



Reflection

On the evening of Palm Sunday two years ago, my elderly mother called to tell me that she felt very unwell. Over the next weeks she suffered her own “passion” until her death on Mother’s Day. We are each assigned our own passion, our own “Way of the Cross” in one way or another.

Today’s readings give us a practice run through the passion drama(s) of our own lives in the company of Jesus. At the beginning of Mass, we are invited to take up our palms and join in the procession of ages – to celebrate all that is good, with overflowing faithfulness and spontaneous joy. Then we are plunged into the depths of Jesus’ Passion. The long Gospel narrative underscores the steps of his suffering and our own: final moments of fellowship, then solitude, and finally the heartache and injustice of a life suddenly cut short by death. But this story is meant to encourage us as we enter into Holy Week (and all weeks that are “holy”): in the end, Jesus rises from the dead and gifts us with life and the Holy Spirit.

As we receive Jesus in Holy Communion today, let us recall that we are receiving our Redeemer’s own strength to endure all sufferings and to rise again with him in Easter glory.

Beverly Illauq; Kemptville, ON

Gospel: Luke 19.28-40

First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

Responsorial Psalm:

*My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?*

Second Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Luke 22.14 – 23.56

Second Collection

April 15 – Holy Land

April 23/24 – Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity.

EASTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Program

Easter Program is available for pick-up from the church hall. Please take one home.

Flowers for the Tomb

If you would like to help us decorate the Lord’s tomb, we will gladly accept **potted tulips** (various colours), **potted irises** (purple), or **monetary donation**. These can be dropped off at the parish office **from April 11th to 13th**. Thank you for your contribution.

Lenten Confession

Monday, April 11 at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 13 at 6 p.m.

There will be no confession
from April 14 to April 18, 2022.

Blessing of Easter Food

Holy Saturday, April 16
9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

in the parish hall & at the John Paul II Centre

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation on Holy Saturday.

Anna Julia Gaj-Jabłońska

Artur Kosarga

Julian Cameron Przybylski

Olivia Victoria Pietraszko

Sonia Maria Savalanpour

Tyler Noel McGuffin

It is with great joy that we welcome them and thank God for their presence which renews and strengthens our community.

THANK YOU to our dedicated RCIA catechists who devoted their time and effort to prepare the catechumens and candidates: **Fr. Marcin Serwin, Fr. Bogdan Osiecki, S. Halina Pierozak, Wojciech Opala, Gabriela and Michal Kasprzak, and Justyna Armatowicz**. Thank you for sharing your talents with our parish community.

Mass of the Resurrection

Sunday, April 17 at 6 a.m.
All parish groups are asked to take part in the procession and Mass.

– THIS WEEKEND –

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Bence Peter Campana,
son of Anna & Matthew

Michael Poznanski,
son of Angelika & Piotr

Robert Kubicki,
son of Margaret & Kamil

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

Donuts

Radosc-Joy is selling lots of goodies this Sunday: coffee, donuts, crêpes, kroiety, Easter lambs (cakes), head wreaths, and more.

“Christ is Risen” Signs

Again this **Sunday, April 10**, Knights of Columbus are selling “Christ is Risen” lawn signs. All proceeds will help support orphanages in Poland.

Food Drive

Knights of Columbus are asking for food donations in support of those in need in our community. **This weekend only**, non-perishable food items can be dropped off inside the entrance to the church. The following are in high demand: rice, pasta, coffee, and all kinds of canned goods (meat, soup, vegetables, fruits). **No expired food, please!**

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.

Rosary Intention for April

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries. May they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

– COMING UP –

Meetings

Lay Franciscans

Sunday, April 10 at 2 p.m.
in Brother Anthony Room

Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, April 12 at 7:45 p.m.
in the John Paul II Cultural Centre

Annual Church Cleaning

As we’re getting ready for Easter, we want to make sure our church is spotless for the holidays. Please join us for the Annual Church Cleaning on **Tuesday, April 12 at 6 p.m.** Bring your whole family and invite your friends. There’s lots to do for everyone! High school students can receive volunteer hours required for their high school diploma.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On **Tuesday, April 12 at 8 p.m.** 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.

