

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“No prophet is accepted
in his own native place.”*

Luke 4.21-30

Reflection

The people of Nazareth knew Jesus – he was Joseph’s son. He spoke so well, this hometown boy! But Jesus’ message fell on deaf ears. Their eyes did not “see” Jesus for who he was, nor did their hearts respond to his mercy. They could not accept him as the healer, Saviour and Messiah that he said he was.

Truth is always challenging. The pride and self-righteousness of the people of Nazareth prevented them from understanding who Jesus was. Instead of accepting Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, they attempted to murder him by throwing him off a cliff.

Are we like the crowds that followed Jesus, hungry to know him as their healer and redeemer, or are we like the people of Nazareth? Do we come to Mass week after week trusting in our own opinions of Jesus, proud that we belong to his Church, seeing but not perceiving him, and hearing his word but not integrating it into our lives?

Today Jesus is present at Mass just as he was in the synagogue at Nazareth. What will we do with Jesus? Will we, too, try to toss him off a cliff outside of church because his words are inconvenient and uncomfortable? Or will we humbly and hungrily follow him as he walks through our midst and continues on his way?

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First Reading: Jeremiah 1.4-5, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm:

*My mouth will tell, O Lord,
of your deeds of salvation.*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.31-13.13

Gospel: Luke 4.21-30

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

– PARISH NEWS –

Presentation of the Lord

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, blessing of candles will take place at each Sunday Mass.

February 2nd 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.

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.

Adam Lucas Glowacki,
son of Celine and Lucas

Zuzanna Maria Reitmeier,
daughter of Joanna and Marek

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

February 2 – Church Committee
February 9 – Jubilee 2000

Hot Lunch

Youth traveling to Rome for the Jubilee Year celebrations are fundraising for their trip. If you would like to support their endeavours, please stop by the parish hall this Sunday for some delicious food.

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 #56 leads the rosary this week.

– COMING UP –

Meetings

Kolbe Seniors Club
Tuesday, February 4 at 10 a.m.
Mass followed by a meeting
at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, February 6
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, February 7
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after
the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.
Confession starts at 6 p.m.

Parish Collections

February 8/9
Evangelization Work of the Oblate Fathers

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.

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.

– JUBILEE YEAR 2025 –

This year, the Roman Catholic Church worldwide is celebrating a special Jubilee Year. This has been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a “Holy Year”.

The theme of the 2025 Jubilee is “Pilgrims of Hope”. In the words of Pope Francis: “We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.”

The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and also local initiatives in dioceses around the world. For jubilee events throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto, please visit archtoronto.org. For events in our parish, please follow the bulletin and listen to parish announcements.

– JUBILEE YEAR 2025 –

The Jubilee Logo



The logo shows **four figures**, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples.

The figure at the front is holding onto the **cross**. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life’s pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That’s why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an **anchor** which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the ‘anchor of hope’ refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms.

It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrims’ **journey** not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope.

Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites

The following churches have been chosen as Designated Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites of the Archdiocese of Toronto for the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025:

St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica, Toronto
St. Paul’s Basilica, Toronto
St. Mary’s Parish, Toronto (Bathurst Street)
St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke
St. Mary’s Parish, Brampton
St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough
St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa
St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg
St. Mary’s Parish, Barrie
Martyrs’ Shrine, Midland

– 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.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY February 3

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit and health for daughters Anna and Natalia with family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Jadwiga Targonska (4th anniv.) – Danuta and family
✠ Aleksander Wojnarowicz and deceased from Wojnarowicz and Gedos families – Wojnarowicz family

TUESDAY February 4

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Czeslawa Lyzwa (anniv.) – sons and families
10⁰⁰ ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club
19⁰⁰ ✠ Pauline Ewaschuk – Ewaschuk family

WEDNESDAY February 5

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Alicja, Kazimierz Malek; Maria, Florian Wierzbicki; Melania, Mikolaj Paluszkiewicz; Olga, Aleksander Kurek; Olga, Marcin, Boleslaw, Czeslaw Dyk
○ For God’s blessing and health for Magda and family
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY February 6

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and health for mother on her birthday – daughter
✠ Stanislaw and Zygmunt Pracon – son
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for all Priests and Religious

FRIDAY February 7

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Remigiusz Oswiecinski
10⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Maslowiecka and Daniela Sadowska – sister and family
19⁰⁰ ○ For the grace of faith and spiritual conversion for children – mother

SATURDAY February 8

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslaw Ozga – daughters and family
17⁰⁰ ✠ Aleksandra Jedrusiak (10th anniv.)
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Magdalena Boron-Kucharska on her 50th birthday

SUNDAY February 9

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Daniela (3rd anniv.), Ryszard, Katarzyna Sadowski – family
9³⁰ ✠ Wife Dorota Jakóbczyk, deceased from Jakóbczyk, Ozdoba, Nowak, Pietrzyk, Niekrasz families
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Felicja, Stanislaw Chabinka; Edward, Stanislaw Szabla
14³⁰ ✠ Marian Cislo (7th anniv.) – wife and children
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stefan and Marianna Marchewka – daughter and family

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

Jubilee Year 2025
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