



Reflection

As I reflected on today's Gospel, my first thought was, "Where was the man?" In all the Gospels, this is the only mention of Jesus writing. Maybe he was writing, "Where is the man?"

Ignoring the questions of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus bends down and writes a second time. His written words must be very powerful, because the woman's accusers begin to leave one at a time, until they have all left. This Gospel is a wonderful example of the power of the written word. Imitating this action of Jesus, we can make a big difference by our own writing when we see injustice, such as gender discriminating and racism, in our society today.

The kindness of Jesus toward this woman is also remarkable. He stays bent down as he looks up at her standing there. From this bent position Jesus, by his questions, encourages her to speak for herself. Jesus then replies with powerful words of forgiveness, respect, and love. These words must have filled her with relief, hope, and courage.

Today, the risen Christ speaks to each of us as well. We are encouraged to begin again, to experience forgiveness and great love. As we reflect on this tender reading, may we share this woman's feelings of joy and peace, knowing we too are greatly loved.

Joan Doyle; Charlottetown, PE

First Reading: Isaiah 43.16-21

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 3.8-14

Gospel: John 8.1-11

Second Collection

April 15 – Holy Land

April 23/24 – Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity.

The
Season
of
Lent



Easter Program

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

Lenten Retreat in English

Lenten Retreat in English continues this weekend. Fr. Peter Nowak OMI will preach at the Saturday, 5 p.m. and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Masses.

Lenten Retreat for Children

Thursday, April 7 – Saturday, April 9 at 7 p.m.

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:

Tue. Apr. 5 Oblate Youth
Fri. Apr. 8 Gold Rose Apostolate

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.

Mass of the Resurrection

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

Upcoming Devotion

First Thursday of the month, April 7th
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings

Holy Rosary Family

Thursday, April 7 after evening Mass in the church

Knights of Columbus

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

Flowers for the Tomb

If any parishioner 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 in the parish office **from April 11th to 13th**. Thank you for your contribution.

Extreme Way of the Cross

Extreme Way of the Cross will take place on **Friday, April 8**. It will leave St. Casimir's Church in Toronto after the 7 p.m. Mass and finish at St. Eugene de Mazenod Church in Brampton. The entire route – known as St. Joseph's – is almost 40 km and is walked in silence, individually or in very small groups. This is a wonderful opportunity for prayer and reflection, especially during Lent. For details and to register, please visit www.edk.org.pl or call the organizers at:

(647) 669-4744 (Ewa)
(647) 646-1006 (Andrzej)

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 our 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.

Pierogi

Oblate Youth is selling pierogi in the parish hall. Contactless payment now available.

Donuts

Holy Rosary Family is selling donuts after Sunday Mass.

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.**

"Christ is Risen" Signs

This Sunday, April 3, Knights of Columbus will be selling "Christ is Risen" lawn signs. All proceeds will help support orphanages in Poland.

Food Drive

Once again, **Knights of Columbus** are organizing an annual food drive in support of those in need in our local community. 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!** Food drive runs from April 3rd to 10th.

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.

Transportation to and from Wilno is being organized by the Holy Rosary Family. The cost is \$50 per person and registration is this Sunday in the parish hall. For more information, please call the organizers at:
(416) 799-2122 (Wiesława)
(905) 495-7035 (Teresa)

40 Days for Life

Kolbe Pro-Life 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. All that is needed is an hour of your time.

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.

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

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."

ShareLife

ShareLife agencies serve everyone

Today's Gospel shares the parable of the woman accused of adultery, a message of Our Lord's great love, forgiveness and respect for all people.

Likewise, ShareLife agencies are there to support the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our communities. ShareLife-funded social service agencies have an 'open intake policy' and provide help based on need – not on religion, lifestyle, gender or ethnicity.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

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.

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.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, April 4th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Zabielski – son with family
✠ Bronislaw Jastrzembski (2nd anniv.) – Katarzyna and family
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross for Children**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Tomasz Mycek & Maria Zych – family

TUESDAY, April 5th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria Antonik (7th anniv.) – son and family
10⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Kolbe Seniors Club
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross in English**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Helena & Andrzej Szutka – Helena and family

WEDNESDAY, April 6th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Karol & Maria Iglar – daughter and family
✠ Eddy, Katarzyna, Wladyslaw Niedziela and Walenty Siuda
19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, April 7th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Franciszek Bleka & Rev. Jan Chlebek – family
✠ Weronika & Boleslaw Gwiazdowski – son and daughter-in-law
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for all Priests and Religious – Gold Rose Apostolate

FRIDAY, April 8th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Julia, Franciszek, and family members
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross in Polish**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Lucjan Stachal & Wladyslaw Brzozowski – family
○ For God's blessing and health for the Kaczmarczyk & Babiarz families

SATURDAY, April 9th

8⁰⁰ ○ Intention known to God – Wiesława
17⁰⁰ ✠ Christopher Motyka – Wladyslawa Zeglinski
19⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Piechocka (1st anniv.) – daughter Agnieszka and family

SUNDAY, April 10th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna & Stanislaw Guzda – son and family
9³⁰ ✠ Sabina & Henryk Ziolkowski – Lucy Dworak and family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Krystyna & Dominik Nowacki – daughter and family
14³⁰ ✠ Alina Kozłowska (1st anniv.) – daughter and family
18⁰⁰ **Lenten Lamentations**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Son Karol Warych (1st anniv.) and members of the Warych & Kolodziejczak families – parents and brother