

“Blessed are...
the poor in spirit, those who mourn,
the meek, those who hunger,
the merciful, the pure in heart,
the peacemakers, the persecuted.”

Matthew 5.1-12

Reflection
The traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount is on a hill that rises only about 200 metres above the Sea of Galilee, not far from the site of the fishing village of Capernaum. The climb up its gentle slope with Jesus would not have been hard. One can imagine a grandparent holding the hand of a small child on that easy hike.

Gathering with neighbours and friends, the crowd sat down to listen to a man who would make this region the centre of his public ministry. Jesus used the backdrop of the olive groves and green meadows below, rolling hills to the south and the blue sea to the east as his amphitheatre. It offered a tranquil setting for him to teach them.

He laid out before them a path towards a longed-for community of peace and goodwill where, by living the Beatitudes, social and spiritual justice would prevail. Experiencing then as now a broken world, his listeners knew exploitation, fear and injustice remained all too common. His teachings offered hope to all and they continue to resonate. Striving to live the beatitudes brings Jesus’ vision alive.

Zephaniah, six centuries before Jesus, provided a prophetic glance of a realizable future, if only we turn to the Lord. “Then they will pasture and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid.”

Michael Dougherty
Whitehorse, YT

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First Reading: Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13
Responsorial Psalm:
*Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of Heaven is theirs!*
Second Reading: 1 Cor 1.26-31
Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12

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

– THIS WEEKEND –

Coffee, Donuts, and more!
This Sunday, Knights of Columbus will be serving tripe soup, mushroom and cheese bruchetta, coffee, and donuts. Please stop by the parish hall after Mass.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule
February 1 – Knights of Columbus
February 8 – Oblate Youth

Rosary Intention for February
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Rose #50 leads the Rosary this week.

– COMING UP –

Kolbe Seniors Club
Members of Kolbe Seniors Club are invited for Mass on **Tuesday, February 3** at 10 a.m., followed by a meeting at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Upcoming Devotions
First Thursday of the month, February 5
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, February 6
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, February 7
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, February 8
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

Confirmation for Adults
The sacrament of confirmation complements the sacrament of baptism and fully initiates an adult into the Church. It is required if one wishes to act as a Godparent or receive the sacrament of marriage. Adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic faith and received First Holy Communion, may be eligible to receive the sacrament of confirmation. In our parish, four preparation classes **in English** will take place on Fridays beginning **February 20** and in Polish on Thursdays beginning February 19. Meetings are in-person and attendance is mandatory. Adults will be confirmed during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on **Saturday, April 4** at 8 p.m. To register, go to www.kolbe.ca and click on *Liturgy and Sacraments* → *Confirmation* → *Confirmation for Adults*.

– COMING UP –

**Presentation of the Lord
Monday, February 2**
Forty days after Christmas, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This is in remembrance of Mary and Joseph offering their firstborn son, Jesus, in the temple of Jerusalem. Prior to 1969, this day was known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After the Second Vatican Council, the name was changed to show the Christocentric significance of the ceremony.

In the Polish tradition, this day is also known as Candlemas (Matki Bożej Gromniczej) when candles are blessed symbolizing Christ – the light of the world. **In our parish, candles will be blessed during the 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.** February 2nd is also the Day of Consecrated Life. Priests and religious, like Jesus in the Jerusalem Temple, offer their lives for the sole service of God.

