



Reflection

In my late teens, I read William Thomas Walsh's *Our Lady of Fatima*. It prompted me to quit a job that was lacking some ethics. Afterwards, I was in a spiritual fog. I went for one of those long walks in an attempt to reconnect with the Lord. At an intersection I saw a yellow Volkswagen with these words boldly painted on it: *Pray the Rosary, Fatima 1917*.

In today's Gospel, we hear the familiar story of how Jesus called his first disciples to be fishers of people. If we fast forward today's Gospel into the present day, we can imagine Jesus walking through an office complex and asking us to leave our desks. Do we drop everything and go?

The apostles' response was immediate. There was an expectation of the coming of the Messiah, so perhaps they were ready. And Jesus chose humble people whose hearts, he knew, were receptive to the call.

Through the sacraments, prayer, and Scripture we seek the Lord and anticipate his call. God can also speak via a billboard, a bumper sticker, a song, a conversation, and even a yellow Volkswagen. This is the all-powerful voice of Love that spoke creation into existence. We are prudent to seek it, listen for it, and trust that it indeed will come in the manner God chooses for us.

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First Reading: Jonah 3.1-5, 10

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, make me know your ways.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7.29-31

Gospel: Mark 1.14-20

Coffee and Donuts

January 21 – Altar Servers

January 28 – Oblate Youth for Missions

– PARISH NEWS –

Sunday of the Word of God

Since 2020, the Church celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time. Based on Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Aperuit Illis* from September 30, 2019, this designates the third Sunday of Ordinary Time for celebrating, studying, and spreading the Word of God.

The theme for the fifth Sunday of the Word of God, observed today, is "Remain in my Word" (John 8.31). Sister Halina has prepared short Bible verses for personal reflection. They are available in English and in Polish and can be found in the church hallway. Please take one with you on your way home.



Sunday, January 21 – Grandmother's Day
Lord, bless our grandmothers!

Monday, January 22 – Grandfather's Day
Mother Mary, protect our grandfathers!

Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for God's blessing for the following couple as they celebrate Holy Matrimony. ♥

Anna Nowak,
daughter of Dorota and Peter
& **Christopher Putro,**
son of Marta and Peter

Coins for Life

This **Sunday, January 21**, Kolbe ProLife is collecting "Coins for Life" bottles at all entrances to the church. If you forgot to bring your bottle this Sunday, please drop it off at the parish office and bring it to church next week. Thank you for your generous support.

ROSE #1 will lead the rosary this week.

– COMING UP –

Memorials and Feasts

Monday, January 22
Saint Vincent

Wednesday, January 24
Saint Francis de Sales

Thursday, January 25
The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
209th Anniversary of the Founding of
Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate

Friday, January 26
Saint Timothy and Saint Titus

Saturday, January 27
Saint Angela Merici

Oplatek Meeting Domus Ecclesiae

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

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

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, January 26**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

Meetings

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

Second Collection

Jan. 27/28 – Building Renovation Fund
Thank you for your ongoing support.

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 as 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.

– OTHER NEWS –

Offertory Envelopes for 2024

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.

2023 Income Tax Receipts



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.

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

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)

Reconciliation

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

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

Folklore Festival

St. Stanislaus - St. Casimir's Polish Parishes Credit Union would like to cordially invite you to the 6th Polish Credit Union Folklore Festival this **Sunday, January 21** at 2:30 p.m. at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. This will be a great opportunity to see many of our Polonia dance groups perform during this largest Polish folklore festival in Canada. Free admission for everyone.

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.

Retreat for Cancer Patients and Caregivers

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre is hosting a day of retreat for cancer patients and their caregivers, "To Experience God's Healing Love."

Date: **Saturday, February 17**

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Cost: \$45.00 includes lunch

Address: 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

Info.: Jean (905) 278-5229 office@qoa.ca

Pilgrimages

Medjugorie May 3 – 13

For more information please contact:

Marzena (647) 284-1631

Malgorzata (416) 859-8469

Pilgrimage to American Czestochowa

Holy Rosary Family is organizing a 3-day pilgrimage to the American Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA and various shrines in Philadelphia, PA, USA from **May 10 to 12**, under the spiritual guidance of an Oblate priest. For more information and to register please contact:

Teresa (905) 495-7035 or

Wieslawa (416) 799-2122

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY January 22

8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria and Mieczyslaw Gorecki – son and family
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and conversion – father and grandfather
✠ Halina Trzcinska-Kowalczyk

TUESDAY January 23

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Stanislaw Janin on his 95th birthday – daughter and family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Rodziewicz
✠ Zofia and Jan Jaroszewski; Zdzislaw and Stanislaw Zalowski

WEDNESDAY January 24

8⁰⁰ ✠ Ewa Grabowska (17th anniv.) – daughter
✠ Marian and Jan Trychta – mother, wife, brother, and family
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY January 25

8⁰⁰ ○ For help in overcoming addiction and for God's blessing and grace for family
19⁰⁰ ○ For Mary's protection and health for Jadwiga, Halina, Genowefa, Jacek – family
○ For God's protection and health for Maximilian, Nickolas, Agnieszka, Marcin, Iwona, Marianna, Ireneusz

FRIDAY January 26

8⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Grzeskiewicz
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing for Marta Zygmunt on her 12th birthday
○ For the grace of conversion for children

SATURDAY January 27

8⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimierz (20th anniv.) and members of the Rogala and Dabrowski families
17⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Mateusz – parents
19⁰⁰ ✠ Wieslaw Kowalewski (5th anniv.) – son and children

SUNDAY January 28

8⁰⁰ ✠ Izabela Zeglen
9³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing for Maria and Jerzy on their 46th wedding anniversary
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Fr. Stanislaw Bak OMI (29th anniv.)
14³⁰ ✠ Antoni Pasiak (anniv.) – wife and children
19⁰⁰ ✠ Krystyna, Jan, Aleksandra Szczerbowicz – family

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

*There is nothing better in the world
than to be in the grace of God.
~ St. Josemaria Escrivá ~*