



Reflection

In the Gospel for the Easter Vigil, we see a few faithful women set out before dawn on Easter morning. The heaviness in their hearts was stifling. Who would roll away the stone so they could anoint the body of Jesus?

It looked like death, but really it was life! The sun was up; the Son was raised. That morning the beauty of the Son of Man, who was the Son of God, gradually came to life in the hearts of his followers. "Do not be alarmed," the angel said. "You are looking for Jesus... He has been raised!" What joy! What peace!

Two millennia after the resurrection, how often do we, too, feel locked into temporal tragedies and despair? But, like those listening to Peter in today's first reading, we know about the great event that took place. Like Mary Magdalene in the Gospel for Easter Sunday, when we are weeping beside our empty tombs of experience, we have only to listen to hear our name being called by the Lord and raise the eyes of our heart to behold the glory of Christ Jesus, the Risen One.

This Easter season, let each of us have been raised with Christ through baptism remember that, though "it" might look like death, really it is life – by the power and purpose of God our Father. 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

– 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.

Thank You

...to all who contributed hydrangeas or monies to help decorate the Lord's tomb. Your generosity is much appreciated.

...to Sister Halina and her team of volunteers who spent countless hours decorating our church for the Triduum and Easter celebration. ...to each and every one who come in last Tuesday and helped clean the church for Easter.

...to all parishioners, guests, volunteers, and staff who support our parish with their talent and treasure. May God reward you for all you do.

Parish Office

Parish office will reopen on Tuesday, April 2 at 9 a.m.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

No coffee or donuts this weekend!
 April 7 – Knights of Columbus

Pope's Rosary intention for April

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Rose #11 leads the rosary this week.

– IN MEMORIAM –



The following parishioners passed away recently. Let us keep them in our prayers.

- ✠ Irena Rusiniak, 96
- ✠ Wacława Sadowski, 90
- ✠ Urszula Rodziewicz, 86
- ✠ Ryszard Paluch, 75
- ✠ Bożena Kochanek, 71
- ✠ Natalia Skublak, 19

– COMING UP –

St. John Paul II Day

In 2015 the Canadian Government announced April 2nd as St. John Paul II Day. Special Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, April 1 at 11 a.m.**, followed by laying of flowers and candles at the Pope's monument.

Easter Celebration for Children Easter Monday at 4 p.m.

Children ages 4-12 are invited for an afternoon of games and fun activities in celebration of the Risen Christ. This event is free, but registration is mandatory. Visit www.kolbe.ca to register. Any businesses wishing to sponsor candy for the children can drop off their donation at the parish office.

Kolbe Seniors Club

Kolbe Seniors Club will meet on Tuesday, April 2 at 10 a.m. for Mass followed by a meeting at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre.

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, April 4
 Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, April 5
 Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.
 Confession starts at 6 p.m.

First Saturday of the month, April 6
 Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, April 7
 Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Next **Sunday, April 7** the Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy. Let us prepare for this important day by practicing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. As a parish community, we pray the Divine Mercy Novena daily until April 6. Times are listed on the next page under "Mass Intentions."

Camino Fair

Those interested in walking the Camino are invited to the parish hall on **Sunday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** for a Camino Fair. There will be an opportunity to view the equipment, get help with the Camino App, discuss various routes, purchase a book about Camino and meet the author. Buen Camino!

– 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 –

Easter Concert

Novi Singers present an inspiring and spiritual concert reflecting on the miracle of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The concert will take place on **Sunday, April 7 at 4 p.m.** at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Suggested donation to cover production costs is \$20.

Spring Dance

Friends of the Polish Scouts cordially invite you to a Spring Dance on **Saturday, April 13** 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 various initiatives for the Polish Scouts. Tickets are \$75 each. For more information and to reserve tickets, please call (647) 770-9146 or (416) 826-4632.

Radio Maria Banquet

Easter Banquet in support of Radio Maria will be held on **Sunday, April 21** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. and banquet will begin at 1 p.m. Special musical performance by Fr. Tomasz Jarosz CSsR (baritone) and Fr. Rafal Kobylinski SJ (tenor). Tickets at \$75 are available from:
 Joanna Szydłowska - (905) 819-1040
 Joanna Strzeżek - (905) 845-3553
 Something Special Store - Wisła Plaza
 Health from Nature Store - Roncesvalles Ave.

ShareLife

Jesus' love and example inspire us to extend a helping hand to others, especially those facing the greatest challenges. ShareLife agencies continue to reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community, offering essential services made possible by your compassion and generous contributions.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

**Not registered? Please sign up.
 Moved? Please keep us up to date.**



– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY April 1

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ For God's blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and health for Mirosław, grandchildren, and great grandchildren
- 9³⁰ ✠ Damian Oroc (1st anniv.)
- 11⁰⁰ ✠ Leszek Nartowicz, Witold and Henryk Sakowicz
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ From Chrabalowski and Olejniczak families
- 18³⁰ **Divine Mercy Novena**
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanisław Zabielski

TUESDAY April 2

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ For the return to faith for family
- 10⁰⁰ ✠ For Members of Kolbe Seniors Club
- 18³⁰ **Divine Mercy Novena**
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's continued blessing for Sebastian Paradiuk on his 20th birthday

WEDNESDAY April 3

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ In thanksgiving for graces received and for Mary's protection for Regina on her 90th birthday
- ✠ Helena, Adolf, Tadeusz Belz
- 18³⁰ **Divine Mercy Novena**
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Collective Intentions

THURSDAY April 4

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Helena and Jozef Sitnik, brother Mieczysław
- ✠ Parents Julia and Franciszek and family
- 18³⁰ **Divine Mercy Novena**
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ For God's blessing for all Priests and Religious

FRIDAY April 5

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Katarzyna and Paweł Pempkowski
- 10⁰⁰ ✠ Janina and Józef Szymczak and family
- 18³⁰ **Divine Mercy Novena**
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Katarzyna Longin and Walenty Kulina

SATURDAY April 6

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- Divine Mercy Novena**
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Julia and Aleksander Czerepak
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ From Gajos, Styczynski, Dec, Kobylarz families

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 7

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 9³⁰ ✠ In thanksgiving for received blessings, asking for further graces for Ava Colacitti on her 2nd birthday
- 11⁰⁰ ✠ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing for Joanna and Marek Stankiewicz and their children on their 16th wedding anniversary
- 14³⁰ ✠ For healing and gift of speech for Maximilian and God's protection and grace for Maximilian, Nicolas, Agnieszka, Marcin
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ In thanksgiving for 54 years of marriage of Teresa and Stefan Szczurek and for God's blessing, Mary's protection, and health for them, their children, and family

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