



Reflection

“Among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” During Advent, we recall Christ’s birth and anticipate Christ’s coming at the end of time. Not only did Jesus come into the world some 2,000 years ago; he is with us still, through the Holy Spirit. We might feel called to ask: why did Jesus choose to become a human being?

Both the first reading and the Gospel today help us answer this question: God wants to heal us. Jesus came to heal us. More than the physical, Jesus wants to heal us of our weaknesses and sin: to purify, sanctify and glorify us. He comes to raise humanity to himself.

When Jesus praises John the Baptism in today’s Gospel, he then says that even the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John. That means each of us, members of the body of Christ who hope to join him in his kingdom, will be *greater than John the Baptist*. The beauty that he has in store for us is beyond our imagination!

Our eager hope as we approach Christmas is a very personal one. We await Our Lord’s work in us: the healing he has wrought, is working and will continue to work in us.

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First Reading: Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10

Responsorial Psalm:
Lord, come and save us.

Second Reading: James 5.7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11

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

– PARISH NEWS –

Food Drive

Beginning this weekend, Knights of Columbus are collecting non-perishable food items for the Mississauga Food Bank and Good Shepherd Ministries. Kindly drop off your donations inside the entrance to the church **before December 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 are also distributing *Keep Christ in Christmas* lawn signs.**

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

December 14 – Radosc Joy
December 21 – Oblate Youth

Coffee, Donuts, Last Minute Gifts

This Sunday, coffee and donuts will be served by Radosc-Joy. The group will also be fundraising by selling cabbage/mushroom croquettes, crepes, and last-minute Christmas gifts. There is something for everyone.

Agnus Dei Parish Choir

Do you like to sing? Are you able to sing in Polish? Our parish choir is looking for new members. If you are interested, please contact Piotr at agnusdei.kolbe@gmail.com or (289) 795-3609.

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.

Second Collection

December 20/21
Building Renovation Fund

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 #42 leads the Rosary this week.

– 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 for Youth

– BILINGUAL –

3rd and 4th 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.

NO CONFESSION DECEMBER 24-26

Poinsettias for the Manger

If you wish to help Sister Halina decorate the Christmas Manger, please consider donating white, pink, or red poinsettias of any size. Plants can be dropped off at the sacristy or at the parish office during work hours, but only until next Sunday, December 21. Thank you kindly.

Annual Church Cleaning

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

As we prepare for Christmas, we want to make sure our church is spotless for the holidays. Will you lend a hand? Please join us for our annual church cleaning on **Monday, December 22 at 6 p.m.** Groups who use parish rooms are especially welcome. There’s lots to do for everyone!

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.

– COMING UP –

Kolbe Seniors Club

Members of the Kolbe Seniors Club are invited for a meeting this Tuesday, December 16 at 11 a.m. at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre.

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.

Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will take place on seven Mondays, from **February 2 to March 23, 2026**, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Meetings are in-person and attendance is mandatory at all sessions. Fee: \$100 per couple. To register, go to www.kolbe.ca and click on *Liturgy and Sacraments* and then *Marriage*. Next course will be offered in October 2026.

Marriage Preparation Course for couples where one or both partners were previously married is facilitated by Catholic Family Services at the Archdiocese of Toronto. Contact www.cfstoronto.com to register.

2025 Income Tax Receipts

A reminder that all donations that are to be included on a tax receipt for 2025 must be made before December 31, 2025.

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.

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? Whether it’s filled with coins or empty, please return it to the sacristy or the parish office at your earliest convenience.

“Let us have clean hearts ready inside us
for the Lord Jesus,
so that he will be glad to come in.”
St. Clement of Alexandria



– 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.

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 28 at 2 p.m.

St. Eugene de Mazenod Church
QuoVadis Choir and Camerata Ensemble conducted by Mariusz Michalak cordially invite you to a Christmas Concert, featuring the most beautiful Polish Christmas Carols. Admission is free; free-will offering will be collected during the concert.

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 Szydlowska (905) 819-1040, and Joanna Strzezek at (905) 845-3553.

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May 11-21, 2026

For more information please contact:
Marzena (647) 284-1631
Malgorzata (416) 859-8469

This Week’s Office Hours

Monday	December 15	closed
Tuesday	December 16	9 am – 5 pm
Wed.	December 17	9 am – 8 pm
Thursday	December 18	9 am – 5 pm
Friday	December 19	9 am – 5 pm
Saturday	December 20	9 am – 12 noon
Sunday	December 21	closed

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

December 15

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Janina and Jozef Ogorek – daughter and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Edward Kulina – brothers
- ✠ Halina and Wojciech Wojciechowski

TUESDAY

December 16

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Dec, Kobylarz, Gajos, and Styczynski families
- ✠ Wladyslawa and Jan Cabaj, Marek Chalczak – family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Dworak and Jonca families

WEDNESDAY

December 17

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and Mary’s protection for Izabela Ignoto on her 15th birthday – mother and grandparents
- ✠ Wladyslaw, Mirosław, and deceased from the Barszcz family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY

December 18

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Helena, Stanisław, Ryszard Guzik
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Maria, Jozef, Wladyslaw Augustyn
- ✠ Jacek Stadnik (12th anniv.)

FRIDAY

December 19

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Janina and Andrzej Front, Aleksandra Mistela – son and family
- ✠ Stanisław, Franciszka, Mikolaj Wilk
- For God’s blessing for Katarzyna Kuziora – daughter Wieslawa
- 18⁰⁰ *Advent Confession*

SATURDAY

December 20

- 6⁰⁰ *Rorate Mass*
- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Bronislawa, Sergiusz, Antoni – daughter and family
- 17⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for gifts of the Holy Spirit for children and grandchildren
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Jan and Pawel Poleszuk – sister, aunt, family

SUNDAY

December 21

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslaw, Helena, Kazimierz, Anna Nalepa – family
- 9³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s blessing, light and strength of the Holy Spirit for Alexandra Kowalczyk on her birthday
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Anna and Jozef Osadcow and deceased from family – daughter and family
- 14³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received for son on his birthday
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Adela and Wladyslaw Rak
- ✠ Elzbieta Stojak (2nd anniv.) – daughter Beata

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