



Reflection

The miracle of conversion

Jesus is a descendant of King David. God chose him even though he was the youngest of Jesse's sons. He was a good king – a shepherd of his people, although not free from sin.

Jesus is also a shepherd, but incomparably greater – God's Son, the King of kings. He was born not among the great in Jerusalem, but in poor Bethlehem; chose not a royal palace, but a stable for animals. His first guests were not the elite, but shepherds, despised by all and considered sinners.

What does this mean for us? Jesus knows that our hearts are more like a dirty stable than a clean palace. His coming into the world can be read as an expression not only of humility, but of love. This does not relieve us of the obligation to prepare for His coming, but rather it makes us aware that we will never be able to become saints by our own efforts. The shepherds of Bethlehem remained shepherds, yet a miracle of conversion took place in their hearts.

Lord Jesus, the shepherds returned to their homes joyful and transformed. You want to make this change in me too. Come into my heart. Amen.

First Reading: Numbers 6.22-27
Responsorial Psalm:
May God be gracious to us and bless us.
Second Reading: Galatians 4.4-7
Gospel: Luke 2.16-21

– PARISH NEWS –

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1

Of all the Marian feasts of the Church, this day dedicated to Mary, Mother of God, is the greatest. Drawing on scriptural and patristic sources, it celebrates Mary's role in the Incarnation and in redemption. In this way, her special relationship with her son is emphasized, and she is acknowledged as a model of the Church. This day is marked as a holy day of obligation in Canada.



Fr. Bogdan and Fr. Jan will be celebrating their birthdays on January 5th and January 8th respectively. Please join us in wishing them an abundance of God's blessing, grace, and guidance as they continue their ministry at our parish.

Oblate Retreat

From **January 9th to January 13th** all Oblates will be away on their annual retreat. Please pray for God's blessing and guidance for our priests during this time of retreat and renewal. **There will be no confession and no morning or evening Mass from Monday to Friday.**

Pope's Rosary intention for January

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Holy Rosary will be led by Rose #4.

– COMING UP –

Upcoming Devotions

- First Sunday of the month, January 1**
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.
- First Thursday of the month, January 5**
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.
- First Friday of the month, January 6**
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.
Confession starts at 6 p.m.
- First Saturday of the month, January 7**
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

Kolbe Seniors Club

Mass for all members of the Kolbe Seniors Club will be celebrated on **Tuesday, January 3 at 10 a.m.** Following Mass, there will be a meeting at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre.

Knights of Columbus

Christmas meeting and Oplatek for all Knights of Columbus will take place on **January 14, 2023, at 4 p.m.** in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Andrzej at (647) 529-4547.

Thank You So Much



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for organizing last year's Food Drive and to all parishioners who donated non-perishable food items. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Parish 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.

– OTHER –

Offertory Envelopes for 2023



Offertory envelopes for 2023 can be picked up from the parish hall. They are arranged in alphabetical order.

We kindly ask that you write your full name, address, and phone number on the first envelope in your set. This is important so as to avoid any potential errors.

Also, please do not use envelopes from previous years.

World Youth Day News



Youth are fundraising by collecting empty alcohol containers. These may be dropped off by the garage on the west side of the parking lot.

– ADORATION –

Ten Surprising Effects of Frequent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7. We realize how fortunate we are

If we are able to get in a car and drive to church for adoration, then we are one of the lucky ones. There are those who would like to spend more time with Jesus in adoration, but their illness or other circumstances do not allow them to do so.

There are also people in the world who risk a lot to partake in the Eucharist. They live in places where people are persecuted because of their faith. When we remember about those who, in situations of real danger, walk for hours or even whole days to meet Jesus, we understand what a great gift it is to be able to pray openly. We realize how fortunate we are to have access to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

– IN THE COMMUNITY –

Adult Day Program for Seniors



Copernicus
A place to call home

Adult Day Program at Copernicus Lodge is open and accepting new clients. This program provides respite to caregivers and offers seniors with much needed socialization through group activities, exercise and art classes, bingo, singalongs and more in both English and Polish. The program runs Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All staff are fully vaccinated and follow all infection prevention and control protocols. We also offer virtual programs for those who cannot participate in person. For more information, please contact us at 416-536-7122 ext. 223 or email adultstaff@copernicuslodge.com.

Radio Maryja Banquet

Radio Maryja Christmas Banquet will be held on **Sunday, January 8, 2023**, at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. and banquet will begin at 1 p.m. The event includes a hot meal prepared by Jan Gromada, a lottery, caroling, and a Christmas concert. Tickets at \$70 are available from:
Health from Nature Store (416) 532-9805
Something Special Store (905) 629-2347
Joanna Szydłowska (905) 819-1040
Joanna Strzeżek (905) 845-3553



Job Offer

The John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre is currently looking to hire a part-time and full-time worker. If you are interested, please contact the administrator at (905) 306-9900.

Parish Website
www.kolbe.ca

– MASS INTENTIONS –

- MONDAY January 2nd**
 - 8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria and Florian Wierzbicki – daughter
 - 19⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef Lech (34th anniv.) – daughter Barbara and family
 - ✠ Mieczyslaw Cisałowicz and Zofia Dul – Cisałowicz family
- TUESDAY January 3rd**
 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
 - 8⁰⁰ ✠ Members of the Kobylko, Szurgut, Stodolnik, Burzynski families
 - 10⁰⁰ ○ Members of the Kolbe Seniors Club
 - 19⁰⁰ ✠ Maria and Zdzisław Gorka – daughter and family
- WEDNESDAY January 4th**
 - 8⁰⁰ ✠ Mirosław Labieniec (24th anniv.) – wife and daughter
 - ✠ Alicja Malek – mother
 - 19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions
- THURSDAY January 5th**
 - 8⁰⁰ ✠ Stefania Lukaszek; Olga, Tadeusz, Bolesław Kaczmarek – daughter with husband and children
 - For God's blessing for Fr. Bogdan Osiecki on his birthday
 - 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for all priests and religious – Gold Rose Apostolate
- FRIDAY January 6th**
 - 8⁰⁰ ✠ Emilia Serwin – family
 - 10⁰⁰ ✠ Edward, Kazimiera, Tadeusz Studziński and family members – daughter and family
 - 19⁰⁰ ✠ Helena, Jan, Mateusz, Michał and members of the Masłowski family – John, Maria, and family
- SATURDAY January 7th**
 - 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
 - 17⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Marta and Tomasz Sawarski on their 5th wedding anniversary – mother
 - 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and health for Halina and Leszek Pikula on their 50th wedding anniversary – children
- SUNDAY January 8th**
 - Epiphany of the Lord**
 - 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Fr. Jan Kobzan on his birthday
 - 9³⁰ ○ For God's blessing and grace for Paul Raya
 - 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
 - 13⁰⁰ ✠ Edward Romasz – wife
 - 14³⁰ ✠ Apolonia and Zygmunt Trzeciakowski – daughter and family
 - 19⁰⁰ ✠ Maria and Waław Cieslikowski, Julia Baumgarter, Janina Kieda – daughter Krystyna Nawara