



Reflection

Our Claretian mission team set out from Santo Tomas de Castillo, Guatemala early one morning. The long *cayuco*, a dugout canoe, held all seven of us as we glided over the quiet waters of the Bay of Amatique. With a skilled hand at the tiller, we found the mouth of a small river, then motored up it as far as it could be navigated. Our guide, machete in hand, cut a path for us through – to my eyes – impenetrable rainforest undergrowth towards a settlement of simple farmer’s huts.

Villagers eagerly awaited. A Franciscan nurse improvised a clinic. We all had assigned tasks. A Mass would be celebrated. Afterwards, the small community gathered around rough tables set up under a thatched, roofed *champa*. We shared a chicken and yuca broth with corn tortillas. What little they had, they shared gladly.

Like the apostles in today’s Gospel, we met Jesus there in the sharing of a meal, the breaking of bread. How could we not see him in those villagers? His peace was with us. Listening to his words opens the path to repentance and forgiveness of our sins. The commandments serve to keep us on a path that may seem as bewildering as ours was through that rainforest. A gathering storm hastened our departure. We knew we had nothing to fear.

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Whitehorse, YT*

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First Reading: Acts 3.13-15, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm:

*Let the light of your face shine on us,
O Lord.*

Second Reading: 1 John 2.1-5

Gospel: Luke 24.35-48

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– PARISH NEWS –

Sacrament of Confirmation



This Saturday, April 13, **Bishop Ivan Camilleri** celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at our parish, with 59 young people receiving the final sacrament of Christian 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 & Urszula Beben
Claudia Ogórek & Patryk Swidergal
Justyna Armatowicz & Maya Tarnowski

Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Helena Veronika Kowalczyk**, daughter of Alicia and Michal, will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We pray for God’s blessing for Helena and congratulate her parents and Godparents.

Meeting for Parents of First Communion Children

A formation meeting for parents of children currently preparing to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist at our parish will take place **this Sunday at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

Camino Fair

Those interested in walking the Camino are invited to the parish hall **this Sunday 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!

Brother Albert Foundation

Representatives from Bro. Albert Foundation are visiting our parish this Sunday and distributing envelopes with information about the foundation.

– COMING UP –

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

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, April 28 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.

March for Life in Ottawa

Kolbe ProLife is organizing a one-day trip to Ottawa for the National March for Life on **Thursday, May 9**. Departure at 5:45 a.m. from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church parking lot. Registration will take place next Sunday, **April 21** after Mass. For more information, please see posters in the church foyer or contact Dariusz at (647) 864-6099.

Meeting with Mary Wagner

Meet Pro-Life advocate Mary Wagner in Mississauga! Kolbe ProLife group at St. Maximilian Kolbe parish invites you to a meeting with Mary Wagner who is an active advocate of the pro-life movement in Canada. She has spent about six years of her life behind bars because of her ministry, her prayerful presence and outreach to abortion-minded mothers at abortion clinics. Ms. Mary will be sharing her faith journey with us on **Saturday, May 11 at 7:45 p.m.** in the parish hall. The meeting will be in English. Come and invite others!

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

April 14 – Jubilee 2000 Children’s Choir
April 21 – Church Committee

Second Collection

April 21/22 – Building Renovation Fund
Thank you for your ongoing support.

– OTHER NEWS –

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Come spend an hour in prayer in the presence of the Holy Eucharist where Jesus Christ is truly present in His body, blood, soul, and divinity. Since many regular “adorers” have moved away, we are in need of individuals willing to take their spot. If you are able to help out, please call the coordinator, Margaret, at (647) 888-7487.



Through ShareLife,

you help refugees find safety and freedom.

Your generous gift to ShareLife is crucial for immigrants and refugees establishing a new life in Canada. Your love and support have not only provided them with safety and freedom but have also given them the opportunity to create a brighter future in our community.

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!

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 Strzezek - (905) 845-3553
Something Special Store - Wisla Plaza
Health from Nature Store - Roncesvalles Ave.

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 #13 leads the rosary this week.

– 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 Saturdays at 5 p.m. in English
 - on Sundays 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.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY April 15

8⁰⁰ ✠ Bronislaw Jastrzembski and Czeslawa Opitek – Katarzyna and family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Krystyna Bak
✠ Szczepan Bryk – wife, daughters, family

TUESDAY April 16

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Liliana Batruch on her birthday
✠ Bronislaw and Antoni Szostek and souls in purgatory – daughter
19⁰⁰ ✠ Barbara Wawrzusiak (15th anniv.) – Lucy Dworak and family

WEDNESDAY April 17

8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Tomczyk, Wojciech and Piotr Lukasik – brother Henryk and family
✠ Maria Dardzinska – husband Jozef
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Intentions

THURSDAY April 18

8⁰⁰ ✠ Julia, Aleksander, Wincenty Wroblewski – friends
19⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Klejn (22nd anniv.) – granddaughter
✠ Halina and Wojciech Kokoszka

FRIDAY April 19

8⁰⁰ ✠ Jan and Jozefa Przydatek and parents on both sides
19⁰⁰ ✠ Antoni Oleszczuk and siblings on both sides
✠ Zenon Koczwarra – wife

SATURDAY April 20

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued blessing for Joanna and Robert and their children
17⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for gifts of the Holy Spirit for children and grandchildren
19⁰⁰ ✠ Leonarda Ewertowska (1st anniv.) and deceased from Maciag and Ewertowski families – children

SUNDAY April 21

8⁰⁰ ✠ Petronela and Teofil Deichsel – Richard and wife
9³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage and for God’s continued blessing for Edward and Elzbieta
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s blessing and Mary’s protection for Lila and Jozef Studzinski, their children and grandchildren
14³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and Mary’s protection for Anna and Tomasz, and grandsons Adam and Jakub
19⁰⁰ ✠ Helena and Antoni – son Jozef

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