of course, if there is a legitimate reason (such as being sick) this obligation does not apply.”

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.

Parish Website
www.kolbe.ca

Calendar of Saints

March 17th • Saint Patrick was known for evangelizing the Irish.

March 18th • Saint Cyril contributed greatly to the theological understanding of the early Church.

March 19th • Saint Joseph is the principal patron of Canada, patron of the Universal Church, and a model of faithfulness.

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

A Lenten Prayer

Look with favor, Lord,
on your household.
Grant that,
though our flesh be humbled
by abstinence from food,
our souls, hungering after you,
may be resplendent in your sight.

- Pope Pius V

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, March 14th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For the conversion of daughter Natalia and all sinners
- 18³⁰ Stations of the Cross for Children
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For health, God’s blessing and Mother Mary’s protection for Helena Ciesla on her birthday – children
- ✚ Jozef Mendela – wife, daughter, family

TUESDAY, March 15th

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Aniela & Wojciech Gawron – daughter-in-law
- 18³⁰ Stations of the Cross in English
- 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for the gifts of the Holy Spirit for children: Weronika, Marcin, and Daniel
- ✚ Andrzej Sapelak – daughter and family

WEDNESDAY, March 16th

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Parents Marianna & Jan, brother Jan Swieczkowski, Wladyslawa & Jozef Jez – family
- ✚ Ryszard Michalec and family members – sister
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, March 17th

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Mieczyslaw & Genowefa Lewicki – son
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Wladyslaw Bienka (12th anniv.)
- ✚ Souls in purgatory

FRIDAY, March 18th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For health, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and Mother Mary’s protection for grandchildren – grandparents
- 18³⁰ Stations of the Cross in Polish
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Eugenia & Walerian Poleszuk – daughter and family
- ✚ Alicja Lewandowski (4th anniv.)

SATURDAY, March 19th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for St. Joseph’s protection for the Rogala family
- 17⁰⁰ ✚ Maria & Jozef Jemiolo – daughters and families
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Jerzy Fiwek (3rd anniv.) – daughter Beata and son Jerzy and families

SUNDAY, March 20th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for gifts of the Holy Spirit for Tammy & Jennifer – mother
- 9³⁰ ✚ Helena & Boleslaw Golojuch – daughter and family
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✚ Andrzej Socha & Jozef Ostrowski
- 14³⁰ ○ For health and God’s blessing for Katarzyna & Jan and their family
- 18⁰⁰ Lenten Lamentations
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Stanislaw Wroblewski – wife and children