



– PARISH NEWS –

Visit of Bishop Piotr Turzynski

This Sunday we welcome to our parish Bishop Piotr Turzyński, delegate of the Polish Bishop’s Conference for the Pastoral Care of Polish Emigration. His Excellency will preside over the 11 a.m. Eucharist.

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.

Emil and Kasper Gaca,
sons of Kathryn and Artur

Konrad Rutkowski,
son of Malgorzata and Pawel

Maja Dziekonska,
daughter of Marta and Dawid

We congratulate their parents and Godparents.

Coffee, Donuts, and Hot Lunch

This Sunday, Youth who are preparing for World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal are fundraising by selling ready-to-eat bigos, minced chops, chicken, and tripe. Coffee and donuts are also available.

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.

Holy Rosary

Rose #8 will lead the rosary this week.

Radosc-Joy Christmas Concert



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

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

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.

– COMING UP –

Presentation of the Lord
February 2nd

Forty days after Christmas, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This is in remembrance of Mary and Joseph offering their firstborn son, Jesus, in the temple of Jerusalem. Prior to 1969, this day was known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After the Second Vatican Council, the name was changed to show the Christocentric significance of the ceremony.

In the Polish tradition, this day is also known as Candlemas Day (Matki Bożej Gromnicznej) when candles are blessed symbolizing Christ – the light of the world.

February 2nd is also the Day of Consecrated Life. Priests and religious, like Jesus in the Jerusalem Temple, offer their lives for the sole service of God.

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, February 2
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, February 3
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, February 4
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, February 5
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

Coins for Life

Next Sunday, February 5, Kolbe ProLife will be collecting “Coins for Life” bottles at all entrances to the church. No change is too small. Thank you for supporting mothers who turned away from abortion and for helping promote a culture of life.

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.

– OTHER –

Memorials and Feasts

Tuesday, January 31
Saint John Bosco

Thursday, February 2
The Presentation of the Lord
World Day of Consecrated Life

Meetings

Mothers Prayers

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in St. Eugene Room

Gold Rose Apostolate

Thursday, February 2 at 7 p.m.
Mass followed by a meeting
in Bro. Anthony Room

Offertory Envelopes for 2023

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

PLEASE DO NOT USE ENVELOPES
FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!!!

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 26 at 11 a.m.

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

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.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

May 30 – June 8, 2023

Flight with Mary Catholic Pilgrimage Agency and the Gold Rose Apostolate are organizing a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, a place where heaven meets earth. Spend a spiritually rich time in Medjugorje and visit the beautiful places of Tihaljina, Šurmanci, Veprić, Makarska, Kravica Waterfalls, and more. For additional information contact:

- Marzena (647) 284-1631
- Margaret (416) 859-8469

– IN MEMORIAM –

Faithful Departed



The following parishioners passed away recently.
May they rest in peace.

- ✠ Sophie Wojciechowski, 98
- ✠ Jan Cwalinski, 93
- ✠ Maria Czlonka, 88
- ✠ Helen Sieradzki, 84
- ✠ Andrzej Chmura, 81
- ✠ Olga Puchta, 81
- ✠ Tadeusz Brzyski, 80
- ✠ Jozefa Kudla, 76
- ✠ Regina Tos, 75
- ✠ Janina Dutkiewicz, 72
- ✠ Mieczyslaw Biel, 68
- ✠ Alicja Kulina, 63
- ✠ Tomasz Kapszewicz, 40

– SACRAMENTS –

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 six 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)

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 officiate at wedding ceremonies of registered members of our parish who reside within the geographical boundaries of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Otherwise, permission of the local bishop is required. For more information, please e-mail the parish office at kolbemagda@gmail.com.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY January 30th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For the grace of faith, conversion of life, and a good job for son – parents
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Helena Czubryj
- In thanksgiving for Anna and Pawel on their 25th wedding anniv. and for God’s blessing, Mother Mary’s protection, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and health for them and their children: Sabina and Natalia – mother

TUESDAY January 31st

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Mieczyslaw Koza (17th anniv.) – daughter Barbara
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Waleria Iwanek (1st anniv.) and her parents – daughter and family
- In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God’s continued blessing

WEDNESDAY February 1st

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Jadwiga Targonska – Danuta and family
- ✠ Kazimiera Bartoszek and members of the Bartoszek and Jozefowicz families – daughter and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY February 2nd

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Daughter Diane Pereira, husband Kazimierz Kokosza, parents Julia and Wiktor Lipowicz
- ✠ Janina and Marian Baster – daughter Barbara
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for all Priests and Religious – Gold Rose Apostolate

FRIDAY February 3rd

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Daniela (1st anniv.) and Anna (2nd anniv.) – sister and family
- 10⁰⁰ ✠ Stefania, Franciszek, Joanna – family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Wacław and Halina Golebiewski – daughter and children

SATURDAY February 4th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Zdzisław and Monika Ślawski
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Marian Cisko (5th anniv.) – wife and children

SUNDAY February 5th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 9³⁰ ○ For health for Marek Baran
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God’s continued blessing and Mary’s protection for Daniel on his 13th birthday – mother
- 14³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for health and God’s continued blessing and protection for Bolesława Walczak on her 96th birthday – family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Czesław Lyzwa (anniv.) – sons and families

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

Reflection

In today’s Gospel, the Beatitudes reveal the very heart of who Jesus is by turning around everything the world deems important. Blessed are those who are humble and poor, who mourn and are peacemakers, who suffer and are merciful. These blessings stir within us both hope and discomfort, because they challenge us in how we live our lives as faithful Christians.

We feel hope because Jesus lived every one of the “blessed” through his ministry on earth. He speaks to our poverty, sadness, and hunger, inviting these blessings to reside within us. Our path to happiness is through our baptismal calling, where - as members of the body of Christ - we are anointed to join with Jesus in bringing justice and blessing to the world.

Yet the Beatitudes challenge our human and worldly aspirations. We discover we may be far from the spirit of these blessings. Christ encourages us to be who we are created to be – a people of love, mercy, and compassion. Jesus asks us to live these values, as best we can, for ourselves and others.

Jesus is God-within-us. He promises us his grace and presence in our vulnerability and sinfulness so that, within our human hearts, we can experience the love and promise of God’s kingdom.

Julie Cachia; Toronto, ON

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First Reading: Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13

Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12

Second Collection

This weekend’s second collection is for the ongoing maintenance and renovation of our parish. Thank you for your support.