

*"You are my Son,  
the Beloved; with you  
I am well pleased."*

*Luke 3.15-16, 21-22*

### Reflection

God is ever-present to his people. After the Fall, he sent a line of prophets with instructions and encouragement. Every prophet was a sign pointing to the Messiah to come, preparing the people for this day. John the Baptist was the last and greatest of the prophets. Going ahead of Jesus, he preached a baptism of repentance. When people mistook John for the Messiah, in his humility he immediately corrected them. He knew the strength and ability to perform his work came from God. John sought no worldly glory and redirected any attention to God. May all Christians follow John's example of saying yes to the Holy Spirit, witnessing to Jesus and performing charitable works in his name. Let us also seek no worldly glory and direct all attention to God.

Although John recognized his own unworthiness, he obeyed Jesus in baptizing him. In today's Gospel we see that baptism is both a gift and a special encounter with God. If you have been baptized, treasure and reflect upon this gift. If you are thinking about being baptized, do not wait! You will receive Jesus' forgiveness and the Holy Spirit, taking the place Jesus has prepared for you in the Body of Christ. Remember the way the Father looks at Jesus today. He looks at you the same way and sees his beloved child.

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**First Reading:** Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*O bless the Lord, my soul!*

**Second Reading:** Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7

**Gospel:** Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

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

## – PARISH NEWS –

### Ordinary Time in the Church

Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

*US Conference of Catholic Bishops*

### 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. We pray for God's blessing for them and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

**Celina Laura Batruch**  
daughter of Karina and Filip

**Juliette Rosalinda Koziol**  
**Lilah Zofia Koziol**  
daughters of Jasmine and Victor

### Coffee and Donuts Schedule

January 12 – Holy Rosary Family  
January 19 – Altar Servers

### Evening of Adoration

This **Sunday**, 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.

### Christ is Born Christmas Concert

**This Sunday at 4:30 p.m.**

St. Maximilian Kolbe Church  
Novi Singers Toronto and Toronto Sinfonietta Chamber Ensemble, under the musical direction of Maciej Jaskiewicz, present a concert entitled "Christ is Born." Performers include: Harnasie, Mali Harnasie, Adoremus-Agnes Dei, Fr. Bogdan Osiecki, Malgorzata Maye, Pawel Szczepanek. Suggested donation: \$20.

## – REMINDERS –

### Collective Mass Intentions

In our parish, Mass in multiple intentions is celebrated on most Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Intentions may be submitted in person during office hours or by phone until Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the latest. Please keep in mind the following:

- Collective Masses are not perpetual Masses. They were introduced for parishioners who do not have a chance to request Mass intentions during the year.
- In the collective Holy Mass, we offer current matters such as: surgery, travel, anniversaries of important family events (birthday, wedding, death of a loved one).
- All other family matters are offered in the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
- Reciting of intentions cannot take up half of the time of the Holy Mass.
- There are three categories of intentions: *in thanksgiving* for specific graces received, *petitions* for particular matters, and *in memory* of a deceased person.
- Please ensure that the content of the requested intention is concise.
- Intentions that are requested repetitively or for an extended period of time will still be accepted, but they will be combined under one general intention.

### Pope's Rosary Intention – January –

Let us pray that immigrants, refugees and all those affected by war may have access to education necessary to build the Kingdom of God.

**Rose #53 leads the rosary this week.**

### Parish Office Hours

Monday	closed
Tuesday	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. – 12 noon
Sunday	closed

### 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 Fr. Bak Room

## – COMING UP –

### Oblate Retreat

From **January 20<sup>th</sup> to January 24<sup>th</sup>** all Oblates will be away at their annual retreat. Please pray for God's blessing and guidance for our priests during this time of retreat and renewal. There will be no Mass and confession on those days.

### Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will take place on seven Mondays, from **February 3 to March 24**, 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](http://www.kolbe.ca) and click on *Liturgy and Sacraments* and then *Marriage*. Next course will be offered in October 2025.

Marriage Preparation Course for couples where one or both partners were previously married is facilitated by Catholic Family Services. Contact [www.cfstoronto.com](http://www.cfstoronto.com) to register

### Radosc-Joy Christmas Concert



**Sunday, January 26 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.

### Carnival Ball

Canadian Polish Congress and May 3<sup>rd</sup> Parade Committee cordially invite you to a Carnival Ball on **Saturday, January 18 at 7 p.m.** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Proceeds will help with organizing the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Parade. Delicious dinner, lottery, dancing, and music by Impuls. Tickets at \$75 can be purchased at the Centre, from Janusz (416) 524-3763, or from Leszek (289) 768-6056.

### Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

You are warmly invited to participate in the perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament taking place in our parish continuously, 24 hours a day. This is a special time for personal prayer and contemplation in the presence of Jesus. Those interested can sign up for a special hour of Adoration by calling Margaret, the chapel coordinator, at (647) 888-7487.

## – PARISH NEWS –

### Parish Registration Change of Address

Ours is an ethnic parish. Our parishioners are those who are of Polish descent and are formally registered at this church. Please note that we are unable to issue eligibility or references letters to non-parishioners. Registration forms and change of address forms can be found in the parish hallway. Filled out forms may be placed in the collection basket on Sunday.

### 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 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](mailto:kolbemagda@gmail.com).

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY January 13

- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for son Antoni on his birthday.  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Parents Julian and Franciszka, grandparents Walenty and Antonina Staronski – daughter  
✚ Parents Teresa and Czeslaw Orlovski and deceased from family

### TUESDAY January 14

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Marianna, Eugeniusz, Stanislaw Tworz and deceased from Tworz, Miernik, Wasik families  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For health for Tomasz Chabowski – sister and family  
○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Monika, Piotr, Daniel – mother

### WEDNESDAY January 15

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Maria and Mieczyslaw Gorecki – son and family  
○ For Mary's protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Karolina on her 24<sup>th</sup> birthday  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY January 16

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Leon Kulik; Anna and Henryk Ojdowski – son and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Halina and Stanislaw Grajek and deceased from Grajek family  
✚ Halina Trzcinska-Kowalczyk

### FRIDAY January 17

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Danuta Manoryk (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.), Dorota, Zofia, Stanislaw, Franciszek Manoryk – Witold  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and Mary's protection for Julian on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday  
✚ Parents Kazimiera and Bernard Rajkowski; aunt Eugenia Mazurek – daughter and family

### SATURDAY January 18

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Alicja Kulina (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.) – husband  
17<sup>00</sup> ✚ Marek Mierzwa (4<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Wladyslaw and Jozefa Kociuba – daughter and family

### SUNDAY January 12

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Alicja, Kazimierz Malek; Maria, Florian Wierzbicki; Melania, Mikolaj Paluszkiewicz; Olga, Aleksander Kurek; Olga, Marcin Dyk  
9<sup>30</sup> ✚ Anna and Jan Czarnecki (34<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – daughter and family  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ✚ Ewa Grabowska (18<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – daughter  
14<sup>30</sup> ✚ Agnieszka and Henryk Chmielnik, deceased from Chmielnik and Myszk families – daughter and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Wojciech (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.)

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