



### Reflection

All weeks are holy. But each year at this time the Church names one week “Holy Week” for good reason – we are invited to meditate on this last week of Jesus’ life on earth.

For this occasion, Jesus chose a donkey and her colt. Apparently, he knew where the donkey lived and that the donkey had a colt. Perhaps Jesus had compassion for the mother donkey who wouldn’t want to be separated from her young.

Now in those days and even today, a donkey is quite low on the list of wonderful and admired animals. Jesus must have had a good reason to choose this humble, wise animal so often ridiculed and overlooked. It might be well to spend some time reflecting on the qualities of a donkey: calm, slow, willing to carry heavy burdens, patient, said to never act out of bitterness or spite, to name a few.

The plant world is also honoured in this story. Great crowds of people spread branches on the path of Jesus. And today we, too, hold palms as the Passion narrative is told. Let us take this opportunity to reflect on the goodness and wonder of God’s creation of plants and animals, and consider how they model for us graciousness and generosity, qualities that Jesus himself embodied.

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**Gospel:** Matthew 21.1-11  
**First Reading:** Isaiah 50.4-7  
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*My God, my God,  
 why have you forsaken me?*  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 2.6-11  
**Gospel:** Matthew 26.14 – 27.66

**Second Collection**  
**Friday, April 7** – Church in Holy Land  
 Thank you for your generosity.

## – THIS WEEKEND –

### St. John Paul II Day

In 2015 the Canadian Government announced April 2<sup>nd</sup> as St. John Paul II Day. This year marks the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. The following events are planned for this Sunday: 11 a.m. – Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish followed by laying of flowers and candles at the Pope’s monument. 2 p.m. – Flag Raising Ceremony at Nathan Phillips Square at Toronto City Hall.

### Palm Sunday Change of Mass Time

Please note that there’s a slight change in this Sunday’s Mass schedule:

- 5 p.m. – Lenten Lamentations
- 6 p.m. – Mass
- 8 p.m. – Passion Play

### Coffee, Donuts, and more...

Radosc-Joy is selling lots of goodies this Sunday: coffee, donuts, crêpes, krockiety, Easter lambs (cakes), and many Easter items.



### Lamb Cakes

“Lamb Cakes” are available for purchase this Sunday at \$15 each. These delicious one-of-a-kind cakes are baked according to Sister Halina’s secret recipe. All proceeds will help support the initiatives of Jubileusz 2000 Children’s Choir.

### Passion Play

We would like to invite you to attend a rendering of the Passion of Jesus Christ. The play will be performed in Polish this Sunday at 8 p.m. in the church.



### Food Drive

Once again, Knights of Columbus are organizing an annual food drive in support of those in need in our local community. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off inside the entrance to the church. The following are in high demand: rice, pasta, coffee, and all kinds of canned goods (meat, soup, vegetables, fruits). **No expired food, please!** Food drive runs until **April 2**.

**Pope’s Rosary intention for April**  
 “We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.”  
**Rose #17 leads the rosary until April 5.**

## – IN PREPARATION – – FOR EASTER –

**Lenten Confession**  
**Monday, April 3 at 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, April 5 at 6 p.m.**  
 There will be no confession April 6-10.

### Flowers for the Tomb

If any parishioner would like to help us decorate the Lord’s tomb, we will gladly accept **red and yellow potted tulips** or **monetary donation**. These can be given directly to Sister Halina or dropped off at the parish office. Thank you for your contribution.

### Annual Church Cleaning

As we’re getting ready for Easter, we want to make sure our church is spotless for the holidays. Please join us for the annual church cleaning on **Tuesday, April 4 at 6 p.m.** Bring your whole family and invite your friends. There’s lots to do for everyone! High school students can receive volunteer hours required for their high school diploma.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation on Holy Saturday.

- Adrian Rusnak
- Aleksandra Paradiuk
- Alicja Antczak
- Amelia Chudy
- Ashleigh Veronica
- Christopher Jenken
- Etienne Opalko
- James Gray
- Peter Cybulski
- Tristan Stryjnik
- Wiesław Lupa
- Włodzimierz Żółtowski
- Wojciech Antczak

It is with great joy that we welcome them and thank God for their presence which renews and strengthens our community.

**THANK YOU** to our dedicated RCIA catechists who devoted their time and effort to prepare the catechumens and candidates: **Fr. Marcin Serwin, S. Halina Pierozak, Wojciech Opala, Gabriela and Michal Kasprzak, and Justyna Armatowicz.** Thank you for sharing your talents with our parish community.

## – HOLY WEEK –



### – Holy Thursday –

On this day we remember the Passover feast of the Jewish people and the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples, proceeded by the washing of the feet. This day commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the institution of the priesthood.

### – Good Friday –

The meaning of this day is clearly indicated by its name in English: it is “Good” Friday, the day when God did wonderful things for us by the suffering and death of his Son. Out of his death God has brought us light and life, making it possible for us to be saved. No Mass is celebrated on this day, but the veneration of the Cross takes place during the Liturgy.

