

*“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”*

Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21

### Reflection

In today’s readings we are presented with the image of Jesus as our teacher – a teacher whose wisdom was captured in the narrative form of the Gospels. Do you ever reflect on your role as a student of Christ? The role of a student is to learn and then to prepare to practice what has been studied. Prayer and attentive reception of the Word of God are how we participate in this activity with Our Lord. We can look to the examples of others who preceded us, such as the apostles in the Gospel.

Students need good source materials from which they can learn. Learning comes from exploring these texts from the point of view of our own story; or when studying the Gospel, perhaps aligning our story to the ultimate story of Christ’s life as described by the evangelists in the Gospel.

Reflecting on the words of Scripture today, we are reminded of the role both the Law and the Scriptures (both New and Old) plays in our lives. Their careful study can reveal insights to guide and inspire us with our daily lives and the many decisions we are called to make every day.

Let us be grateful for the tradition into which we were baptized, as it presents us with many teachings that can help us as we try to follow Jesus Christ.

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## – PARISH NEWS –

### Sunday of the Word of God

In the Roman Catholic Church, today is known as the Sunday of the Word of God, a day instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 to emphasize the significance of Sacred Scripture. Sister Halina has prepared short scripture passages for individual reflection. They can be picked up in the parish hall.

### 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.

**Luca Cenzo Nastasi,**  
son of Kamilla and Vincent

**Sofia Bleau,**  
daughter of Jessica and Jacob

### Coffee and Donuts Schedule

January 26 – Polish Scouts  
February 2 – Church Committee

### Second Collection

This weekend’s second collection is for the ongoing maintenance and renovation of our parish. Thank you for your support.

### 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 #55 leads the rosary this week.**

### Radosc-Joy Christmas Concert



**This 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. Seats are numbered.

## – COMING UP –

### Upcoming Devotions

**First Saturday of the month, February 1**  
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

### Presentation of the Lord Sunday, February 2

Forty days after Christmas, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This is in remembrance of Mary and Joseph offering their firstborn son, Jesus, in the temple of Jerusalem. Prior to 1969, this day was known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After the Second Vatican Council, the name was changed to show the Christocentric significance of the ceremony.

In the Polish tradition, this day is also known as Candlemas Day (Matki Bożej Gromnicznej) when candles are blessed symbolizing Christ – the light of the world. **In our parish, candles will be blessed at all Sunday Masses on the weekend of February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.** February 2<sup>nd</sup> is also the Day of Consecrated Life. Priests and religious, like Jesus in the Jerusalem Temple, offer their lives for the sole service of God.

### Breakfast with Purpose: Featuring Obianuju Ekeocha

Join us for a special pro-life event hosted by Kolbe Pro-Life and Right to Life Mississauga & Area. Enjoy a light breakfast and hear from Obianuju Ekeocha, author of *Target Africa* and global pro-life advocate, as she discusses:

- The global abortion agenda
- Abortion funding worldwide
- Ideological colonialism

#### Event Details

**Saturday, February 1**  
St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, Parish Hall  
10 a.m. – breakfast/coffee  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – event  
This FREE event is a great opportunity to connect and learn!

### Catholic Estate Planning

Free Webinar

**Saturday, February 1 at 9 a.m.**

Learn: • how to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection; • how to create your own legacy; • about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. Register through this link: [qrco.de/WebFeb01](http://qrco.de/WebFeb01) Or send an email to: [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write “webinar February 1” in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

## – IN MEMORIAM –



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

- ✠ Andrzej Derkowski, 93
- ✠ Kazimierz Matyja, 93
- ✠ Mieczyslaw Bialczyk, 93
- ✠ Irena Zapert, 91
- ✠ Marianna Mantaj, 91
- ✠ Michal Puclacher, 87
- ✠ Zofia Surowiec, 86
- ✠ Kazimierz Szwedo, 84
- ✠ Ryszard Sadowski, 81
- ✠ Bronislawa Fiedukiewicz, 77
- ✠ John Zabielski, 77
- ✠ Krystyna Kocmiel, 75
- ✠ Dorota Moskal, 57
- ✠ Janusz Wereszczynski, 53

## – REMINDERS –

### 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

**M.A.M.I. – Friends of the Missions**

Thursday, January 30 at 7 p.m.

Mass followed by a meeting in Sister Faustina Room

### 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 all 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.

### March Break Retreat

Youth Teams of Our Lady (YTOL) is inviting all high school students (grade 9-12) to a March Break Retreat from Sunday, **March 9** to Friday, **March 14**. The retreat will take place at the Blue Springs Scout Reserve in Acton. For more information regarding the topic, registration process, and price of the retreat please contact Mrs. Anna Jach at (519) 571-9241 or (519) 588-9241.

## – PARISH NEWS –

### 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.

### 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 27

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Antoni Pasiak (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.) and parents on both sides – family
- 19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God’s blessing for Wanda Mogielnicka on her birthday – daughter ✠ Stanislaw Bazylwicz (9<sup>th</sup> anniv.) and deceased from Dyda and Bazylewicz families – son Piotr and family

### TUESDAY January 28

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Maria, Florian Wierzbicki; Alicja, Kazimierz Malek; Melania, Mikolaj Paluszkiwicz; Olga, Aleksander Kurek; Olga, Marcin, Boleslaw, Czeslaw Dyk
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Maria Jedrusiak ✠ Wacław Janca – wife and daughters

### WEDNESDAY January 29

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanisława, Jozef Olejniczak; Władysława, Stanislaw Nowak – children ○ For the conversion of Anna, God’s blessing, Mary’s protection for the Motyczynski family
- 19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY January 30

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Marian and Jan Trychta – mother, wife, son, brother, family
- 19<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for healing and graces received and for God’s continued blessing – daughters Maria and Jolanta ✠ Władysław Janczura (25<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – granddaughter

### FRIDAY January 31

- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God’s blessing, health, and grace for Alina and Marek
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Genowefa Bednarek – daughter, family ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued grace for Malgorzata

### SATURDAY February 1

- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Cecylia Dawidowicz; Helena and Bartłomiej Plewa, deceased from Plewa family
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from Melak, Sosnowski, Kozłowski families

### SUNDAY February 2

- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 9<sup>30</sup> ✠ Czesława and Jozef Kobus
- 11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued blessing and Mary’s protection for Daniel on his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday – mother
- 14<sup>30</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for health and God’s blessing for Zdzislaw and Halina Foltak on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jacek, Helena Zaszewski; grandparents Stanisława, Wislaw, Maria, Jan – son, brother, grandson

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

**First Reading:** Nehemiah 8.2-4a,5-6,8-10

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12.12-30

**Gospel:** Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21

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