



Reflection

Every morning I pray for the grace to recognize the face of God in each person I will encounter that day. Does that include someone who disagrees with me, or dislikes me, or even seeks to harm me? Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel is clear and uncompromising: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." These are surely among the most challenging words in the Scripture!

The catastrophic experiences which define our contemporary world – a global pandemic, the growing climate crisis, deep-seated racism and other forms of hatred – all bring to light the divisions among people and societies, differences which may seem insurmountable.

I think what Jesus is challenging us to do today is to break down the barriers that divide us. The magnitude of the crises facing our world requires that we overcome our differences in order to work together on solutions. We will never agree on everything, but to see the Other as a human being beloved of God rather than demonizing them as the "enemy" is a good first step. In fact, a loved enemy is no longer an enemy! As much as we may disagree with someone's position or disapprove of their actions, we are nevertheless called to recognize them as a cherished child of God. Authentic discipleship requires no less.

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First Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48

Parish Collections

Ash Wednesday, February 22

Lenten Almsgiving

February 25/26

Building Renovation Fund

Thank you for your support.

– SEASON OF LENT –



FEBRUARY 22 – MASS SCHEDULE

8 a.m. / 10 a.m. / 7 p.m. – in Polish

5:30 p.m. – in English

FASTING

Ash Wednesday is an obligatory day of fasting for Catholics ages 14 to 60. On this day, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding for individuals from age 14 onwards. Please note that the Church encourages the practice of fasting even for those who are not required to do so.

Lenten Lamentations

Come grow with us in prayer and reflect on Christ's passion during Lenten Lamentations each Sunday of Lent at **6:15 p.m.** (in Polish)

Stations of the Cross

Mondays at 6:30 p.m. for children

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in English

Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in Polish

Parish groups responsible for leading the Stations of the Cross:

Fri.	Feb. 24	Passion Crown
Tue.	Feb. 28	Scouts
Fri.	Mar. 3	Holy Rosary Society
Tue.	Mar. 7	Altar Servers
Fri.	Mar. 10	Domestic Church
Tue.	Mar. 14	Knights of Columbus
Fri.	Mar. 17	Krucjata Wyzwolenia Człowieka
Tue.	Mar. 21	Fr. Sławomir Dworek (in Polish)
Fri.	Mar. 24	Secular Franciscans
Tue.	Mar. 28	Oblate Youth
Fri.	Mar. 31	Gold Rose Apostolate

All groups leading the Stations of the Cross are asked to submit their text to the parish office ahead of time for Father Pastor's approval.

Lenten Retreat in Polish

March 18/19 – 23

Preached by Fr. Sławomir Dworek OMI

– 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, the following children will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community.

Christopher Julian Silveira,
son of Agnieszka and Leonardo

Oscar Adamski,
son of Barbara and Adam

Holy Rosary

Rose #12 will lead the rosary this week. On days when we pray the Stations of the Cross, rosary prayer will begin at 6 p.m.

Coffee and Donuts

This Sunday, February 19, coffee and donuts will be served by Jubilee 2000 Children's Choir.

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.

40 Days for Life

Silent Prayer in the Intention of All Life in the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration
40 Days of Lent 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites all parishioners to join in prayer to save the lives of unborn children and those considering euthanasia. All that is needed is an hour of your time.

Book of Sobriety

The Church calls us to individual and community prayer for sobriety, so that there are no more people and families among us who suffer from alcohol, smoking, and drug addictions. A **Book of Sobriety** is placed beside the Altar of Relics. Parishioners are encouraged to sign their names as a pledge to take up abstinence during Lent. All individuals who take up the challenge to refrain from alcohol during Lent will be offered up in prayer by members of the Krucjata Wyzwolenia Człowieka.

– 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 require 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.

Memorials and Feasts

Tuesday, February 21
Saint Peter Damian

Wednesday, February 22
Ash Wednesday – Beginning of Lent

Thursday, February 23
Saint Polycarp

– IN THE COMMUNITY –

Youth Retreat

Oblate Youth invites all youth to the March Break retreat, **March 10-13** at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Center in Mississauga. Fr. Daniel Janulewicz OMI, Fr. Paul Patrick OMI and Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI will be preaching the retreat for the youth. We especially invite young people who wonder what is the meaning and point of faith! For any information you can call the parish office or write to oblateyouthcanada@gmail.com

World Youth Day Fundraising

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.

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

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

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. Information:
● Marzena (647) 284-1631
● Margaret (416) 859-8469

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY February 20th

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing, Mary's protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for daughter Oliwia and Antoni
19⁰⁰ ✚ Wladyslawa and Ludwik Tomaszewski
✚ Members of the Rebizak, Szymczuk, and Wojnarowicz families

TUESDAY February 21st

8⁰⁰ ✚ Stanislaw Kuczynski (19th anniv.)
19⁰⁰ ✚ Tadeusz Zmijak – family
✚ Stanislaw, Maria, brother Stanislaw Raczynowski and Miroslaw Kraska – Kraska family

WEDNESDAY February 22nd Ash Wednesday

8⁰⁰ ○ For faith for family
10⁰⁰ ✚ Genowefa
17³⁰ ✚ Dariusz Szklarczuk
19⁰⁰ ✚ Ludwik Podgorzec and his parents

THURSDAY February 23rd

8⁰⁰ ○ For health and God's grace for Danuta Sawarska on her 70th birthday
✚ Genowefa and Mieczyslaw Lewicki
19⁰⁰ ✚ Katarzyna, Pawel, Jan Fracz; Roman, Ryszard Barton

FRIDAY February 24th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Michael Warski (5th anniv.)
18³⁰ **Stations of the Cross in Polish**
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Nicolas on his 13th birthday and for health, God's blessing, Mary's protection for him
✚ Grandmother Karolina Obszynska (8th anniv.) and members of the Obszynski and Mroz families

SATURDAY February 25th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Members of the Bednarek, Rak, Kalmuk, Wieloch, Muszynski, Jadwis, Dudek, Szumigraj and Krysa families
17⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing, Mary's protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Agnes Mieczkowski on her birthday – mother
19⁰⁰ ✚ Jolanta Lewandowska

SUNDAY February 26th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Jadwiga Targonska
9³⁰ ✚ Agnieszka and Stanislaw Bilek – son and family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✚ Franciszek and Janina Wos
14³⁰ ✚ Zbigniew Karczmarczyk (7th anniv.)
18¹⁵ **Lenten Lamentations**
19⁰⁰ ✚ Andrzej Przychodzko and parents on both sides

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