

*“Do whatever
He tells you.”*

John 2.1-12

Reflection

I love the exchange between Mary and Jesus at the wedding in Cana. When the wedding hosts risk the dishonour of running out of wine, Mary recognizes a human need and gently pushes her son into his calling. Jesus resists direct instruction, as most of us do when we don't feel ready.

And yet, Mary sees what Jesus needs to do before he does. Something passes between them that isn't written down in the space between Jesus saying his time has not yet come and Mary turning to the servants, saying, “Do whatever he tells you.” Miracles happen when we follow Jesus.

These words are our instruction, too. Whatever we are facing, we are called to do what Jesus asks of us, according to the gifts the Spirit has given us. Our respective calls will be distinct from one another; the unity of the Church and our collective faithfulness to Jesus depends on each of us responding to our unique call.

In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we can turn Mary's words into a prayer for the whole Christian family. Each of us – according to the gifts and charisms we have been given, in our faith communities and our personal lives – contributes to God's ongoing work in the world. May we do what he tells us, trusting Jesus and each other.

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First Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5

Responsorial Psalm:

*Declare the marvellous works of the Lord
among all the peoples.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.4-11

Gospel: John 2.1-12

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

– PARISH NEWS –

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 – 25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration which has been part of the Church calendar since 1896 when Pope Leo XIII set it as a perpetual observance. It offers an invitation to draw on the shared heritage of all Christians and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites us all.

The theme for the week, “Do you believe this?” (John 11.26), takes its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of their brother Lazarus., as narrate by the evangelist John.

Would the person who requested a Mass intention for Sunday, February 2 at 9:30 a.m. please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Damian Aleksei Martynenko**, son of Victoria and Alex, will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We pray for God's blessing for Damian and congratulate his parents and Godparents.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

January 19 – Altar Servers
January 26 – Polish Scouts

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 #54 leads the rosary this week.

Parish Collections

January 25/26
Building Renovation Fund
Thank you for your ongoing support.

– COMING UP –

Oblate Retreat

This coming week, from **January 20th to January 24th** 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.



Tuesday, January 21
Grandmother's Day
Lord, bless our grandmothers!

Wednesday, January 22
Grandfather's Day
Mother Mary, protect our grandfathers!

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, January 24**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

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.

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 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 to register.

– 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.

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.

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

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

– 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.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY January 20

8⁰⁰ No Mass
19⁰⁰ No Mass

TUESDAY January 21

8⁰⁰ No Mass
19⁰⁰ No Mass

WEDNESDAY January 22

8⁰⁰ No Mass
19⁰⁰ No Mass

THURSDAY January 23

8⁰⁰ No Mass
19⁰⁰ No Mass

FRIDAY January 24

8⁰⁰ No Mass
19⁰⁰ ○ For the gift of healing and Mary's protection for Barbara
✠ Maria and Jozef Jemiolo – daughters

SATURDAY January 25

8⁰⁰ ✠ Lidia Trela (1st anniv.), Aniela and Antoni Trela
17⁰⁰ ✠ Eddy Niedziela
19⁰⁰ ✠ Jadwiga Boryczko – sons with children

SUNDAY January 26

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Klaudia and Kamil – father
9³⁰ ✠ Wladyslaw and Anna Ozga – daughters and family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and God's blessing for Marta Zygmunt on her 13th birthday
14³⁰ ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for grandchildren – grandmother
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stefania, Jan, Edward Kabara

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