### – Holy Saturday –

On this day, the body of Jesus lay in the guarded tomb. In the Church, Holy Saturday is a quiet day, the great Sabbath rest.

**Blessing of Easter Food**  
**9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.**  
 in the parish hall & at John Paul II Centre

Easter vigil service is the most important celebration of the Church year. It takes place during the dark hours of the night.

### – Easter Sunday –

The joyful celebration of our Lord’s rising continues. Alleluia! meaning “praise to God!” is our shout of joy. Mass of the Resurrection will take place at 6 a.m. All parish groups are asked to take part in the procession and Mass.

### – Easter Monday –

This day begins the Easter Octave. Please note that there will be no 2:30 p.m. Mass on this day.

**Parish Office**  
 Parish Office will be closed  
 from April 6 to April 10 inclusive.

## – OTHER NEWS –

### Pilgrimage to Wilno April 15, 2023

Conference of Polish Priests is organizing a pilgrimage to Wilno (Kaszuby) on the occasion of the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Busses will leave from St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Mississauga, St. Casimir’s Parish in Toronto, and St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish in Brampton. Tickets at \$50 per person can be purchased this **Sunday, April 2** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish hall. More information: Wiesława (416) 799-2122

### Pilgrimage to Quebec May 19 – 21, 2023

Holy Rosary Family is organizing a 3-day pilgrimage to various shrines in Quebec under the spiritual guidance of an Oblate priest. For more information and to register, contact: Teresa 905.495.7035 Wiesława 416.799.2122

### Become a Member of the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre



The Maximilian Kolbe Foundation is appealing to all parishioners to become members of the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Assistance from the whole community is required to help provide the various programs for all ages. Membership is \$50/pp annually. Receipts for tax purposes are provided. Application forms are available from the administration office of the Centre.

### World Youth Day Fundraising

Youth who are travelling to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day are fundraising by selling **sugar lambs**: small at \$3.50 and medium at \$4 as well as collecting **empty alcohol containers**. These may be dropped off by the garage door on the west side of the parking lot.

### ShareLife

Welcoming Jesus into our hearts  
by sharing our blessings

Today is Palm Sunday. In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most. One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife. Thank you for your support and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need.

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>April 3</b>
8 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Bronisława Jastrzebski (3 <sup>rd</sup> anniv.) – Katarzyna and family ○ For healing for Marek and God’s grace and Mary’s protection for the family ✠ Bolesław Wojna, parents Anastazja and Piotr Wojna, brothers Jozef, Jan, Stanisław Wojna (6 <sup>th</sup> anniv.) and Maria and Marian Trawczynski ✠ Mieczysław Warzocha (3 <sup>rd</sup> anniv.) – daughter and family	
18 <sup>00</sup> <i>Lenten Confession</i>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>April 4</b>
8 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Julia, Franciszek, and family members ○ For health for Halina Gawron on her 77 <sup>th</sup> birthday ✠ Maria Urbanczyk – son and family ○ For God’s continued blessing for Ewa and Thomas on their 10 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary – parents	
18 <sup>00</sup> <i>Church Cleaning</i>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>April 5</b>
8 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Anna Klejn (21 <sup>st</sup> anniv.) -granddaughter ✠ Longin Kulina (anniv.) – sons, family ✠ Tomasz Mycek and Agnieszka Samojedon – family ✠ Eugeniusz Kotapka (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniv.) – daughter and family	
18 <sup>00</sup> <i>Lenten Confession</i>	
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	<b>April 6</b>
18 <sup>00</sup> Mass of the Lord’s Supper (English) 20 <sup>00</sup> Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Polish)	
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>April 7</b>
8 <sup>00</sup> Stations of the Cross (Polish) Divine Mercy Novena (Polish) 14 <sup>00</sup> Good Friday Liturgy (Polish) 16 <sup>00</sup> Good Friday Liturgy (English) 18 <sup>00</sup> Good Friday Liturgy (Polish) 20 <sup>00</sup> Good Friday Liturgy (Polish)	
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 8</b>
9 <sup>00</sup> Divine Mercy Novena (Polish) 20 <sup>00</sup> Easter Vigil (Bilingual)	
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>April 9</b>
6 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Maria and Karol Tomczyszyn – Janina and family 8 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Anna and Stanisław Guzda – son, family 9 <sup>30</sup> ✠ Maria and Zdzisław Górka – daughter and family 11 <sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors 13 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Monika Filipek (3 <sup>rd</sup> anniv.) – mother and family 14 <sup>30</sup> ✠ Piotr and Jessica (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv.) – father and family 18 <sup>30</sup> Divine Mercy Novena (Polish) 19 <sup>00</sup> ✠ For God’s blessing and health for Damian on his 29 <sup>th</sup> birthday	
<b>Please inform the parish office of any errors in the spelling of the above names.</b>	