



Reflection

Today's Gospel recounts the story of Jesus calling his first disciples. After spending a day with Jesus, Andrew immediately tells his brother Simon about the Messiah. Have you shared about your encounter with Christ with a friend or family member lately? Too often we keep these experiences to ourselves, worried what other people may think of us, or afraid we won't say the right words. Andrew's example is simple: he shares with a loved one the joyful news of finding the Messiah.

Next, Andrew brings Simon to Jesus. He gives him the opportunity to meet the Lord and experience for himself the love of God. There are many ways we can bring others to Christ. Extending invitations to Holy Mass, adoration or Bible study can encourage people to meet Jesus in the Eucharist and in the Word.

These two simple yet life-changing acts undertaken by Andrew – telling Simon about the Messiah and inviting him to meet the Lord – had a meaningful impact not only on Simon's life, but also on the entire Church. Through the invitation, Simon (now called Peter) was able to respond to his call to be a great leader among the early Christians, and ultimately became our first pope. Never underestimate what marvels God can work through our openness to share him with others!

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First Reading: 1 Samuel 3.3b-10, 19
Responsorial Psalm:
Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 6.13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel: John 1.35-42

Coffee and Donuts
 January 14 – Jubilee Children's Choir
 January 21 – Altar Servers

– PARISH NEWS –

Necessary Changes to Collective Mass Intentions

Due to the number of collective Mass intentions requested each Wednesday, it is necessary to introduce some changes. First and foremost, please remember that:

- Collective Masses are not perpetual Masses. They were introduced for parishioners who do not have a chance to request Mass intentions during the year.

- In the collective Holy Mass, we offer current matters such as: surgery, travel, anniversaries of important family events (birthday, wedding, death of a loved one).

- All other family matters are offered in the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

- Reciting of intentions cannot take up half of the time of the Holy Mass.

- There are three categories of intentions: *in thanksgiving* for specific graces received, *petitions* for particular matters, and *in memory* of a deceased person.

- Please ensure that the content of the requested intention is concise.

- Intentions that are requested repetitively or for an extended period of time will still be accepted, but they will be combined under one general intention.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 – 25, 2024

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. The theme for this year "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27). The celebration has been part of the Church calendar since 1896 when Pope Leo XIII set it as a perpetual observance. Numerous resources are available at weekofprayer.ca and archtoronto.org

Rosary intention for January

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

ROSE 58 will lead the rosary this week.

– COMING UP –

Oplatek Meeting

Komisja Kościelna
Monday, January 15 at 6 p.m.

Polish Lectors and Ministers of Communion
Saturday, January 20 at 10 a.m.

Altar Servers
Saturday, January 20 at 4 p.m.

Domus Ecclesiae
Sunday, January 21 at 3:30 p.m.

Friends of the Missions – MAMI
Saturday, January 27 at 1 p.m.

Meetings

Kolbe Seniors Club
Tuesday, January 16 at 11 a.m.
at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Grade 8 and 9 Students
Tuesdays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

Grade 10, 11, and 12 Students
Thursdays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

College and University Students
Fridays, 8:20 p.m. in Bro. Anthony Room

Coins for Life

Next **Sunday, January 21**, Kolbe ProLife will be collecting "Coins for Life" bottles at all entrances to the church. No change is too small. Thank you for supporting mothers who turned away from abortion and for helping promote a culture of life.

Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will take place on seven consecutive Mondays, from **February 5 to March 18**, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Meetings are in-person and attendance is mandatory at all sessions. Fee: \$100 per couple. To register, go to www.kolbe.ca and click on *Liturgy and Sacraments* and then *Marriage*. Next course will be offered in October 2024.

Marriage Preparation Course for couples where one or both partners were previously married is facilitated by Catholic Family Services. Contact www.cfstoronto.com to register.

*The fullness of joy
is to behold God in everything.
~ Julian of Norwich ~*

– 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 marriage ceremonies of registered members of our parish who reside within the geographical boundaries of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Otherwise, permission of the local ordinary is required. For more information, couples may e-mail the parish office at kolbemagda@gmail.com.



Reconciliation

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



– OTHER NEWS –

Tax Receipts for 2023 Offertory Envelopes for 2024

We are in the process of preparing income tax receipts for contributions of \$50 or more. If your address has changed recently, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

If you have not picked up your offertory envelopes for 2024, please look for your set in the hallway of the church. Also, please write your full name and address on the first envelope in your set and do not use envelopes from previous years.

Consecrated Life

If you hear the call of vocation in your heart and would like to learn more about an individual form of consecrated life, contact Anna Hecold OCV at (416) 880-2762 or at anna.hecold@gmail.com

Carnival Ball

Canadian Polish Congress cordially invites you to a Carnival Ball on **Saturday, January 20 at 7 p.m.** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Proceeds will help with organizing the May 3rd Parage. Delicious dinner with wine prepared by Jan Gromada, lottery, dancing, and music by Impuls. Tickets at \$75 can be purchased from Janusz (647) 559-1738, at the Centre, and in the Parish Hall after the Sunday Mass.

Radosc-Joy Christmas Concert



Sunday, January 28 at 4 p.m.
in the Parish Hall

Over 100 performers from our parish! Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door or from RJ members. Seats are numbered.

Pilgrimages

Medjugorje May 3 – 13, 2024
For more information please contact:
Marzena (647) 284-1631
Malgorzata (416) 859-8469

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY January 15

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz Wasik (1st anniv.) – daughter and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's continued blessing for the Wetoszka family
- For God's blessing for Emilia, Julia, Olivia, and Filip – grandparents

TUESDAY January 16

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Jan
- ✠ Anna and Jozef Janos – daughter and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Maria and Stanislaw, deceased from Raczywolski, Kamycki, Sitko, and Kraska families

WEDNESDAY January 17

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Alicja Kulina (1st anniv.)
- ✠ Stanislaw Bazylewicz (8th anniv.) and deceased from Bazylewicz and Dyda families – son Piotr and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY January 18

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for sister Paulina
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Alicja Kulina – husband and family
- In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing and health for Wanda Mogielnicka on her birthday – daughter

FRIDAY January 19

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Agnieszka and Henryk Chmielnik and deceased from Granowski and Kaleta families – son and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia and Jan Karwel – friends
- For God's blessing for Wieslawa

SATURDAY January 20

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Lukasz Labieniec (2nd anniv.) – mother and sister
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Eugeniusz Wilczak and deceased from Wilczak and Szurek families – son
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Aniela and Stanislaw Maciata, Aniela and Wojciech Mrugala

SUNDAY January 21

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from Wierzbicki, Dyk, Paluszkiewicz, Malek, Kurek families – Bronislawa
- 9³⁰ ○ For God's blessing for children and grandchildren
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Andrzej and Wladyslawa, brother Andrzej
- 14³⁰ ○ For the grace of faith, help in overcoming addiction, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for son and his family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Edward Jantos (15th anniv.) and family – wife and children

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