



Reflection

St. Thomas has gotten a bad rap. Too often labelled “doubting Thomas,” he was actually the first apostle to worship Jesus as “my Lord and my God.” “Have you believed because you have seen me?” Jesus asked him. The others were silent the previous Sunday when they had first seen the risen Jesus.

What is believing? John’s Gospel uses terms such as “to believe” and “believing” about forty times, always as a verb, never a noun. Believing is not an intellectual process but rather dynamic action. Earlier in the Gospel, when Jesus announced he would go to Bethany where Lazarus had just died, Thomas said, “Let us also go that we may die with [Jesus].” No doubter, Thomas was a bulwark of faith in Jesus. He was ready to give his life for Jesus; he worshipped Jesus when others were tentative.

Believing is discipleship. Thomas was open to the Spirit – the Spirit who came by the water and blood of the crucified Lord, as Saint John tells us in the second reading. The Spirit guided Thomas, in his believing, to the truth.

Thomas did not defend his reluctance to believe in the resurrection until he could put his hand in Jesus’ wounds. Instead, he saw, he changed and he worshipped. May we also be so forthright.

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First Reading: Acts 4.32-35

Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Second Reading: 1 John 5.1-6

Gospel: John 20.19-31

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– PARISH NEWS –



Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, on the first Sunday after Easter, the Catholic Church celebrates **Divine Mercy Sunday**, a feast day established by St. John Paul II. The cult of Divine Mercy is associated with the apparitions experienced by St. Faustina Kowalska, to whom Jesus appeared in 1935, recommending that she spread the message of God’s Mercy to the whole world. On August 17th, 2002, during a pilgrimage to Poland, John Paul II entrusted the whole world to God’s Mercy and blessed the Shrine in Kraków Łagiewniki, Poland.

Parishioners and guests are invited to take part in a Eucharistic procession following the 11 a.m. Mass.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, the following children will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community.

Aria Emilia Waliczek,
daughter of Alyssa and Stanley

Evangeline Lia Kilcikarakoglu,
daughter of Lisa and Edward

Mia Katherine Jarrett,
daughter of Elizabeth and Dennis

Weston Carlo Figaj,
son of Nicole and Conrad

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

April 7 – Knights of Columbus
April 14 – Jubilee 2000 Children’s Choir

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 at our parish this **Sunday at 4 p.m.** Suggested donation to cover production costs is \$20.

– COMING UP –

Evening of Praise

Adoremus prayer group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, April 12**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bp. Ivan Camilleri will bestow the sacrament of confirmation on our youth on **Saturday, April 13 at 4 p.m.** (There will be no Mass at 5 p.m.)

All candidates and their witnesses are required to attend a rehearsal on **Thursday, April 11 at 7:45 p.m.** in the church.

Evening of Adoration

On **Saturday, April 13**, immediately after the evening Mass, Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites one and all to take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation to Lord Jesus for sins against life and its dignity.

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 next **Sunday, April 14 at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

Camino Fair

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

Brother Albert Foundation

Representatives from Bro. Albert Foundation will be at our parish on **Sunday, April 14**. There will be an opportunity to learn about and support the foundation.

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.

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 #12 leads the rosary this week.

– 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.

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

ShareLife

Your ShareLife gift is a lifeline to families in need. Many individuals and families silently suffer from depression, anxiety, grief, and trauma. ShareLife-supported Catholic Family Services agencies provide a lifeline to those dealing with mental health challenges.

“Your generosity allows us to assist some of the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our community. Without access to free support, they would be left alone and unable to get the help they need. Each donation impacts a life for the better. Thank you.” – *Elizabeth Pierce, Catholic Family Services of Durham*

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

– 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.



– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

April 8

8⁰⁰ † Zofia and Waclaw Nowotnik; Henry and Zbigniew Raczy
† Szczepan Bryk – daughter Joanna
19⁰⁰ † Wiktor – Danuta and children

TUESDAY

April 9

8⁰⁰ † Julia Czerepak (3rd anniv.) – children and grandchildren
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and Mary’s protection for Renata and Tomasz Pliszka on their 30th wedding anniversary
† Yolanda Messore and deceased from Palferro and Gargano families

WEDNESDAY

April 10

8⁰⁰ † Adela and Jozef Bittel – Grazyna and Jacek
† Krystyna and Andrzej Szuba – daughter and family
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Intentions

THURSDAY

April 11

8⁰⁰ † Juliusz Tsivenko
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and health for Barbara Jeziorski – children
○ For God’s blessing and health for Michal and Pawel – parents

FRIDAY

April 12

8⁰⁰ † Leon Antkowiak – daughter and family
19⁰⁰ † Anna and Stanislaw Guzda – son and family
† Wladyslaw, Mirosław, and deceased from Barszcz family – family

SATURDAY

April 13

8⁰⁰ † Jan and Wiktoria Wytrwal – daughter and family
16⁰⁰ ○ For the gifts of the Holy Spirit for all candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation
19⁰⁰ † Kazimiera Kedzia – Krystyna and Adam

SUNDAY

April 14

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Anna and Jozef on their wedding anniversary and for God’s blessing for their family
9³⁰ † Leonarda and Ryszard Binkiewicz – family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ † Marianna, Piotr Zajkowski, deceased on both sides; Helena, Jozef, Waldemar, Wieslaw Miastkowski
14³⁰ † Parents Genowefa and Jan Stepień, brother Henryk – Halina and family
19⁰⁰ † Marek Krol; Olga, Kazimierz, Tadeusz Borek; Leokadia Makara; Hieronim Ratajczak; Elzbieta and Frank Mesztyk; Bozena Kosiorek

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