



Reflection

We might be tempted to forget about God in good times, but during hard times, such as illness or family crisis, our fears and insecurities can bring us back to God and his unconditional love. God gave his only Son so that we might have eternal life. We then can turn to God for help in our hour of need.

Today’s Gospel recalls the appearance of Jesus to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They were confused, perhaps frightened, and Jesus showed them the way. In the breaking of the bread he revealed himself as the risen Christ, and the disciples’ hearts burned within. In our own life’s journey, we are able to carry our crosses because Jesus walks with us. He is guiding and protecting – we need to learn to look with our hearts and eyes to recognize his presence.

What can we do to express gratitude for the great gift of Easter? By feeding our spirit, by receiving Jesus in communion, we ensure we are never separated from the joy experienced by the two disciples nor from the light that Jesus shines in our lives to show the way. Staying connected through prayer, we are grateful and gain consolidation in difficult times. Jesus will carry us when we fall.

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First Reading: Acts 2.14, 22b-28
Responsorial Psalm:
Lord, you will show me the path of life.
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.17-21
Gospel: Luke 24.13-35

Second Collection
This Weekend – Renovation Fund
April 29/30 – ShareLife
Thank you for your generosity.

– THIS WEEKEND –

Sacrament of Confirmation



This Saturday, March 22, **Bishop Ivan Camilleri** celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at our parish, with 77 young people receiving the final sacrament of initiation.

Congratulations to all who were confirmed and a big thank you to their parents and catechists who helped prepare the youth for this important spiritual milestone:

Sister Halina Pierozak, Aleksandra Lyp, Claudia Ogórek, Conrad Sibiga, Emilia Ostrowski, Gabriela Foksa, Justyna Armatowicz, Kinga Tetkowska, Magda Hofman, Patricia Machnio, Urszula Beben, Victoria Kaczanowski, and Victoria Wszeborowski

World Youth Day Fundraising
Youth who are travelling to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day:
...are **meeting** this Sunday at 8 p.m. in the parish hall;
...are selling **coffee, donuts, and hot meals**;
...are collecting **empty alcohol containers**. These may be dropped off by the garage door on the west side of the parking lot.

Formation Meeting for Parents
Formation meeting for parents of children preparing to receive First Holy Communion in May will take place **this Sunday, April 23 at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall in Polish and in the church in English. This is an in-person meeting; church cameras will be off.

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 **this Sunday, April 23 at 4 p.m.** in the church. Suggested donation to cover production costs: \$20; children under 12-free.

Rosary Prayer
Rose #20 leads the rosary this week.

– COMING UP –

Meetings
Kolbe Seniors Club
Tuesday, April 25, 11 a.m.
John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

MAMI – Friends of the Missions
Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m.
Mass followed by a meeting in Sister Faustina room

Evening of Praise
Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, April 28**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

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.

Polish Film Festival
“The Fate of Poles”
Next weekend, all parishioners are invited to the Parish Hall for the screening of the following films in Polish: ● Friday, April 28, 8 p.m. - “Portraits of the Past” ● Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m. - “Solidarity 2022” Producer: Ryszard Łączyński, Suggested donation: \$10 ● Sunday, April 30, 4 p.m. “Fr. Piotr Skarga” and “Annihilation of the Redemptorists in Wola”

Quovadis Children's Foundation
Next weekend, **April 29/30**, after each Mass, Quovadis Children's Foundation will be collecting **new** pajamas, winter boots, and school supplies for underprivileged children ages 6 to 18 from the orphanage 'Nasz Dom' in Miejsce Piastowe, Poland. Small monetary donations will be greatly appreciated as they will enable the sending of the parcels overseas. May God Bless you for your kindness and support.

Holy Land Wood Art
The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem is selling their handcrafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. The past few years have been extremely hard for the community as a result of declining tourism. Some Christians responded by fleeing the Holy Land, and the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy Sites such as the Church of The Nativity. On **April 29/30**, we will be having some of their beautiful art held for sale to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land. More information at (647) 292-4462 or jihanwoodart@hotmail.com

– MORE PARISH NEWS –

ShareLife
A ShareLife Campaign Update
Next weekend, we will be holding the second collection in our parish’s ShareLife campaign. We ask for your generous support once again. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for “living the Gospel” through ShareLife!

Coming Up at Our Parish
May 7-10
Retreat on the Eucharist with Patrycja Hurlak

June 10 at 8 p.m.
Evening of Worship
with Viola Brzezinska
(singer, songwriter, and composer)

March for Life in Ottawa
Kolbe ProLife is organizing a one-day trip to Ottawa for the National March for Life on **Thursday, May 11**. Departure early in the morning from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Registration will take place after each Mass on Sunday, **April 30** and Sunday, **May 7**. For more information, please contact Dariusz at (647) 864-6099.

