

*“Do to others
as you would have them
do to you.”*

Luke 6.27-38

Reflection

Many people would not consider themselves as having enemies. Yet, we all know people who have injured us or who may simply irritate us and fill us with anger. In today’s Gospel, Jesus challenges us to love our enemies as he does. He asks us to love as God loves, whose love is generous and forgiving.

During his life, Jesus showed us how to love those who infuriate us and to forgive those who have harmed us. This is especially clear on the Cross when he prayed for his enemies to be forgiven.

Loving your enemies may seem impossible. It involves forgiving others who have wronged us. Sometimes we may struggle with forgiveness because the harm we received feels unbearable. Jesus constantly invites us to free both the person who offended us and ourselves from any anger that blinds us. We cannot accomplish this alone. We need to ask God for his gift of grace to forgive others, to be aware that he is present within us and in each person.

On our own, loving our enemies is very difficult. It is only by turning to the Lord in prayer and trusting in his mercy that it becomes possible. Let us ask him to transform our hearts so that we may love as he loves and be reflections of his mercy with others.

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First Reading:
1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25

Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.45-49

Gospel: Luke 6.27-38

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

– PARISH NEWS –

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Today at the 11 a.m. Mass, we pray for God’s grace and blessing for the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries:

- 70th Stanislaw and Kazimierz Sas
- 62nd Maria and Jozef Rafacz
- 30th Lucja and Jan Dadej

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

February 23 – Domus Ecclesiae
March 2 – Polonia Brass Band

Tiramisu

Again this Sunday after 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.

Second Collection

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

2024 Income Tax Receipts

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

Pope’s Rosary Intention – March –

Let us pray that broken families will experience the healing power of forgiveness and discover that even divisions can become the richness of God’s reconciliation that brings hope.

Rose #1 leads the rosary this week.

– IN MEMORIAM –



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

- ✠ Marian Bartoszek, 93
- ✠ Marian Andruchów, 86
- ✠ Maciej Niedzwiecki, 85
- ✠ Irene Cieciera, 80
- ✠ Jan Sobilo, 80
- ✠ Mirosław Mierzejewski, 77
- ✠ Alfreda Lipski, 73
- ✠ Krzysztof Zupranski, 68
- ✠ Henryk Rebizak, 67
- ✠ Zofia Kostrzewa, 67
- ✠ Darek Jedrzkiewicz, 55
- ✠ Natalia Maksymiuk, 31
- ✠ Kasia Podolak, 26

– COMING UP –



Introduction of the Statue of Saint Michael the Archangel

On Sunday, March 2, 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 this week 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. Krys Stanula and Fr. Mateusz Sobierajski of the Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel.

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, February 28**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

Upcoming Devotions

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

First Sunday of the month, March 2
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

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

Continued from last week...

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.

5. What do you do when you make a pilgrimage?

At any Designated Jubilee Pilgrimage Site, devoutly participate in: • Holy Mass (including the Profession of Faith if not already included in the Mass); • a ritual Mass for the conferral of the sacraments of Christian initiation or the Anointing of the Sick; • a Celebration of the Word of God (including the Lord’s Prayer and Profession of Faith); • the Liturgy of the Hours; • the Way of the Cross; • the Marian Rosary; • a penitential celebration with individual Confession; • the recitation of the Akathist hymn.

6. What do you do when you visit a Designated Jubilee Pilgrimage Site?

When you arrive at a Designated Jubilee Pilgrimage Site, whether in a group or as an individual, spend a suitable length of time in Eucharistic Adoration concluding with the Lord’s Prayer, Profession of Faith and invocations to Mary. The Lord’s Prayer and the Profession of Faith are necessary to obtain the indulgence.

7. What are the Designated Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites in the Archdiocese of Toronto?

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

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)

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

Events at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre



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

Ostatki Dance

Saturday, March 1
Dinner by Master Chef Jan Gromada
Music by Impuls

Tickets at \$75 can be purchased from Leszek (289) 768-6056 or Janusz (416) 450-3748

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY February 24

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Julia and Wiktor Lipowicz, deceased from Kokosza, Lipowicz, Hoffman, and Lampa families
- 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued grace for Andrzej and Janina Szaflarski on their wedding anniv.
- ✠ Krystyna Pawlowska – brother Marian and family

TUESDAY February 25

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Marek Milewski – sister and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Members of Palferro, Gargano, and Messori families
- ✠ Antoni and Halina Szelest, Tadeusz Uranowski (10th anniv.)

WEDNESDAY February 26

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Julia and Daniel
- ✠ Franciszek and Janina Wos – daughter and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY February 27

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Teofila and Stanislaw Bienasz – son and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Karolina and Czeslaw; brothers Jozef, Stanislaw, Jan, Antoni; deceased from Obszynski and Mroz families – Marianna and family
- ✠ Deceased from Bryla, Glen, Pieciorek, Rzeznik families

FRIDAY February 28

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Jozefa Szewczyk (1st anniv.) and souls in purgatory – daughter and family
- ✠ Katarzyna and Jan Lach – Teresa and Stefan
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from Ducki, Odalski, Swiecki families

SATURDAY March 1

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 17⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Izabela, John, Veronika, and Alexander DiCarlo
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Rafal and Zdzislaw Stopa – Krystna and family

SUNDAY March 2

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 9³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and protection for the Soltysik and Dutkiewicz families
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Aleksandra and Julian Slawinski – son and wife
- 14³⁰ ✠ Maria Targonska (4th anniv.) – daughter Danuta and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Mogielnicki (5th anniv.); deceased from Mogielnicki and Marzec families – wife and daughter

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