



Reflection

Advent! Just as children’s eyes sparkle and their hearts sings with anticipation of the season of light in the darkness, so our adult hearts can become sparkling clean to welcome the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with fire. And it is John the Baptist who still leads the way.

When John the Baptizer was in prison and sent his disciples to Jesus, Our Lord hailed him as “Elijah who is to come” and noted that no prophet had arisen who was greater than John. What was the message of this humble desert-dwelling evangelist?

Today’s Gospel proclaims John’s message. Because the kingdom of heaven is at hand, we are to repent – to suddenly become completely new. And, as John warned the Pharisees and Sadducees who came to be baptized, our lives need to bear fruit worthy of repentance. Finally, we are to ponder the advent – the drawing near, past, present and future – of the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with a fire that lights up this season of humanity, no matter how dark it seems.

As we prepare to celebrate the earth-shaking, humanity-transforming event of the Incarnation of Jesus who is God Saves, may we – adults in the faith – be found with sparkling hearts that are truly repentant and producing fruits worthy of repentance.

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**First Reading:** Isaiah 11.1-10

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*In his days may righteousness and peace abound forever.*

**Second Reading:** Romans 15.4-9

**Gospel:** Matthew 3.1-12

Moved? Please keep us up to date.  
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– THIS WEEKEND –

Advent Retreat for Adults

– IN POLISH –

This Sunday in our parish we begin an Advent retreat. It 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **David Frank Furczon**, son of Maria and Peter will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate his parents and Godparents.

Christmas Gifts for Madagascar

This 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 today in the parish hall:

- \$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

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

December 7 – Friends of the Missions

December 14 – Radosc Joy

Oplatek

Oplatek for members of the Rosary Family will take place on **Saturday, January 3, 2026**. Tickets are available for purchase today in the parish hall.

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 #41 leads the Rosary this week.

– COMING UP –

December 8<sup>th</sup> – The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A feast dedicated to Mary’s conception first appeared in the 7<sup>th</sup> century and by the 12<sup>th</sup> century was firmly established in England. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, great thinkers such as St. Bernard and St. Thomas Aquinas debated whether Mary could have been born without original sin if, as St. Paul says, all persons are born in sin (Romans 5.12). By the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the theological debate was resolved and in 1854 Pius IX defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as a dogma of faith.

Each year on December 8<sup>th</sup>, **Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate** celebrate their Feast Day. On this special day, we remember and pray for all Oblate Fathers and lay associates who serve in various ministries. We wish them an abundance of God’s grace and continued protection of Mary Immaculate, their patroness.

During the evening Mass, new members will be accepted into the ranks of the Knights of the Immaculate.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, December 9 at 7 p.m.

Mass followed by a meeting at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Evening of Adoration

On **Friday, December 12**, Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites parishioners for **Mass**, followed by a **Devotion** to Our Lady of Guadalupe and **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation to Lord Jesus for sins against life and its dignity.

Wedding Anniversary Mass Sunday, December 28 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.

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes for 2026 are arranged in alphabetical order in the parish hall and can be picked up today. Please hold off on using the new envelopes until January 2026.

– IN PREPARATION –  
– FOR CHRISTMAS –

Christmas Program is available in the hallway of the church. Please take one home.

Rorate Mass

– IN POLISH –

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 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.

Don’t Forget!

- Parish Calendar for 2026 – \$5.00
- Christmas Wafers – voluntary offering

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.

Solemnities – Feasts – Memorials

Monday, December 8

The immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 9

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Wednesday, December 10

Our Lady of Loreto

Thursday, December 11

Saint Damasus I – Pope

Friday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 13

Saint Lucy – Virgin and Martyr



– OTHER NEWS –

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.

Change for Life

Did you forget to bring back your “Change for Life” bottle last weekend? If so, please return it to the sacristy or the parish office at your earliest convenience.

Food Drive

Knights of Columbus are organizing an annual food drive in support of the Mississauga Food Bank and Good Shepherd Ministries. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off inside the entrance to the church from **December 14 to 21**. The following are in high demand: rice, pasta, coffee, and all kinds of canned goods (meat, soup, vegetables, fruits). No expired food, please! **The Knights of Columbus will also be distributing Keep Christ in Christmas** lawn signs.

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 Strzezek at (905) 845-3553.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

December 8

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Parents Franciszka and Bronislaw Kosuda, deceased from Dawid and Kosuda families – son and family
- 10<sup>00</sup> ✠ Tadeusz Gawron-Gal – sister and family
- 19<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for the health for the Rogala family
- ✠ Maria and Stanislaw Gradowicz; Regina and Maksymilian Jasinski; deceased from Gradowicz family

TUESDAY

December 9

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Slawomir Glogowski
- 10<sup>00</sup> ✠ Dariusz Zmuda (8<sup>th</sup> anniv.)
- 19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God’s blessing for the Podolak, Lewandowski, Włodarczyk families
- ✠ Zygmunt Kucz – son and family

WEDNESDAY

December 10

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanislaw Gawron and Tadeusz Gal-Gawron
- For God’s blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and health for Gaia, Kaja, Victoria, Dante, Magnus, Mateusz
- 10<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from the Moroz family
- 19<sup>00</sup> ○ For health and God’s grace for the Pawka, Szulga, Radej families

THURSDAY

December 11

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Lucyna and Jan Kedziak
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Genowefa Niznik (14<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – daughter and family
- For health for son – mother

FRIDAY

December 12

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Andrzej and Justyna Gilowski; Maria Kaczanowski
- 19<sup>00</sup> ○ For respect of life from conception to natural death – Kolbe ProLife
- ✠ Antoni Drobiecki – daughter and family

SATURDAY

December 13

- 6<sup>00</sup> *Rorate Mass*
- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from Lesniak, Ormaniec, Szymanski families
- 17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from Bedzieszak, Podulka, and Jadach families – Ewa and family
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Genowefa and Maciej Krzysiak

SUNDAY

December 14

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Mieczyslaw and Genowefa Lewicki – son
- 9<sup>30</sup> ✠ Lucyna Woloszczak (18<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – children and their families
- 11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13<sup>00</sup> ✠ Fryderyk Wisniowski – wife
- 14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Parents Jan and Anastazja; brother Jozef and Michal; sisters-in-law from the Zawrotniak family
- 19<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued blessing for the Mis family

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