

“After the wise men had left
an Angel of the Lord
appeared to Joseph
in a dream...”

Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

Reflection

Today when we read of Herod’s Wicked intentions, are we disturbed? Could such shocking things happen in our times? Like Joseph, we are called to ponder such questions: to pray, reflect and trust in God. As people of faith, we recognize the Herods of our day who continue to make choices that impact our families and our world. We have witnessed profound change, most of which is good, but some of which is worrisome.

It can be hard to sort through and make sense of what is occurring all around us. Our sense of peace is challenged with concern for the ones we love. We wonder how they will manage in a world that seems to have such little regard for human life, faith and the purposes of God.

We are grateful that Joseph listened to the angel of the Lord. He obediently responded and acted with urgency. We too must keep our hearts open to God’s will, trusting in our Lord as we persevere in faith. We can hope that others will see us as people of prayer, reflection and service, living sacramental lives guided by God’s word. While we can’t see into the future, we can do our best by trusting in God, as did Joseph and Mary, choosing to live each day joyfully and sharing the light of Christ with others.

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First Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm:

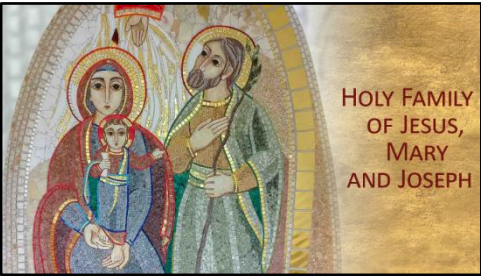
Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways.

Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

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– PARISH NEWS –



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Devotion to the Holy Family flourished in the Renaissance. The leading artists of the time – Michelangelo, Raphael, El Greco, Rubens, to name a few – often portrayed the Holy Family in their work. This feast day was instituted in 1921 and is observed on the first Sunday following Christmas.

Blessing of children will take place after the 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mass.
Blessing of couples celebrating their wedding anniversary will take place at the 11 a.m. Mass.

Thank You So Much

THANK YOU to the many individuals who donated money or beautiful poinsettias for the Christmas Manger. THANK YOU to Sister Halina and her team of helpers for setting up and decorating the Christmas manger. THANK YOU to our wonderful and hardworking parishioners who helped clean the church before Christmas. THANK YOU to all who supported the Mississauga Food Bank and the Good Shepherd Ministries by bringing in non-perishable food items. THANK YOU to all individuals and families who maintain our parish financially throughout the year and support the priests and staff with their prayer and kind words.

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:

- 55th Elzbieta & Marian Zajac
- 50th Jadwiga & Waldemar Nowak
- 45th Urszula & Romuald Gulbinowicz
- 35th Zofia & Janusz Siwicki

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, Victor Jaworski, son of Sylwia and Kamil will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate his parents and Godparents.

– COMING UP –

Thanksgiving and Supplication
Devotion

On Wednesday, December 31 – in celebration of the last day of 2025 – all parishioners are invited for a Thanksgiving and Supplication Devotion at 6:30 p.m. followed by Holy Eucharist at 7 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God
Thursday, January 1

This is a holy day of obligation on which Catholics are required to attend Mass and avoid servile work. In our parish, Mass schedule is as follows: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (English), 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 7 p.m.

Of all the Marian feasts of the Church, this day dedicated to Mary, Mother of God, is the greatest. Drawing on scriptural and patristic sources, it celebrates Mary’s role in the Incarnation and in redemption. In this way, her special relationship with her son is emphasized, and she is acknowledged as a model of the Church.

Upcoming Devotions

First Friday of the month, January 2
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday of the month, January 3
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, January 4
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

Holiday Office Hours

Monday	December 29	closed
Tuesday	December 30	9 am – 5 pm
Wed.	December 31	9 am – 12 noon
Thursday	January 1	closed
Friday	January 2	9 am – 5 pm
Saturday	January 3	9 am – 12 noon
Sunday	January 4	closed

Pope’s Rosary Intention
– January –

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more Christ-like Church.
Rose #44 leads the Rosary this week.

– IN MEMORIAM –



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

- ✠ Mieczyslaw Dunajski, 96
- ✠ Wieslaw Kalita, 83
- ✠ Zdzisława Wilczab, 82
- ✠ Jacek Hewelt, 74
- ✠ Maria Sarnowski, 70
- ✠ Krzysztof Calik, 67
- ✠ Andrzej Pec, 65
- ✠ Sławomir Kolakowski, 65

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

– OTHER NEWS –

QuoVadis Children’s Foundation

Next weekend, after each mass, QuoVadis Children’s Foundation will be collecting new pajamas, winter boots, and school supplies for underprivileged children ages 6-18 from the orphanage Nasz Dom in Warsaw, Poland. Small monetary donations will be greatly appreciated as they will enable the shipping of parcels overseas. May God Bless you for your kindness and support.

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.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

December 28 – Knights of Mary Immaculate
January 4 – Knights of Columbus

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.



– COMMUNITY NEWS –

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.

Great Polish Carolling

Sunday, January 4, 2026, at 3 p.m.

St. John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre
Free – Donations Welcomed

Christ is Born – Christmas Concert

Novi Singers Toronto and Guests, under the musical direction of Maciej Jaskiewicz, present a concert entitled “Christ is Born.” The concert will take place on **Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 4 p.m.** in our church.

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 Strzerek at (905) 845-3553.

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.

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.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY December 29

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Janusz Welna (18th anniv.) and deceased from the Welna family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Motyka – Krystyna
 - In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s blessing for the Panus family

TUESDAY December 30

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Marianna Bialy
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Vincent Slawski – father
- ✠ Zofia and Edward Ziolkowski – son and family

WEDNESDAY December 31

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Henryk Skwarko (5th anniv.)
- ✠ Parents Alfreda and Edward Bawor, brother Wojciech Bawor
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Michalina Szarkowicz

THURSDAY January 1

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For healing and God’s blessing for husband Jan
- 9³⁰ ✠ Janina and Ed Wielgus
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and the Franjic, Smolinger, Zelek families
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Husband Antoni Pasiak; deceased from both sides
- 14³⁰ ✠ Henry Chuchla (22nd anniv.) – wife and children
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Sawoniuk, Schoggers, Dziuda, Olszak, Gromowska

FRIDAY January 2

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Jadwiga Wielgosz (2nd anniv.)
- 10⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Kawa, Rzepa, Sopinski, Szwedowicz, Dziedzic, Krywko families
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For health and God’s blessing for Janusz and Maria

SATURDAY January 3

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For the grace of faith and gifts of the Holy Spirit for children and grandchildren
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Drzewiecki, Wasik, Gola families
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Stefania, Wladyslaw, Roman Kowaliszyn; Krystyna, Jan, Aleksandra Szerbowicz

SUNDAY January 4

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 9³⁰ ✠ Mieczyslaw Cisalowicz; Zofia and Jan Dul – son and family
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Janina Fiwek (anniv.) – children and families
- 14³⁰ ✠ Edwarda, Kazimiera, Tadeusz Studzinski; grandparents; deceased from the Studzinski and Kaminski families – daughter and grandchildren
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Danuta

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