



## Reflection

### Christ is the Only Hope

It would be a great mistake to accuse John the Baptist of doubting the faith. Reading the Gospel from the perspective of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, at a time of general security and prosperity, the question asked by John the Baptist does not sound as dramatic as it would in his times. For it is, in fact, an extremely dramatic question: Has the time come? Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another? For John the Baptist, imprisoned and stripped, Jesus Christ is the last hope, the only hope. If He does not fulfill God's promises, John the Baptist's life will be wasted, he will have failed. Jesus' answer is deeply messianic. And it is certainly enough for John the Baptist.

*Lord Jesus Christ, raise me from my death. Tell me the Good News. You live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10  
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*Lord, come and save us.*  
**Second Reading:** James 5.7-10  
**Gospel:** Matthew 11.2-11

### Second Collection

December 17/18 – Building Fund  
 Thank you for your support.

### Available for Purchase

...in the parish hall and in the parish office:

- Parish Calendar for 2023 – \$5.00
- Christmas cards – \$1.75
- Christmas Wafers / Opłatki  
 Large pack (3 wafers) – \$2.50  
 Small pack (2 wafers) – \$1.50

## – THIS WEEKEND –

Today is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, or the Sunday of Joy. It is one of only two Sundays in the entire liturgical year when priests can celebrate the liturgy wearing a rose chasuble. This Sunday we light a pink candle on the Advent wreath.

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Kamila Wilde Kalinowski**, daughter of Juliet and Kamil will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate her parents and Godparents.

### Coffee and Donuts

This Sunday, coffee and donuts will be served by Kolbe ProLife.

### Formation Meeting for Parents

Formation meeting for parents of children preparing for the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation at our parish will take place this **Sunday, December 11 at 3:30 p.m.** in the church (in English) and in the parish hall (in Polish).

### Christmas Gift and a Warm Meal for Madagascar

This weekend, Friends of the Missions are organizing an Advent aid campaign for missions in Madagascar. Our gift of \$10, \$15, or \$30 will help the Malagasy people get through the tough months of drought and put a smile on a child's face. Your donation will help purchase Christmas gifts and hot meals for families in Madagascar.

## – DON'T MISS –

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On **Monday, December 12**, immediately after the evening Mass, 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.

### Wedding Anniversary Mass

**Friday, December 30 at 7 p.m.**

Please call the parish office if you wish to have your name added to the list of couples celebrating their wedding anniversary.

## – ADVENT RETREAT –

### ...FOR ADULTS

This weekend we begin the Advent retreat (in Polish), preached by Fr. Pawel Szlacheta OMI, a Missionary from Ukraine.

**Sunday, December 11**

Retreat Homily during Mass at:  
 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 7 p.m.

**Monday, December 12**

10 a.m. / 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 13**

10 a.m. / 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 14**

10 a.m. / 7 p.m.

### ...FOR YOUTH

Each Sunday of Advent at 7 p.m.  
 Mass in Polish / Homily in English

### ...FOR CHILDREN

*Rorate Caeli* and a mini retreat for children will take place this week, **December 15 – 17** at 7 p.m. Please bring a lantern.

## – IN PREPARATION – – FOR CHRISTMAS –

**Christmas Program is available in the hallway of the church. Please take one home.**

### Advent Confession

Monday, December 19, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
 Wednesday, December 21, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
 There will be no confession December 24-26.

### Poinsettias for the Manger

If you would like to help us decorate the Christmas Manger, please consider donating white or red poinsettias of any size. Plants can be dropped off at the sacristy or at the parish office during work hours. Thank you kindly.

### World Youth Day News

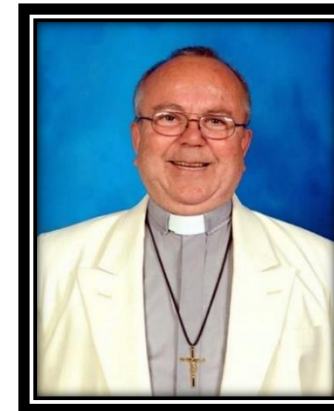
Registration for World Youth Day is now closed.

Fundraising initiatives:

- December 11 – Christmas candles and coffee/tea from mission countries
- December 18 – frozen pierogi
- Ongoing: empty alcohol containers may be dropped off by the garage on the west side of the parking lot.

## – IN MEMORIAM –

**Fr. Wilhelm Rozmyslowski OMI  
 June 20, 1939 – December 3, 2022**



The Rozmyslowski family was a typical rural family: it was large and patriotic, had a deep faith in God, and a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Wilhelm Rozmyslowski was born into this family on June 20, 1939. When WWII ended in 1945, he entered elementary school in Kujawy and graduated seven years later in Konary. He put his secondary education on hold for two years in order to help his parents run the family farm. It was during this time that he felt a call to priesthood, and in 1956, he entered the Oblate juniorate at Markowice. Three years later, he became a novice at Swiety Krzyz and a year later took up studies in philosophy and theology at the Oblate scholasticate in Obra. On June 30, 1966, Bishop Tadeusz Etter of Poznan ordained Wilhelm to the priesthood.