Vocations Retreat
“Is God calling me to serve in His vineyard?”
Vocation retreat for young men will take place on **May 19-20** at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road in Mississauga. If you’re interested in attending, please contact Fr. Marcin at mserwin@omiap.org or call the parish office.

Job Offer
John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre is looking for a highly enthusiastic, motivated, and seasoned management professional, with a vision to advance the Centre to the next level of service excellence and engagement with the community. The individual possesses skills, qualifications and experience leading large and complex community organizations, planning, and organizing various events and managing building operations. For more information, please contact the Centre at (905) 306-9900. (1)

– COMMUNITY EVENTS –

Spring Dance
Friends of the Polish Scouts cordially invite you to a Spring Dance in the style of the 1920s and 1930s on **Saturday, April 29** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Organizers guarantee a wonderful party atmosphere, delicious dinner, and attractive raffle prizes. All proceeds will go towards the maintenance and renovation of the scouts’ camps in Kaszuby. For more information and tickets, please contact Magda at (416) 270-6665. (2)

Constitution Day
The Canadian Polish Congress in Mississauga is organizing the commemorations of the 232nd anniversary of the enactment of the Polish Constitution on **Sunday, April 30**. The festivities will commence at 11 a.m. with Holy Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Afterwards, a short ceremony will take place at the Polish Patriots’ monument square adjacent to the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre and will include raising of the Canadian and Polish national flags, the singing of the two National Anthems and short speeches. All are welcome! (1)

Canadian Polish Congress Jubilee Gala
Jubilee Gala celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Canadian Polish Congress will take place on **Saturday, May 6 at 5 p.m.** at the Millennium Gardens Banquet Centre in Brampton. The program includes official ceremonies, delicious dinner, performances by Radość-Joy and Wisła, as well as entertainment by Impuls. Tickets at \$90 are available from Leszek Blaszcak at (289) 768-6056. (2)

Constitution Day Parade
The Canadian Polish Congress is inviting all Polonia to take part in a parade on the occasion of the 232nd anniversary of the enactment of the Polish Constitution on **Sunday, May 7 at 1 p.m.** The parade will start at the Toronto City Hall, proceed down Toronto streets, and end with a concert by Kompot Band. Delicious Polish food will also be available for purchase. All are welcome! (2)

Table Tennis Tournament
Table Tennis Club is organizing a tournament on **Sunday, May 7** at John Paul II Cultural Centre. All are welcome. More info at: <https://centrumtabletennis.com/> (2)

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY April 24
8⁰⁰ ✠ Antoni, Czeslaw, Zofia Pasiak; Alina Skolimowska – family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Aleksander Buczek (anniv.) – daughters and families
✠ Teofil, Piotr, Kornelia Kurzatkowski; Helena, Piotr Godlewski; Natalia, Jan Wajdzik; souls in purgatory

TUESDAY April 25
8⁰⁰ ✠ Olga and Aleksander Kurek – Leszek and family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Maria, Antoni Szczepan; Leszek, Gizela Szczepan – son Roman Szczepan
✠ Members of the Dybalski and Opolski families

WEDNESDAY April 26
8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria, Bogumila, Stefan, Bronislaw Czwałek – siostrzenica
✠ Wanda Machno – daughter
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY April 27
8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Agnieszka – father
19⁰⁰ ✠ Krystyna Bak – family
✠ Stanisław, Maria, brother Stanisław Raczynowski; Mirosław Kraska – Kraska family

FRIDAY April 28
8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Lidia and Włodzimierz – daughter and family
✠ Jerzy Turowicz (2nd anniv.) – wife
19⁰⁰ ✠ Wiktoria, Stefan Witkos; Stanisława, Piotr Stachura – Maria Chabinka

SATURDAY April 29
8⁰⁰ ✠ Jan and Wiktoria Wytrwał – daughter and family
16⁰⁰ ✠ Izabela Zeglen – parents
19⁰⁰ ✠ Łukasz Majchrowicz (1st anniv.) – wife

SUNDAY April 30
8⁰⁰ ✠ Jadwiga Targonska – husband Władysław
9³⁰ ✠ Leszek Piatkowski (15th anniv.) – wife and children
11⁰⁰ ○ Special intention on the occasion of the 231st anniversary of the declaration of the Constitution of 3 May, 1791
13⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
14³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and Mary’s protection for Marianna and Edward Markiewicz on their 50th wedding anniversary – children and grandchildren
19⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Zofia and Jerzy Pudelko and members of the Pudelko family – daughter and family

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