Pilgrimage to Wilno

Conference of Polish Priests for Eastern Canada is organizing a pilgrimage to Wilno on **Saturday, April 23** on the occasion of the Feast of the Divine Mercy. The celebrant and homilist will be Fr. Alfred Grzempa, Provincial of Missionary Oblates. Please note that no food will be available for purchase in the parish hall of St. Mary’s church, so everyone must bring their own.

Radio Maria Banquet

Easter Banquet in support of Radio Maria will be held on **Sunday, April 24** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. and banquet will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets at \$60 are available from:

Health from Nature Store (416) 532-9805

Something Special Store (905) 629-2347

Polish Cultural Centre (905) 306-9900

Joanna Szydłowska (905) 818-1040

Joanna Strzeżek (905) 845-3553

Jubilee Celebration

Sister Halina Pierozak MChR is celebrating the 25th anniversary of religious life. Holy Mass in the intention of S. Halina will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 18 at 7 p.m.** Parishioners wishing to take part in a small banquet are asked to contact the parish office no later than April 24, 2022.

– OTHER NEWS –

Parish Office

Parish Office will be closed
from April 14 to April 18 inclusive.

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. 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.”

Baptism at Our Parish

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. Godparents must meet the criteria of Canon 874 (1): be at least 16 years old; be fully initiated into the Catholic Church; be in good standing with the Church (not married outside of the Church and not cohabitating). For more information and to obtain a registration form, please e-mail the parish office at kolbeizabela@gmail.com.

ShareLife

ShareLife agencies need our support

The LA Centre for Active Living is a ShareLife-funded that agency that helps seniors. Here’s how your support of ShareLife is enabling their lifesaving work:

“This pandemic has had a big impact on the world, revealing new needs in our communities, and it through ShareLife’s support that we have been able to provide prepared meals and pantry goods every week to our members through our food delivery program. Your support is invaluable, and we cannot thank you enough!”

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

Intentions for Wednesday Mass

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

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

April 11th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Leon Antkowiak (19th anniv.) – daughter and family
✚ Waclaw Torbicki (12th anniv.) – wife
✚ Stanislaw Wojna and members of the Wojna family – brother and family
○ For God’s blessing and health for the family of Piotr and Maria and their son Jan

18⁰⁰ *Lenten Confession*

TUESDAY

April 12th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Parents: Rozalia & Tomasz Padewski and Maria & Marian Olszanski
✚ Wawrzyniec & Weronika Kuziora and Tomasz & Aniela Koczwara – daughter Katarzyna and family
○ For God’s blessing and health for Czeslawa Janik on her 83rd birthday – daughter and family
✚ Marian Gajewski – wife

18⁰⁰ *Church Cleaning*

WEDNESDAY

April 13th

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s grace for Sandra on her birthday – parents
✚ Eugenia & Lucjan Perkowski – daughter and family
✚ Rozalia Lizon (20th anniv.) – son and family
✚ Celina & Antoni Motyczynski

18⁰⁰ *Lenten Confession*

HOLY THURSDAY

April 14th

18⁰⁰ Mass of the Lord’s Supper (English)
20⁰⁰ Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Polish)

GOOD FRIDAY

April 15th

8⁰⁰ *Stations of the Cross (Polish)*
14⁰⁰ Good Friday Liturgy (Polish)
16⁰⁰ Good Friday Liturgy (English)
18⁰⁰ Good Friday Liturgy (Polish)
20⁰⁰ Good Friday Liturgy (Polish)

HOLY SATURDAY

April 16th

20⁰⁰ Easter Vigil (Bilingual)

EASTER SUNDAY

April 17th

6⁰⁰ ✚ Kazimiera Kedzia (7th anniv.) – Krystyna and Adam
8⁰⁰ ✚ Aleksander Wroblewski (1st anniv.) – wife
9³⁰ ✚ Maria & Jozef Bajon – daughter and family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✚ Marianna & Piotr Zajkowski, Helena, Jozef, Waldemar, and Wieslaw Miastkowski and family members
14³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Anna & Slawomir Tomala on their 20th wedding anniversary and for God’s grace and Mary’s protection for them and their family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Monika Filipek (2nd anniv.) – mother and family