Fr. Wilhelm began his pastoral work in Lubliniec, but shortly after, in January 1967 set out for Canada. Together with two other priests, he was the first Oblate to leave Communist Poland after World War II. In Canada, Fr. Wilhelm served in many Oblate parishes: in Toronto, in Edmonton, in Winnipeg, and then again in Toronto. He spent 15 years at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish where he served as an associate pastor and was known for his patriotic homilies and as a great confessor. He could often be seen walking around the parking lot praying the rosary or feeding the local wildlife. Fr. Wilhelm lived out his senior years at Copernicus Lodge in Toronto. May he rest in peace.

### Pope's Rosary intention for December

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



**Holy Rosary will be led by Rose #1.**

## – ADORATION –

**Ten Surprising Effects of Frequent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**5. We discover that adoration is imprinted in our hearts**

Worship is addictive. Not only because of what we can gain for ourselves, but because we were made to adore God. As we say during each Mass, it is "worthy and just" – therefore, we should thank the Lord! Adoration is imprinted in our hearts, and "our hearts are restless until they rest in Him" (Thank you, Saint Augustine!)

## – OTHER –

### Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes for 2023 are arranged in alphabetical order in the parish hall and can be picked up today. Please check if the number on the label matches the number on the envelope. If there are any discrepancies, let the parish office know. Please do not use next year's enveloped this year.



### Group Intentions

Wednesday evening Mass with multiple intentions will resume in January 2023.

### Movie Screening

**Wyszyński: Revenge or Forgiveness**

This film tells the story of lieutenant Stefan Wyszynski, the future Primate of Poland. It is 1944. In the heat of war, we meet a young priest Wyszynski, who has recently been appointed chaplain of the Home Army (Kampinos group) and its insurgent hospital. In the face of war, he has to make difficult choices and answer the question of how to fight for hope and love, especially when facing the enemy.

Screening dates and times:

- **Friday, December 16, 7:30 p.m.**  
 St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Hamilton
- **Saturday, December 17, 4 p.m.**  
 St. Casimir's Church, Toronto
- **Sunday, December 18, 4 p.m.**  
 St. Maximilian Church, Mississauga

**Parish office will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> inclusive.**

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY December 12<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Tadeusz and Stanislaw Gawron  
 10<sup>00</sup> **Advent Retreat for Adults**  
 ✚ Artur and Nina Kazimiro, Zenon Brzezinski, Janusz Wisniewski, Jozef Kwiek  
 19<sup>00</sup> **Advent Retreat for Adults**  
 ○ For respect for life from conception to its natural end  
 ○ For God's blessing and health for daughter Justyna on her birthday  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

### TUESDAY December 13<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Henryka Bartczak  
 10<sup>00</sup> **Advent Retreat for Adults**  
 ○ For God's mercy for Mirosław, Aneta, and their families  
 19<sup>00</sup> **Advent Retreat for Adults**  
 ✚ Genowefa Niznik (11<sup>th</sup> annv.) – daughter and family  
 ✚ All deceased of the Wielgus and Luczak families – Diane Wielgus

### WEDNESDAY December 14<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's protection and health for Anna and Wladyslaw Szczech and their family  
 ✚ Albert and Weronika Janik  
 10<sup>00</sup> **Advent Retreat for Adults**  
 ✚ Stanislaw Wojtowicz  
 19<sup>00</sup> **Advent Retreat for Adults**  
 ✚ Maria and Jozef Jemiolo

### THURSDAY December 15<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Natalia, Michal, Adam Dec  
 19<sup>00</sup> **Rorate Caeli / Mini Retreat for Children**  
 ✚ Maria and Wincenty Kubisztal  
 ✚ All deceased of the Krawczyk and Slusarczyk families

### FRIDAY December 16<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Edward Kulina (10<sup>th</sup> anniv.)  
 19<sup>00</sup> **Rorate Caeli / Mini Retreat for Children**  
 ○ For gifts of the Holy Spirit for Ava Vincent on her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 ✚ All deceased of the Bialoszewski and Urbanowicz families

### SATURDAY December 17<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> **Rorate Caeli**  
 ✚ All deceased of the Pyrczak, Derwecki, Stankiewicz, and Puchta families  
 17<sup>00</sup> ✚ Anna Leczynska (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – daughter and family  
 19<sup>00</sup> **Rorate Caeli / Mini Retreat for Children**  
 ✚ Jan Kanty and Anna Dusza

### SUNDAY December 18<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Tadeusz Antonik (7<sup>th</sup> anniv.)  
 9<sup>30</sup> ✚ Jadwiga (31<sup>st</sup> anniv.)  
 11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
 13<sup>00</sup> ✚ Anna and Jozef Osadca and deceased family members – daughter  
 14<sup>30</sup> ✚ Janina Ogorek (7<sup>th</sup> anniv.)  
 18<sup>30</sup> **Advent Vespers**  
 19<sup>00</sup> **Advent Retreat for Youth**  
 ✚ Danuta Pisarek