



### Reflection

In today's world we equate mystery with a puzzle to be solved: follow the clues and the solution becomes obvious. But John's account of the first Easter morning reveals a more profound understanding of mystery. Mystery is an experience into which we enter. It may lead to an encounter with the transcendent God.

John's Gospel for Easter morning is rich with emotion. Mary Magdalena, Simon Peter, and the other disciples (probably the evangelist himself) each respond differently to the enigma of the empty tomb. When the two male disciples see the burial cloths, they turn around and run back home. While the unnamed disciple, who sees and believes, seems to solve the mystery of the empty tomb, he misses a critical component of the experience – meeting the resurrected Lord.

Mary Magdalene, however, is willing to sit with her confusion and grief. She remains in the dark, weeping and unknowing. She allows mystery to enfold her and thus she encounters the Risen Jesus. Empowered through her experience, she is the herald of the resurrection, announcing, "I have seen the Lord."

As we participate in this Easter Sunday liturgy, we are full of gratitude for the mystery of the Eucharist wherein we encounter the Risen Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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**First Reading:** Acts 10.34a, 37-43  
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*This is the day the Lord has made;  
 let us rejoice and be glad.*  
**Second Reading:** Colossians 3.1-4  
 or 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8  
**Gospel:** John 20.1-18 or Luke 24.13-35

## – PARISH NEWS –

### Alleluia! He is Risen!

Today we gather for the most important Christian celebration – the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. A warm and friendly welcome to all our parishioners and guests from near and far. May Christ fill our hearts with love, joy, hope, and strength for everyday victories.

### Easter Monday Mass Schedule

8 a.m. in Polish  
 9:30 a.m. in English  
 11 a.m. in Polish  
 1 p.m. in Polish  
 7 p.m. in Polish

### Parish Office

Parish office will reopen on Tuesday, April 11 at 9 a.m.

### Thank You

Thank you to all parishioners who contributed potted plants or monies to help decorate the Lord's tomb. Your generous support is much appreciated.

Also, thank you to all parishioners who helped clean the church for Easter. God bless you all!

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Next **Sunday, April 16** the Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy. Let us prepare for this important day by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and practicing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

**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 #18 leads the rosary this week.**



## – PARISH NEWS –

### Meetings

#### Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, April 11 at 10 a.m.

Mass followed by a meeting at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

#### Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m.

Mass, exchange of Rosary Mysteries for Rose #17, meeting at John Paul II Centre

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On **Wednesday, April 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.

### Easter Concert

Novi Singers Toronto and St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish present an Easter Concert "Alleluia" with festive religious music for soprano solo, choir, and instruments, under the musical direction of Maciej Jaskiewicz. Join us on **Sunday, April 23 at 4 p.m.** at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Suggested donation to cover production costs is \$20; children under 12 – free.

### Wedding Anniversary Mass

**Sunday, April 30 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.

### Intentions for Wednesday Mass

Wednesday evening Mass is celebrated in multiple intentions. These can be submitted by calling the parish office before 5 p.m.

### World Youth Day Fundraising

Youth who are travelling to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day 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 – – AT OUR PARISH –

### 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.



## – OTHER NEWS –

### Holy Name of Mary College School

Holy Name of Mary College School (HNMCS), an independent Catholic school for girls in grades 5-12, will host an Open House on **Saturday, April 15 at 10 a.m.** It will provide an opportunity to discover the benefits of an HNMCS education, include a campus tour as well as introductions to the HNMCS faculty, students, and administrators. For more information visit the school's website at [www.hnmcs.ca](http://www.hnmcs.ca) or call Giselle Fernandes at 905-891-1890, ext. 103. We hope to see you there!

### Radio Maria Banquet

Easter Banquet in support of Radio Maria and in thanksgiving for Fr. Jacek Cydzik's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priestly ordination will be held on **Sunday, April 23** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at our church and banquet will begin at 1 p.m. Program includes a concert by Julia Frodyma, lottery, dinner by Jan Gromada. Tickets are available from:

Joanna Szydłowska (905) 819-1040  
 Joanna Strzeżek (905) 845-3553  
 Health from Nature Store at Roncesvalles Ave.  
 Something Special Store at Wisła Plaza

### 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.

## ShareLife

Show your love by giving to ShareLife

Jesus' love for us invites us to give to others, especially those most in need. ShareLife agencies continue to support the most vulnerable in our community through services that are only possible through your kind and generous donations.

**Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).**

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### EASTER MONDAY April 10

8<sup>00</sup> † Grandmother Katarzyna and grandfather Baranowski  
 9<sup>30</sup> † Bronislawa and Antoni Szostek  
 11<sup>00</sup> † Jan, Genowefa, Władysław, Maryla Sobolewski; Janina and Wiesław Kobialka  
 13<sup>00</sup> † Jan Rebisz  
 18<sup>30</sup> Divine Mercy Novena (Polish)  
 19<sup>00</sup> † Grazyna and Stanisław Tomczyszyn

### TUESDAY April 11

8<sup>00</sup> † Leon Antkowiak (20<sup>th</sup> anniv.)  
 10<sup>00</sup> ○ Members of Kolbe Seniors Club  
 18<sup>30</sup> Divine Mercy Novena (Polish)  
 19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and Mary's protection for Julia on her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday

### WEDNESDAY April 12

8<sup>00</sup> † Maria Tomaszewska  
 ○ In thanksgiving for graces received for Sandra on her birthday  
 18<sup>30</sup> Divine Mercy Novena (Polish)  
 19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY April 13

8<sup>00</sup> † Members of the Grabowski, Szajna and Kuzian families  
 18<sup>30</sup> Divine Mercy Novena (Polish)  
 19<sup>00</sup> † Jerzy Scieszka and Stanisław Kubica  
 † Members of the Rogala and Dabrowski families

### FRIDAY April 14

8<sup>00</sup> † Members of the Chelminiak and Rosolowski families  
 ○ For God's blessing and health for Irena, Ewelina, and Kazimierz on their birthday  
 18<sup>30</sup> Divine Mercy Novena (Polish)  
 19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and health for Nicole, Nicolas, Alenzo, and their parents

### SATURDAY April 15

8<sup>00</sup> † Julianna and Franciszek Choroszewski – daughters and families  
 17<sup>00</sup> † Parents Tamara (12<sup>th</sup> anniv.) and Jan (15<sup>th</sup> anniv.)  
 18<sup>30</sup> Divine Mercy Novena (Polish)  
 19<sup>00</sup> † Stanisława, Wiktoria, Jacek, and Jan, Jozef, Antoni, and their wives

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 16

8<sup>00</sup> † Tadeusz Rembisz (4<sup>th</sup> anniv.)  
 9<sup>30</sup> † Kazimiera Kedzia (8<sup>th</sup> anniv.)  
 11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
 13<sup>00</sup> † Marianna and Piotr Zajkowski, deceased on both sides, Helena, Jozef, Waldemar, Wiesław Miastkowski  
 † Anna Piechocka (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.)  
 14<sup>30</sup> ○ In thanksgiving on the 53<sup>rd</sup> marriage anniv. of Teresa and Stefan Szczurek and for God's blessing, health, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for them, their children, and family  
 19<sup>00</sup> † Parents Natalia and Stefan; siblings Irena, Marian, Zeneusz, Tadeusz; members of the Gajos family