



Reflection

How often in these next few weeks will we hear the question “Are you ready for Christmas?” Gifts, baking, parties...so little time, so much to do. In today’s readings, we hear the same question but in a much broader, more profound context. Simply put, are we ready, not just for Christmas Day, but for the coming of Christ into our lives?

As Christians, we are a people who live in hope, knowing that, while this life isn’t going to last forever, there is something even more wonderful awaiting us. This doesn’t mean that we are to live our lives detached from this world. Today’s Gospel speaks of people eating and drinking, grinding meal, working the fields. Ordinary people living ordinary lives. And it is precisely into this very ordinariness that Jesus comes.

When Jesus tells us to stay awake, he’s not just pointing to the end of time. He’s also inviting us to live in the present moment, to be attentive to the many ordinary ways he enters our daily lives. Perhaps it’s the newly arrived immigrant fearing her welcome in an unknown land. Maybe it’s the recently widowed neighbour dreading his first Christmas alone. As we prepare to celebrate the wonder of God coming to us as a baby, we open ourselves anew to the many opportunities to welcome him in our midst each day.

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**First Reading:** Isaiah 2.1-5  
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*Let us go rejoicing  
to the house of the Lord.*  
**Second Reading:** Romans 13.11-14  
**Gospel:** Matthew 24.37-44

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

– THIS WEEKEND –

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, Sofia Arianna Sam, daughter of Ewa and Roman will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate her parents and Godparents.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

November 30 – Knights of Columbus  
December 7 – Friends of the Missions

Change for Life

This weekend, Kolbe ProLife is collecting “Change for Life” bottles at all entrances to the church. No change is too small. Thank you for supporting mothers who turned away from abortion and for helping promote a culture of life.

Meeting for Parents: Communion

Formation meeting for parents of students preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is today (Sunday) at 3:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Second Collection

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

Upcoming Devotions

**First Thursday of the month, December 4**  
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

**First Friday of the month, December 5**  
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.  
Confession starts at 6 p.m.

**First Saturday of the month, December 6**  
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

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

Pope’s Rosary Intention  
– December –

Let us pray that Christians living in war or conflict zones, especially in the Middle East, may find strength in God and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, seek peace, hope and reconciliation.

Rose #40 leads the Rosary this week.

– IN PREPARATION –  
– FOR CHRISTMAS –

Rorate Mass

– IN POLISH –

Starting this **Tuesday, December 2**, join us for *Rorate Masses* on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8 a.m., on Thursdays and Fridays at 7 p.m., and on Saturdays at 6 a.m. Please bring a lantern.

Advent Retreat for Adults

– IN POLISH –

An Advent retreat will take place **December 7 – 10** and will be led by His Excellency Marek Ochlak OMI, bishop of the Diocese of Fenoarivo Atsinanana in Madagascar.

**Sunday, December 7**

Retreat Homily during all Polish Masses

**Monday, December 8**

10 a.m. / 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 9**

10 a.m. + Anointing of the Sick / 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 10**

10 a.m. / 7 p.m.

Advent Retreat and Rorate Mass  
for Children

– BILINGUAL –

Thursday, December 11 at 7 p.m.

Friday, December 12 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 13 at 6 a.m.

Please bring a lantern.

Advent Retreat for Youth

– BILINGUAL –

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent at 7 p.m.

Mass in Polish / Homily in English

Advent Confession

Friday, December 19, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Tuesday, December 23, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

There will be no confession December 24-26.

Candles

Decorative candles depicting Christmas motifs and images of saints are available for purchase from members of the Jubilee 2000 Children’s Choir led by Sister Halina.

Parish Calendar 2026

The 2026 Parish Calendar is now available. It focuses on young saints and blessed of the Catholic Church. As always, it includes Church feast days, solemnities, holy days of obligation, patron saints, and lots more. The calendar is available in the parish hall and in the parish office for only \$5 each.

– COMING UP –

Meetings

Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, December 2 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 Fr. Bak Room

Saint Nicholas’ Visit

Saint Nicholas will visit our parish on **Saturday, December 6** at the 7 p.m. He will be happy to meet all our parish children.

