

“I have seen
the Lord.”

John 20.1-18

Reflection

What happens when you witness something that can’t be explained? Sometimes you tell others the story as you know it. Others listen and see for themselves and perhaps discover something new – or, as is the case in the reading from the Gospel of John, they will confirm what they’ve already been told. Sometimes you simply stay put because you cannot yet move. The hold of love, of connection, of mystery, asks you to wait, to open heart and mind and spirit, and to hope in faith. There is simply too much happening inside to leave.

Because Mary Magdalena stayed, she heard her name spoken in a voice that told her all she needed to know. The One whom she loved more than all others was alive. And she knew it through the sound of a voice – the sound of someone who knew her, who loved her. Death did not have the final say. Because she stayed, she learned the story by heart. And then she told others.

It is what we are called to do. Be the voice of love. Tell the story – live the story – of an astonishing love so powerful that it stays – so that it lives within someone else and gets passed along and gets told over and over again. Live the story, tell the story – of a love that does not lie.

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First Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43
Responsorial Psalm:
*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*
Second Reading: Colossians 3.1-4
or 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8
Gospel: John 20.1-18

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

– PARISH NEWS –

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Today we gather for the most important Christian celebration – the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. A warm and friendly welcome to all our parishioners and guests from near and far. May Christ fill our hearts with love, joy, hope, and strength for everyday victories.

Easter Monday Mass Schedule

8 a.m. in Polish
9:30 a.m. in English
11 a.m. in Polish
1 p.m. in Polish
7 p.m. in Polish

THANK YOU!



...to all who contributed beautiful hydrangeas or monies to help decorate the Lord’s tomb. Your generosity is much appreciated.
...to Sister Halina and her team of volunteers who spent countless hours decorating our church for the Triduum and Easter celebration.
...to each and every one who come in last Tuesday and helped clean the church for Easter.
...to all parishioners, guests, volunteers, and staff who support our parish with their talent, their treasure, and a kind word. May God reward you for all you do.

Parish Office

Parish office will reopen
on Tuesday, April 22 at 9 a.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Next **Sunday, April 27** the Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy. Let us prepare for this important day by practicing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. As a parish community, we pray the Divine Mercy Novena daily until April 26. Times are listed on the next page under “Mass Intentions.”

Rose #8 leads the rosary this week.

– PARISH NEWS –

Sacrament of Confirmation

Bp. Ivan Camilleri will bestow the sacrament of confirmation on our youth on **Saturday, April 26 at 4 p.m.** (There will be no Mass at 5 p.m.)

All candidates and their witnesses are required to attend a rehearsal on **Thursday, April 24 at 7:45 p.m.** in the church.

Meeting for Parents
of First Communion Children

An important meeting for parents of children currently preparing to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist at our parish will take place **next Sunday, April 27, at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

Wedding Anniversary Mass
Sunday, April 27 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.

Coffee, Donuts, Zapiekanki

On April 27, Knights of Columbus will be serving coffee, donuts and *zapiekanki*. What is a *zapiekanka*? It is a Polish-style mushroom and cheese bruchetta. It’s served warm.

Constitution Day

Next **Sunday, April 27**, the Canadian Polish Congress in Mississauga is organizing the commemorations of the 234th anniversary of the enactment of the Polish Constitution. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. All are welcome!

Constitution Day Parade

The Canadian Polish Congress is inviting all Polonia to take part in a parade in honour of the 234th anniversary of the enactment of the Polish Constitution on **Sunday, May 4**. The event will begin with Holy Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Toronto, followed by a parade and festivities at Nathan Phillips Square. Delicious Polish food will also be available for purchase. All are welcome!

March for Life in Ottawa

Kolbe ProLife is organizing a one-day trip to Ottawa for the National March for Life on **Thursday, May 8**. Departure at 5:45 a.m. from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church parking lot. Registration takes place **next Sunday, April 27** in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Dariusz at (647) 864-6099.

– SACRAMENTS –
– AT OUR PARISH –

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 wedding ceremonies of registered members of our parish who reside within the geographical boundaries of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Otherwise, permission of the local bishop is required. For more information, please e-mail the parish office at kolbemagda@gmail.com.



Reconciliation



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



ShareLife

THANK YOU FOR BEING A BEACON OF HOPE

On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

– OTHER NEWS –

Radio Maria Banquet

Easter Banquet in support of Radio Maria will be held next **Sunday, April 27** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. and banquet will begin at 1 p.m. Special musical performance by Karolina Podolak, Krzysztof Jasinski, and Bartosz Hadala (piano). Tickets at \$70 are available from:
Joanna Szydłowska - (905) 819-1040
Joanna Strzeczek - (905) 845-3553
Health from Nature Store - Roncesvalles Ave.
John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Pilgrimage to Buffalo

Holy Rosary Family is organizing a one-day bus trip to Buffalo, NY on **Sunday, June 15**. The itinerary includes a visit to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and Our Lady of Victory Shrine and Basilica. Information and registration:
Teresa (905) 495-7035
Wiesława (416) 799-2122

Assumption Cemetery

Assumption Catholic Cemetery has a limited inventory set aside exclusively for the Polish community. For inquiries, please call Marcos Carvajal at (905) 670-8801 ext. 1

Job Offer

Sacred Heart Parish in Kitchener is looking to hire an organist. For more information, please contact Barbara from the Parish Council: (519) 896-7881.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

EASTER MONDAY April 21

8⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from Czeranowski family – family
9³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s blessing for mother Jadwiga on her 75th birthday
11⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Maksymilian on his 5th birthday
13⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued blessing and health for Stanisława on her birthday
18³⁰ *Divine Mercy Novena*
19⁰⁰ ✠ Barbara Wawrzusiak – Lucy Dworak and family

TUESDAY April 22

8⁰⁰ ✠ Zenon Koczwarą – wife
18³⁰ *Divine Mercy Novena*
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Kevin Sowa on his 40th birthday – parents
✠ Irene and Joseph Urbaniak – daughter Emily

WEDNESDAY April 23

8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Klejn (25th anniv.) – granddaughter
✠ Deceased from the Fijalkowski and Slawski families
18³⁰ *Divine Mercy Novena*
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY April 24

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s blessing and Mary’s protection for Maria and Tomasz
18³⁰ *Divine Mercy Novena*
19⁰⁰ ✠ Aleksandra Buczek (anniv.) – daughter
✠ Jerzy Scieszka, Stanisław Kubica – family

FRIDAY April 25

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Karina on her birthday
18³⁰ *Divine Mercy Novena*
19⁰⁰ ✠ Helena Paluch – daughter Agnieszka and Anna with family
✠ Maria, Wiktor, Stanisław, Franciszek Węglowski – daughter and sister

SATURDAY April 26

8⁰⁰ ✠ Sławomir Kostecki – brother and family
16⁰⁰ ○ **For the gifts of the Holy Spirit for all candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation**
18³⁰ *Divine Mercy Novena*
19⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Jakubowski family

Divine Mercy Sunday April 27

8⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Gajos, Styczynski, Dec, Kobylarz families
9³⁰ ✠ Stanisław Brozny (1st anniv.)
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
○ Special intention on the occasion of the 234th anniversary of the declaration of the Constitution of 3 May (1791)
13⁰⁰ ○ For health and God’s grace for Krystyna – Adam
14³⁰ ✠ Jadwiga Targonska (4th anniv.) – husband Władysław
19⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Irena and Teodor Wethacz; uncle Michał; Zofia and Jerzy Dziuba; deceased from family – Eugenia

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