



Reflection

Twenty-plus years after World Youth Day 2002, the image of 850,000 joyful youth lighting up Toronto remains with us, as does the call of its theme to be salt of the earth and light of the world. As a couple, we were participants. Moving out of young adulthood, we have found it increasingly complicated to conduct our affairs with justice. Isaiah says we must free the oppressed and feed the hungry so that light can break forth like the dawn. But how do we do that when injustice is entrenched in our culture, in our political and economic systems, and even in our way of being?

How do we loose the bonds of injustice? St. Paul invites us not to focus on lofty words or wisdom but instead to focus on Christ crucified. We are reminded of St. Teresa of Calcutta's advice to do "small things with great love." A light that shines in the darkness, though small, is seen at great distances.

May we heed St. Paul by not trying to solve problems by our own strength and instead cooperate in the world of the holy Spirit: listening to truth and allowing it to change all that we are and all that we do, so that we may be reconciled with all of creation. Here we are, Lord. Help us to be salt and light.

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First Reading: Isaiah 58.6-10
Responsorial Psalm:
Light rises in the darkness for the upright.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16

Second Collection February 11/12

Evangelization Work of the Oblate Fathers
Thank you for your support.

– PARISH NEWS –

New Provincial

Fr. Superior General, Luis Ignacio Rois Alonso OMI, appointed Fr. Jacek Nosowicz as the new Provincial of the Assumption Province for the first 3-year term. Fr. Jacek will assume his duties in June 2023. Please keep him in your prayers.

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.

Adam Puchalski,
son of Patricia and Arthur

Anthony Kossakowski,
son of Barbara and Karol

Dominic Dat Gdula,
son of Nyna and Marek

We congratulate their parents and Godparents.

Coffee and Donuts

This **Sunday, February 5**, coffee and donuts will be served by Domus Ecclesiae.

Coins for Life

This weekend, Kolbe ProLife is 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.

2022 Income Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts for contributions of \$50 or more have been mailed out. Please look for them in your mailbox.

Offertory Envelopes Going, going, gone...

Last chance to pick offertory envelopes for 2023 is this week. They are arranged in alphabetical order in the hallway of the church.

Thank You from Radosc-Joy

"Thank you to Fr. Jacek, the pastoral team, and the St. Maximilian Kolbe community for supporting our "Koncert Świąteczny". We were also honoured to have His Excellency Bishop Piotr Turzyński in attendance and thank him for his kind and supportive words."

– COMING UP –

Meetings

Kolbe Seniors Club
Tuesday, February 7 at 10 a.m.
Mass followed by a meeting at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre.

Mothers Prayers
Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in St. Eugene room

Secular Franciscans
Saturday, February 11, 12 – 2 p.m.
in Fr. Eugene Room

Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married begins next **Monday, February 13** at 8 p.m. and runs for 7 consecutive Mondays until March 27. 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.

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, February 10**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

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.

Pope's Rosary intention for February

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Rose #10 will lead the rosary this week.

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.



– OTHER –

Memorials and Feasts
Monday, February 6
St. Paul Miki and Companions

Wednesday, February 8
St. Jerome Emiliani

Saturday, February 11
Our Lady of Lourdes

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.



Retreat for Parents After the Loss of a Child

March 17-19 – for those who have had an abortion or contributed to it and suffer psychologically and spiritually because of it
March 24-26 – for those who have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth, early neonatal death, ectopic pregnancy, or gave the child up for adoption immediately after birth
Location: Chicago, Illinois, USA
Information / Registration: S. Maksymiliana Kaminska MChR (773) 656-7703

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, Vepric, Makarska, Kravica Waterfalls, and more. For additional information contact:

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

– 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.

– IN THE COMMUNITY –

Events at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Ostatki Dance
Saturday, February 18, 7 p.m.
Dinner by Master Chef Jan Gromada.
Music by IMPULS
Tickets at \$75 per person available at the John Paul II Centre
Info: (905) 306-9900
events@jp2pcc.ca

Family Fun Day
Sunday, February 26, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Face Painting, Games, Bouncy Castle
Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Waffles, and more
Free Admission



– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY February 6th
8⁰⁰ ✚ Lidia Nowotniak – sister and family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Zenon and Krystyna Nizinski and their children – Alina, Teresa, and families
✚ Aleksander Wojnarowicz and members of the Wojnarowicz and Gedos families – Wojnarowicz family

TUESDAY February 7th
8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mary's protection for Konrad on his 33rd birthday – wife
10⁰⁰ ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for blessing received for the Bednarczyk, Smialek, Lis, Zalewski families

WEDNESDAY February 8th
8⁰⁰ ✚ Wanda Michniewicz (2nd anniv.) – daughter and family
✚ Members of the Praniuik, Wojcik, Abramowicz families
19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY February 9th
8⁰⁰ ✚ Franciszek Olszewski – son and grandson
19⁰⁰ ✚ Remigiusz Oswiecinski
✚ Regina, Janina, Jan Dobosz

FRIDAY February 10th
8⁰⁰ ✚ Fr. Stanislaw Kowal OMI (15th anniv.)
19⁰⁰ ✚ Elzbieta Belgrau (5th anniv.) – daughter and family
✚ Maria Balcerzak (1st anniv.) and Henryk Balcerzak – daughters and families

SATURDAY February 11th
8⁰⁰ ✚ Julianna and Jozef Tryniecki and members of the Tryniecki, Durakiewicz, Zaba families – family
17⁰⁰ ✚ Izabela Reitmeier (1st anniv.)
19⁰⁰ ✚ Maria Wicherek

SUNDAY February 12th
8⁰⁰ ✚ Daniela Sadowska – husband and family
9³⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Justyna, Andrew, and Magnus on their birthdays – mother
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✚ Jozef Ducki – son
14³⁰ ✚ Members of the Chabinka, Wilk, and Szabla families
19⁰⁰ ○ For conversion and God's grace for Konrad and health and God's blessing for family

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