Christmas Gifts for Madagascar

**Sunday, December 7**

Advent is a time of joyful waiting for the birth of baby Jesus. Let’s share our joy by helping the children of Madagascar by purchasing a Christmas gift package:

- \$30 food package: rice, pasta, a can of milk, candy, cookies, soap, a baseball cap, and flip-flops
- \$15 meal package: two meals a week from December to March
- \$10 health package: disinfectants, vitamins, and medicine

These gift packages may be purchased through Oblate World Missions next **Sunday, December 7** in the parish hall.

Save the Date – Oplatek

*Oplatek* for members of the Rosary Family will take place on **Saturday, January 3, 2026**. Tickets will be available for purchase next weekend.

Beware of Scams

Please know that no priest, religious sister, or employee of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church will ever ask you for money, gift cards, or to make purchases by email, text, phone or any other means of social communication.

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes for 2026 are arranged in alphabetical order in the parish hall and can be picked up today. **Parishioners whose envelope number was higher than 1900 have been assigned a new number.** Please check if the number on the label matches the number on the envelope. If there are any discrepancies, let the parish office know. Please hold off on using the new envelopes until January 2026.



– IN MEMORIAM –



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

- ✠ Romana Kobak, 100
- ✠ Olga Trochanowska, 87
- ✠ Mieczyslaw Borawski, 83
- ✠ Andrzej Gorzedowski, 77
- ✠ Tadeusz Toczek, 76
- ✠ Jerzy Majkutewicz, 67
- ✠ Joanna Prus, 63
- ✠ Henryk Haluszczak, 56
- ✠ Zbigniew Kedzierski, 56
- ✠ Marcin Gdyczynski, 54

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

Christmas Carolling in Canada

Christmas carol concert featuring numerous Polish artists will take place on **Thursday, December 18** at **7 p.m.** in the Oasis Convention Centre in Mississauga. See poster for details.

Radio Maria Banquet

Radio Maria Christmas Banquet will be held on **Sunday, January 11, 2026**, at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. and the banquet will begin at 1 p.m. The event includes a concert by Kinga Mitrowska, Milena Boryczko, and Zosia Drozdowska. Tickets at \$75 are available from: John Paul II Centre (905) 306-9900, Something Special Store (905) 629-2347, Joanna Szydłowska (905) 819-1040, and Joanna Strzerek at (905) 845-3553.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

**MONDAY December 1**

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Artur Ostrowski (anniv.) – father and family
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jozef Taborowski and deceased from the Balicki family – family
- ✠ Zofia and Marta Krejca

**TUESDAY December 2**

- 8<sup>00</sup> o For peace and faith in the family
- 10<sup>00</sup> o For members of Kolbe Seniors Club
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Barbara Mahon – Robert and family

**WEDNESDAY December 3**

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jerzy Scieszka, Stanislaw Kubica – family
- ✠ Deceased from the Kruszewski, Perkowski, and Raciborski families
- 19<sup>00</sup> o Collective Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY December 4**

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanislaw Wiercinski (4<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – daughter
- ✠ Janina Kedziak, Scholastyka Gliwinska
- 19<sup>00</sup> o For God’s blessing for all Priests and Religious

**FRIDAY December 5**

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Zofia and Adolf Kawa, deceased from the Kawa and Rzepa families
- 10<sup>00</sup> ✠ Anna and Edmund Antosiewicz – son and family
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Alina Kopalka – daughter and family

**SATURDAY December 6**

- 8<sup>00</sup> o For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Julian Lizon (39<sup>th</sup> anniv.)
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Maria and Mieczyslaw Milewski – daughter and family

**SUNDAY December 7**

- 8<sup>00</sup> o For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 9<sup>30</sup> ✠ Dominik and Stefania Wojciechowski – daughter and family
- 11<sup>00</sup> o For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jan Bryla (5<sup>th</sup> anniv.)
- 14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Kazimiera, Severyn, Jacek Stadnik
- 19<sup>00</sup> o For God’s grace and blessing for sons and family

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

Memorials and Feasts

**Wednesday, December 3**

Saint Francis Xavier – Priest

**Tuesday, December 4**

Saint Barbara – Virgin and Martyr

**Saturday, December 6**

Saint Nicholas – Bishop