



Reflection

Mary Magdalena stood weeping at the tomb where the body of Jesus had been placed. She needed to be there – in fact, she went twice – just as she had needed to stand at the foot of the cross with his mother as he died. Her loss was greater, and her sorrow was deeper than any fear that she might be arrested for being his follower.

And then, Easter! Mary Magdalena was the first to experience Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. He commissioned her to be an evangelist to his Apostles – the bearer of good news – so they could share the truth of Jesus Christ, Son of God, with all people to the ends of the earth. That same good news is now entrusted to each one of us, to share with the people in our lives.

The Scriptures and prayers of the 50 days of Easter are rich and strong. The Gospels offer the challenges of living each day as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, who came to show us the Way. God's great love for each and every person has no expiry date. God our Creator, our Redeemer and our Sustainer never tires of holding us in life and love. This is the wonder of Easter. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Marilyn Sweet; Halifax, NS

First Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm:
*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

Second Reading: Colossians 3.1-4
or 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8

Gospel: John 20.1-18

Second Collection

April 23/24 – Building Fund
April 30/May 1 – Share Life
Thank you for your generosity.

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Today we gather for the most important Christian celebration – the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. A warm and friendly welcome to all our parishioners and guests from near and far. May Christ fill our hearts with love, joy, hope, and strength for everyday victories.

Easter Monday Mass Schedule

- 8 a.m. in Polish
- 9:30 a.m. in English
- 11 a.m. in Polish
- 1 p.m. in Polish
- 7 p.m. in Polish

Smigus-Dyngus

On **Easter Monday**, after the 1 p.m. Mass, children of all ages are invited for Smigus-Dyngus. Bring your spray bottles and buckets, and let's have some fun. :)

Parish Office

Parish office will reopen on Tuesday, April 19 at 9 a.m.

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.

Thank You

Thank you to all parishioners who contributed potted plants or monies to help decorate the Lord's tomb. Your generous support is much appreciated.

Also, thank you to Polish Scouts and all other volunteers who helped clean the church for Easter. God bless you all!

Divine Mercy Sunday

Next **Sunday, April 24** the Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy. Let us prepare for this important day by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and practicing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

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 Szydlowska (905) 819-1040
- Joanna Strzezek (905) 845-3553

Meeting for Parents of First Communion Children

Final meeting for parents of children who will receive First Holy Communion in May will take place on **Sunday, May 1 at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. This is an important organizational meeting. Attendance is absolutely mandatory.

Jubilee Celebration

Sister Halina Pierożak MChR is celebrating the 25th anniversary of religious life. Holy Mass in the intention of Sister Halina will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 28 at 7 p.m.** Parishioners wishing to take part in a banquet are asked to contact the parish office no later than April 24, 2022.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for the following couples as they prepare for Holy Matrimony:

Dominika Seczyk,
daughter of Joanna & Leszek
& Sebastian Valle,
son Anna & Jose

Victoria Campana,
daughter of Ida & Peter
& Brad Craddock,
son of Mary & Jacob

Prianka Kaur,
daughter of Surjit & Dharminder
& Kamil Kaganek,
son of Magdalena & Mariusz

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. 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.

RECONCILIATION

Confession takes place 30 minutes before each Mass. No registration is required.

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. 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. For more information, please e-mail the parish office at kolbemagda@gmail.com.

ANointing of the Sick

- Please contact the parish office if you or your loved one require a home visit from a priest.
- A hospital chaplain – a Roman Catholic priest – is on-call 24 hours a day. To arrange a visit from a priest, please ask a nurse to call the priest on duty. Parish priests are currently not allowed to visit hospitals.

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."

SL ShareLife

ShareLife is making a difference

"Many aspects of pre-Covid life are returning, such as the gradual reopening of our parishes. But we must remember that, for many people, their suffering continues. ShareLife-funded agencies have been helping thousands of people since the pandemic began. They quickly adapted their programs in light of safety and the changing needs of the people they serve."
– Cardinal Thomas Collins

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!
The next ShareLife collection is May 1.

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.

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.



– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY	April 18th
8 ⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz Rembisz (3rd anniv.) – daughter Justyna and family	
9 ³⁰ ✠ Bronislawa & Antoni Szostek and souls in purgatory – daughter	
11 ⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Irena, Ewelina, and Kazimierz on their birthdays	
13 ⁰⁰ ✠ Janina Kielbowski, Marian Pietruszewski, and members of the Baczynski, Skocki, and Zmuda families	
○ For God's blessing and health for Teresa & Stefan Szczurek, their sons and families	
19 ⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz Szaran – wife and sons	
TUESDAY	April 19th
8 ⁰⁰ ✠ Piotr Borejko and members of the Borejko family – sisters and families	
19 ⁰⁰ ✠ Members of the Niznik, Mierzwa, and Bielarczyk families – Malgorzata and family	
○ For God's blessing and health for Katarzyna Iles on her 30 th birthday	
WEDNESDAY	April 20th
8 ⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia & Jan Sadowski – daughter and family	
✠ Jan Majkut	
19 ⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions	
THURSDAY	April 21st
8 ⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Kon	
19 ⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's blessing, Mother Mary's protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Sebastian on his 12 th birthday – father ✠ Szymon, Agnieszka, Kazimierz i Jan Styrzczula	
FRIDAY	April 22nd
8 ⁰⁰ ○ For Mother Mary's protection and health for Olga Puchta	
19 ⁰⁰ ✠ Jerzy Scieszka – wife and children	
SATURDAY	April 23rd
8 ⁰⁰ ✠ Aleksander Buczek – daughter and family	
17 ⁰⁰ ✠ Apolonia & Jan Klin – graddaughter Danuta	
19 ⁰⁰ ✠ Helena Tynus & Jozef Brynczka – sister and family	
SUNDAY	April 24th
8 ⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Natalia & Stefan Gajos, Siblings Irena, Zeneusz, Marian, Tadeusz, and their children Karol, Mariusz, and Janusz – Regina and family	
9 ³⁰ ✠ Marta & Jan Redel, Anna & Aleksander Studzinski, and family members – children	
11 ⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors	
13 ⁰⁰ ✠ Members of the Rogala & Dabrowski families	
14 ³⁰ ✠ Jan, Eugenia, Mieczyslaw Wiercinski – daughter Krystyna	
19 ⁰⁰ ✠ Leszek Piatkowski – wife and children	