

*“Rejoice in that day
and leap for joy,
for surely your reward
is great in heaven.”*

Luke 5.1-11

Reflection

In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus repeatedly overturns our comforting expectations. This Sunday, Jesus tells us that the poor, the hungry, and those who weep are blessed, but woe to those who are rich, well-fed, and laughing. “Woe to you when all speak well of you.” Jesus is not laying down moral principles here; he is speaking directly to me.

This is not what I want to hear on a cold Sunday in February. The winter has been long, and I am anxious for spring to arrive. I am glad to have a warm home, good food, and good company, but I still want more. I always want more of the good things of life. But Jesus says, “You have received your consolation.”

In two and a half weeks, Lent will begin. My goal for this season should be to go deeper than prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. While essential, those are externals. Rather, such practices should help me grow more deeply into Christ.

My solidarity with Jesus includes a solidarity with the poor, the hungering, and the sorrowful. Solidarity means more than a feeling of unity in my heart; it means that I, in some way, experience what the marginal ones are experiencing. Ascetic practices can nurture that experience. Better still is to have an encounter with those who suffer. Through this encounter, February will become spring.

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Edmonton, AB

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First Reading: Jeremiah 17.5-8

Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6.17, 20-26

**Moved? Please keep us up to date.
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– PARISH NEWS –



The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Adrian Ryszard Wojtowicz**, son of Malgorzata and Wojciech, will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We pray for God’s blessing for Adrian and congratulate his parents and Godparents.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

February 16 – Knights of Columbus
February 23 – Domus Ecclesiae

Tiramisu

Today after Sunday Mass, Oblate Youth is inviting parishioners for a bite of tiramisu. There will be an opportunity to pre-order this delicious dessert for pick-up next Sunday.

Parish Collections

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Building Renovation Fund

Thank you for your ongoing support.

2024 Income Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts for contributions of \$50 or more will be mailed out this week. Please look for them in your mailbox.

Pope’s Rosary Intention – February –

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ’s mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Rose #58 leads the rosary this week.

**Family Day at
the John Paul II
Polish Cultural Centre**



This Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Games, Contests, Crafts, and more
Free Admission

– COMING UP –

Meetings

Kolbe Seniors Club
Tuesday, February 18 at 11 a.m.
at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

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, February 23 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.

Introduction of the Statue of Saint Michael the Archangel

On the first Sunday of March, a statue of St. Michael the Archangel will be mounted above the main door of our church. In preparation for this event, the following will take place in our parish.

Thursday, February 27 at 7 p.m.

Holy Mass with Special Homily (in Polish)

Friday, February 28 at 7 p.m.

Holy Mass with Special Homily (in Polish)
Devotion and Prayer for Healing (in Polish)

Saturday, March 1 & Sunday, March 2

Special homily will be preached at all Sunday Masses and there will be an opportunity to receive the scapular of St. Michael the Archangel.

All prayers will be led by Fr. Krysz Stanula and Fr. Mateusz Sobierajski of the Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel.

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.

Jubilee 2000 Children’s Choir Banquet

Jubilee 2000 Children’s Choir is fundraising for their trip to Greece and organizing a banquet on March 30. Tickets will be available for purchase on March 2 in the parish hall.

– JUBILEE YEAR 2025 –

Plenary Indulgence

1. What is an indulgence?

An indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven. Sin is both personal and social; it leaves a mark on the individual soul and has an effect on the lives of others. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation our sins are forgiven, and we are restored to a state of grace, but the aftermath of our sin remains. Indulgences work to remedy this both in this world and the next, for ourselves, or those who have gone before us into eternal life. As a remission of temporal punishment, indulgences can be partial or plenary depending on whether part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin has been remitted. Indulgences truly are an outpouring of God’s abundant grace and mercy.

2. What is the Jubilee Indulgence?

The Jubilee Indulgence is a plenary indulgence which thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy. It may also be sought for oneself. It is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God’s mercy. During a Jubilee Year, which normally happens every 25 years, all other indulgences previously granted remain in force and may be obtained by the faithful.

3. How is the Jubilee Indulgence obtained?

It is obtained in the same manner as any plenary indulgence. One who is truly repentant and free from any attachment to or desire for sin, moved by a spirit of charity, must perform a prescribed act to be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. The person must also go to Confession (within several days before or after the prescribed act), receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Pope (specifically praying 1 Our Father and 1 Hail Mary). The Jubilee Indulgence may be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory, which is a most commendable act of mercy itself.

4. What are the ways in which a plenary indulgence can be obtained?

A plenary indulgence can be obtained through the following ways: ● pilgrimages; ● pious visits to sacred places; ● works of mercy and penance.

To be continued...

– SACRAMENTS –

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.

Reconciliation

Confession takes place 30 minutes before each Mass in the confessionals.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY February 17

8⁰⁰ ✚ Rozalia, Stanislaw, Adam – sister and family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Miroslaw Szewc (2nd anniv.) – parents and siblings
✚ Wladyslawa and Ludwik Tomaszewski – children and grandchildren

TUESDAY February 18

8⁰⁰ ✚ Kazimierz Rozanski and deceased from family
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s protection for children: Tomasz, Dawid, Patryk, Merna, and Ezra
✚ Piotr Czarniecki – sister and family

WEDNESDAY February 19

8⁰⁰ ✚ Husband Kazimierz Kokosza
✚ Marianna and Walenty Siuda, deceased from Kolodziejczak family
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY February 20

8⁰⁰ ✚ Irena, Marcel, Oskar Radunski and Janina Krzewska
19⁰⁰ ✚ Aniela and Tomasz Dobrolecki – daughter and family
✚ Maria Rzepa (3rd anniv.) – daughters

FRIDAY February 21

8⁰⁰ ✚ Henryka and Stanislaw Kuczynski
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Nicolas and Nicole Cislo and for God’s blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and Mary’s protection for them
✚ Rozalia Gabiga – husband and children

SATURDAY February 22

8⁰⁰ ✚ Deceased from Musielak and Jankowski families
17⁰⁰ ✚ Parents Jozef and Rozalia Zoltek
19⁰⁰ ✚ Parents Marianna and Jozef Szulga, Zofia and Wladyslaw Pawka

SUNDAY February 23

8⁰⁰ ✚ Alina Kopalka – daughter and family
9³⁰ ✚ Daughter Diana Pereira
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✚ Danuta Janicka – family
14³⁰ ○ For faith and grace for children: Patryk, Nicole, and Natalia
19⁰⁰ ✚ Halina and Waclaw Golebiewski

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

Jubilee Year 2025
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