



Reflection

The readings today hint both that the kingdom is not yet here and the kingdom is here! On the one hand, Job and Paul give us a bleak version of reality, one filled with weakness, suffering, and exhaustion. On the other hand, we have Jesus, in whom heaven and earth come together.

Jesus knows what it is like for us: what it is to be human, and how demanding people can be. He sees the hurt, pain, and suffering we endure. We have the Incarnate Jesus: he brings healing and hope to all humanity. He comes to us, sharing in our humanity, and offers healing, friendship, and joy – all avenues to transform our suffering into blessings.

There is a crucial line in Mark's Gospel that tells us how we can do this: "In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place and there he prayed." No audience or crowds: Jesus alone in the dark in prayer with the Father.

We gather around the table of the Lord, to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. Let us quiet ourselves to be with the One who sees us, understands us, heals us and sends us forth, to bring the kingdom wherever we are needed.

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First Reading: Job 7.1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm:

*Sing praise to the Lord
who heals the broken-hearted.*

Second Reading: 1 Cor 9.16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1.29-39

Second Collection February 10/11

Evangelization Work of the Oblate Fathers
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– PARISH NEWS –

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Ewelina Ania Czepielewski**, daughter of Patrycja and Bartosz, will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We pray for Ewelina and congratulate her parents and Godparents.

Rosary Intention for February

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



ROSE #3 will lead the rosary this week.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

February 4 – Domus Ecclesiae
February 11 – Families of John Paul II

Sacrament of 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.

Sacrament of 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).

– COMING UP –

Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course begins this **Monday, February 5** at 8 p.m. Couples who have registered are asked to meet in the parish hall. Next session is planned for October.

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, February 9**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

Meetings

Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, February 6 at 10 a.m.
Mass followed by a meeting
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

Secular Franciscans

Saturday, February 10, 12 – 2 p.m.
in Fr. Eugene Room

Wedding Anniversary Mass Sunday, February 25 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.

Confirmation for Adults

A sacrament of confirmation fully initiates an adult into the Church and is required if one wishes to act as a Godparent or receive into the sacrament of marriage. Adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic faith and wish to receive the sacrament of confirmation may contact the parish office to sign up for a short preparation course. Adults will be confirmed during the Easter Vigil Liturgy, on **Saturday, March 30** at 8 p.m.

– RETREATS –

...for Families

Domus Ecclesiae (Domestic Church) is organizing an evangelization retreat (in English) on the Family Day Weekend: from **Friday, February 16** at 6 p.m. to **Monday, February 19** at 3 p.m. at the Michaelite Fathers Retreat Centre in Melrose, near London, Ontario. The cost is \$560 per family, all inclusive. For more information or to register, please contact: (519) 896-8979 or (416) 859-1583.

...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" on **Saturday, February 17**, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person and includes lunch.

Address: 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga
Info.: Jean (905) 278-5229
office@qoa.ca

...for Youth

Oblate Youth Canada is organizing an amazing youth survival March Break retreat. It is open for youth ages 13 – 18 and runs from **March 11 to 15**. The survival retreat will be held at Camp Samac in Oshawa. The cost is \$230 for first sibling, less for next siblings. To sign up, email oblateyouthcanada@gmail.com

...for Young Adults

Oblate Youth Canada is organizing a weekend survival retreat. It is open for youth ages 18 – 30 and runs from **March 15 to 17**. The survival retreat will be held at Camp Samac in Oshawa. The cost is \$150. To sign up, send an email to: oblateyouthcanada@gmail.com

*Nothing is so strong as gentleness,
nothing so gentle as real strength.
~ St. Francis de Sales ~*

– OTHER NEWS –

A Chopin Salon

The Canadian Chopin Society invites you to a Chopin Salon on **Sunday, February 25** at 4 p.m. at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Center. The event marks the launch of the countdown towards the Sixth Canadian Chopin Piano Competition in January 2025. Dr. Janet Lopinski will share insights into the creative genius of this beloved Polish composer, with performances by outstanding Canadian Chopin Competition laureates Leonard Gilbert and Eric Guo. After winning the first prize at the prestigious International Chopin Piano Competition on Period Instruments in October, Eric Guo has emerged as a rising international star. We invite you to join us to celebrate the musical legacy of Fryderyk Chopin.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 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

Lost and Found

If you have lost something in the church, please take a moment and look through the lost and found shelf located in the church hallway, beside the large wooden door. More precious items, such as prescription glasses, keys, wedding bands, phone SIM cards, etc. are kept in the parish office. Stop by during office hours.

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.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY February 5

8⁰⁰ ✚ For God's blessing for grandson Oskar
19⁰⁰ ✚ Brother Tadeusz and niece Monika
○ For God's blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and healing for Mateusz

TUESDAY February 6

8⁰⁰ ✚ Jozefa and Fryderyk Janarek – Stefan and family
10⁰⁰ ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club
19⁰⁰ ✚ Bronislawa and Wacław Malinowski – son and family

WEDNESDAY February 7

8⁰⁰ ✚ Wanda Michniewicz (3rd anniv.) – daughter and family
✚ Remigiusz Oswiecinski
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY February 8

8⁰⁰ ✚ Janina and Edward Sadowski – brother and family
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing, grace, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Oksana on her 28th birthday – mother
✚ Aleksandra and Franciszek Maria, son Jan Jedrusiak

FRIDAY February 9

8⁰⁰ ✚ Franciszek Olszewski – son and granddaughter
19⁰⁰ ✚ Marianna and Jerzy Pogroszewski, Elzbieta and Zenon Wetoszka
✚ Alina Kopalka – daughter and family

SATURDAY February 10

8⁰⁰ ✚ Grzegorz
17⁰⁰ ✚ Mieczysław and Genowefa Lewicki – son
19⁰⁰ ✚ Janina Suchodolska, deceased from the Lintner family – son and family

SUNDAY February 11

8⁰⁰ ✚ Daniela Sadowska (2nd anniv.), daughter Katarzyna – husband, father, family
9³⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mary's protection for the Soltysik and Dutkiewicz families
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✚ Felicja and Stanislaw Chabinka, Stanislaw and Edward Szabla
14³⁰ ✚ Lidia Nowotnak – sister
19⁰⁰ ✚ Dorota Karpierz

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