



Reflection

Imperfections are part of being human. Yet God, as our Father, has set higher standards and wants the best for us. He wishes up to open our eyes to his ultimate plan. He intends us, as sinners who are not immune to toxicity and temptations, to join his kingdom.

God has given us free will. Will we follow him? Are we living only with self-centred goals and desires, or do we make God’s Ten Commandments and Jesus’ teachings our guiding light?

Today’s readings stress the urgency of aligning ourselves – our behaviour, values, and intention – with God’s will. Being faithful to God goes beyond a checklist of rules – and yet we aren’t hopeless for breaking them, for with a contrite heart our sins can be forgiven. We are encouraged to recognize the importance of righteousness in our hearts, minds, and souls. We are asked to love beyond ourselves – making the love of God and others a priority. Our merciful and loving Father isn’t expecting perfection. He desires us to at least strive to walk in his ways.

While living the Christian ways is demanding, let us give thanks to God. He forgives our human imperfections, offering us a life of true joy and peace on this earth and, most importantly, in heaven. Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

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**First Reading:** Sirach 15.15-20

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2.6-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 5.17-37

**Second Collection**  
**This Weekend**

Evangelization Work of the Oblate Fathers

Thank you for your support.

– PARISH NEWS –

**Sunday Mass Obligation**  
A gentle reminder that dispensation from attending Sunday Mass in person is no longer in effect. Only those who are homebound (ill or self-isolating) are excused from attending Mass in person.

**The Sacrament of Baptism**  
Through the sacrament of baptism, Joshua Giuseppe Tanzi, son of Sylvia and Gianni, will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate his parents and Godparents.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
This Sunday, February 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.

**Coffee and Donuts**  
This Sunday, February 12, coffee and donuts will be served by Families of John Paul II.

**Catholic Books and CDs**  
Catholic books and CDs in English are available for purchase in the hallway of the church, by the main door.

**Coins for Life**  
If anyone still has “Coins for Life” bottles, please bring them to the sacristy after Mass or to the parish office during office hours. Thank you for supporting mothers who turned away from abortion and for helping promote a culture of life.

**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 #11 will lead the rosary this week.

– COMING UP –

**Memorials and Feasts**  
**Tuesday, February 14**  
St. Cyril and St. Methodius

**Friday, February 17**  
The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order  
197 Years of the Oblate Constitution and Rules

**Marriage Preparation Course**  
Marriage Preparation Course begins this Monday, February 13 at 8 p.m. Couples who have registered meet in the parish hall. Next session is planned for October.

**Meetings**

**Knights of Columbus**  
Tuesday, February 14, 7 p.m.  
Mass and exchange of Rosary Mysteries for Rose #17, followed by a meeting at John Paul II Centre

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

**Ash Wednesday**  
Wednesday, February 22

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 22 and beings the season of Lent – a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Mass and sprinkling of ashes will take place at:  
8 a.m. / 10 a.m. / 7 p.m. – in Polish  
5:30 p.m. – in English

There will be no Collective Mass Intentions on Wednesday, February 22.

**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.

**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.

– SACRAMENTS –

**Anointing of the Sick**  
●A hospital chaplain – a Roman Catholic priest – is employed full-time at local hospitals and is on-call 24 hours a day. To arrange a hospital visit, please ask a nurse to call the priest on duty.  
●Please contact the parish office if you or your loved one requite a home visit from a priest.

**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)

**Matrimony**  
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.

**Reconciliation**  
Confession takes place 30 minutes before each Mass in the confessionals.

– IN THE COMMUNITY –

**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 31 – June 9, 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

**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

<b>MONDAY</b> 8 <sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God’s protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Irena 19 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Members of the Stepien, Zielowski, Srodowski, and Zaczek families ○ For God’s continued blessing for parents	<b>February 13<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Wladyslaw Ozga – daughters and families 19 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Ryszard Jankowski – siblings ✠ Members of the Siuda and Kolodziejczak families	<b>February 14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Souls in purgatory ✠ Anna and Jan Dusza – daughter and family 19 <sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions	<b>February 15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Parents and brothers from the Szymanski family – daughter and sister 19 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Julianna, Stanislaw, Jozefa, Marian, Czeslaw, Zdzislaw Ozdoba – Dorota and Dariusz ○ In thanksgiving for Liliana on her 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday and for God’s blessing for her and her parents	<b>February 16<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Elzbieta and Antoni Drobiecki – daughter and family ✠ Rozalia, Adam, Stanislaw – sister and family 19 <sup>00</sup> ○ For God’s blessing for children	<b>February 17<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8 <sup>00</sup> ○ For God’s blessing and acceptance of God’s mercy for Katarzyna, Łukasz, Krzysztof, Elzbieta Bednarek; Czesława Dobrowolska-Bednarek; Henryk and Stefania Muszyński 17 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Mother Lucyna Ulecka (28 <sup>th</sup> anniv.) – son, daughter, and families 19 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Czeslaw Beronski – daughter Krystyna and family	<b>February 18<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Marian Leonczuk – wife 9 <sup>30</sup> ✠ Jakub Sawicki 11 <sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors 13 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Felicja and Stanislaw Chabinka and members of the Szabla family 14 <sup>30</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for Alicja and Adam Szymanski on their 25 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and for God’s continued blessing for them and their children 19 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Members of the Zalewski family	<b>February 19<sup>th</sup></b>

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