



Reflection

There are times in our lives when we may be called to pitch in, to join others in a task, and we'd rather not be asked. We're comfortable with the status quo; or we might not get along with some of the people involved; or we're being stretched beyond what we think are our limits. Should we let our fear and reluctance decide for us? Today's readings say no!

Both the first reading and the Gospel speak of a people being drawn from darkness to light, from death to life. What an apt image for the call of discipleship – Jesus calling his first followers from the darkness of their known lives into the light of discipleship in the kingdom. James and John overcame any fear or reluctance and trusted that God would give them whatever they needed to follow Jesus.

In the second reading, St. Paul urges us to put aside our differences and work collectively for the common good; otherwise, we will not be imitating Christ who is the centre of our existence. This is a challenging reminder to us in this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, for all Christians to be faithful to our baptismal vocation to proclaim the gospel with one voice, following Jesus without fear or reluctance. May we all answer yes when Jesus says, "Come, follow me."

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First Reading: Isaiah 9.1-4
Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18
Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23

– PARISH NEWS –

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 18 – 25, 2023

"Do good; seek justice" (cf Isaiah 1:12-17) is the theme for the 2023 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The week has been part of the Church calendar since 1896 when Pope Leo XIII set it as a perpetual observance. Numerous resources are available at <http://weekofprayer.ca>.

The Sacrament of Baptism



Through the sacrament of baptism, the following children will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community.

Isla Sandra Elizabeth Guthro,
daughter of Natalie and Daniel

Patryk Stachon-Grzesiczek,
son of Malgorzata i Dariusz

We congratulate their parents and Godparents.

Baptisms 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. Preparation course is mandatory for all parents and Godparents. Baptisms take place during Mass:

- on Saturday at 5 p.m. in English
- on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Polish

Godparents must meet all requirements outlined in Canon 874, paragraph 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)

2022 Income Tax Receipts



We are in the process of preparing income tax receipts for contributions of \$50 or more. They will be mailed out in February.

Coffee and Donuts

This Sunday, coffee and donuts will be served by Polonia Brass Band.

Holy Rosary

Rose #7 will lead the rosary this week.

– COMING UP –

Mothers Prayers

Mothers Prayers is a group of mothers who pray together for their children. They meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in St. Eugene room.

Visit of Bishop Piotr Turzynski

On Sunday, January 29, we will welcome to our parish Bishop Piotr Turzyński, delegate of the Polish Bishop's Conference for the Pastoral Care of Polish Emigration. He will preside over the 11 a.m. Eucharist.

Radosc-Joy Christmas Concert



Sunday, January 29 at 4 p.m.
in the Parish Hall

Tickets available Adults: \$15
at the door Children/Seniors: \$10

Second Collection

January 28/29

Building and Renovation Fund

Thank you for your support.

Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will take place on 7 consecutive Mondays from February 13th to March 27th at 8 p.m. Cost: \$100 per couple. To register, please call the parish office.

Marriage Preparation Course for couples where one or both partners were previously married is facilitated by Catholic Family Services at the Archdiocese of Toronto. Contact www.cfstoronto.com to register.

March Break Retreat



Youth Teams of Our Lady (YTOL) is inviting all high school students (grade 9-12) to a March Break Retreat from Sunday, March 12 to Friday, March 17. The retreat will take place at the Blue Springs Scout Reserve in Acton. For more information regarding the topic, registration process, and price of the retreat please contact Mrs. Anna Jach at (519) 571-9241.

– OTHER –

Change of Address

If your address or phone number has changed, please fill out a Change of Address Form (found in the hallway of the church) and place it in the collection basket on Sunday.

Offertory Envelopes for 2023

Offertory envelopes for 2023 are arranged in alphabetical order in the hallway of the church.

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.

PLEASE DO NOT USE ENVELOPES
FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!!!

Adoption of a Seminarian

The Holy Rosary Family and the Knights of the Immaculate adopted a seminarian in Cameroon. From the funds collected as part of the advent campaign "Adoption from the Heart", we paid for his tuition for a one-year study in the seminary. His name is **Philemon Sesughter Akor** and he is a 26-year-old man from Nigeria. Let us support him with our prayers so that he can complete his studies, serve the community in the best possible way, and persistently preach the Good News.

World Youth Day News



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

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.

– ADORATION –

Ten Surprising Effects of Frequent
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10. We will fall in love

In old paintings, the soul was depicted as a woman and God was depicted as a man. Their meeting was a meeting of the soul with its Creator. When we approach adoration with an open heart and allow Christ to love us, we will fall in love with Him ourselves. In turn, this love will define us. True adoration transforms everything inside and out. "I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

– OTHER –

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.

Memorials and Feasts

Tuesday, January 24
Saint Francis de Sales

Wednesday, January 25
The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Thursday, January 26
Saint Timothy and Saint Titus

Friday, January 27
Saint Angela Merici

Saturday, January 28
Saint Thomas Aquinas

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY January 23rd

8⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Kosnik (18th anniv.) – family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Halina Trzcinska-Kowalczyk
✠ Parents Agnieszka and Henryk Chmielnik – daughter and family

TUESDAY January 24th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Mother Ewa Grabowska (16th anniv.)
19⁰⁰ ○ For healing from addictions and husband's conversion
✠ Susan Nguyen

WEDNESDAY January 25th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Jakub Sawicki
○ For God's blessing and the gift of health for Dorota, Irena, and Lidia
19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY January 26th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Jerzy Gawron (3rd anniv.)
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Bazylewicz (7th anniv.) and members of the Bazylewicz and Dyda families – son Piotr and family
○ For God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for Franciszka and Jan Hapek on their 50th wedding anniversary

FRIDAY January 27th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Boleslaw Dzierzek (25th anniv.) – niece
✠ Jakub Sawicki
19⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Marianna and Stanislaw Kowalczyk and Joanna Kowalczyk – son and family

SATURDAY January 28th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Wieslaw Kowalski (4th anniv.) – son, children, grandchildren
17⁰⁰ ✠ Members of the Naranowicz, Abramowicz, Dobrzynski, Crossman, and Bigatti-Ferreira families – Ryszard and June Naranowicz
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Maria and Jerzy on their 45th wedding anniversary

SUNDAY January 29th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia and Jan Cop and members of the Cop and Zajac families – son and family
9³⁰ ✠ Jan Grzeskiewicz – sister-in-law and family
11⁰⁰ ✠ Fr. Stanislaw Bak (28th anniv.)
13⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
14³⁰ ✠ Antoni Pasiak (1st anniv.) – wife and children
19⁰⁰ ✠ Aleksandra, Franciszek, Maria, brother Jan Jedrusiak – Helena and family

Please inform the parish office of any errors in the spelling of the above names.

Parish Website
www.kolbe.ca