**Memorial of Saint Blaise
Tuesday, February 3**
Blaise was an Armenian bishop who suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Licinius, in the early 4th century. According to legend, he performed a miraculous cure on a boy who was choking to death. Blaise has long been associated with cures for afflictions of the throat. **In our parish, a blessing of throats will take place at the 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.**

**Memorial of Saint Agatha
Thursday, February 5**
Agatha is known mainly through legend. It is alleged that she was sent to a brothel to force her to give up her faith. After she was tortured, the apostle Peter is said to have appeared and cured her. The following day she died in prison of new cruelties. Saint Agatha is the patron saint of miners, alpine guides, nurses and breast cancer patients. On her feast day, bread and salt are blessed and kept in the home to protect from misfortunes, natural disasters, and fire. **Blessing of bread and salt will take place at the 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.**

**Movie Screening
Triumph of the Heart**
All parishioners are invited for the screening of *Triumph of the Heart*, a movie about the life and heroic death of St. Maximillian Kolbe and his companions. The screening will take place next **Sunday, February 8 at 4 p.m.** in the parish hall. The movie is in English with Polish subtitles. Donations will be collected to cover the cost of the screening.

– RETREATS –

Family Retreat
A retreat for families, hosted by the Domestic Church and led by Fr. Matthew Sobierajski, will take place from **February 13 to February 16** at the Michaelite Fathers Retreat Centre in Melrose near London. The cost is \$550 per family (all inclusive). For details, please contact Piotr or Joanna at (226) 268-2156 and to register, email pmastej@gmail.com

**Retreat “Healing after Abortion”
February 20-22**
This retreat is for those who have had an abortion or contributed to it and suffer psychologically and spiritually because of it. All information is strictly confidential.
Location: Chicago, Illinois, USA
Information / Registration: S. Maksymiliana Kaminska MChR (773) 656-7703

Retreat for Youth
Oblate Youth Canada is organizing an overnight March Break retreat. It is open for youth ages 13 – 18 and runs from **March 16 to 20**. The retreat will be held at Camp Samac in Oshawa. The cost is \$200 per person; discounts are available for siblings. Email oblateyouthcanada@gmail.com to sign up.

Retreat for Young Adults
Oblate Youth Canada is organizing a weekend retreat for young adults ages 18 – 30, from **March 20 to 22**. It will be held at Camp Samac in Oshawa. The cost is \$100 per person; discounts are available for siblings. Email oblateyouthcanada@gmail.com to sign up.

March Break Retreat
Youth Teams of Our Lady (YTOL) is inviting all high school students (grade 9-12) to a March Break Retreat from Sunday, **March 15** to Friday, **March 20**. The retreat will take place at the Blue Springs Scout Reserve in Acton. For more information regarding the topic, registration process, and price please contact Mrs. Anna Jach at (519) 571-9241 or (519) 588-9241.

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

– OTHER NEWS –

Bereavement Ministry in Polish
This newly established group is for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. The goal of this ministry is to provide a safe place where the bereaved can share their experiences with others and be supported by other parishioners who have also experienced the death of a loved one and who have received bereavement training. This parish-based bereavement group is a peer ministry, not a therapy support group.

The program will begin on **February 23** and consist of 8 meetings held once a week. To register, please contact the parish office.

Bereavement ministry in English is available in various churches in Mississauga. Please call the parish office for details.

Catholic Estate Planning
Free Webinar
Saturday, February 7 at 9 a.m.
Learn: ● how to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection; ● how to create your own legacy; ● about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals.
Register through this link: <https://qrco.de/WedFeb7>
Or send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write “webinar February 7” in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

The Catholic Register
The Catholic Register newspaper has changed its delivery method. Each week 50 copies are delivered to our parish. Parishioners may pick up a free copy from the church hallway.

The Catholic Register is the oldest English language weekly newspaper in Canada, launched in 1893. News coverage includes local, national, and international church-related news plus various columns and editorials.

**Pilgrimages
Medjugorje
May 11-21, 2026**
For more information please contact:
Marzena (647) 284-1631
Malgorzata (416) 859-8469

**Portugal, Spain, France
September 27 – October 10**
Spiritual leader: Fr. Tomasz Jarosz OMI
For more information please contact:
Annette (905) 903-4888

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY February 2
The Presentation of the Lord
8⁰⁰ ✠ Olga, Aleksander, Bozena Kurek; Alicja Malek
19⁰⁰ ✠ Daughter Diana Pereira, husband Kazimierz Kokosza
○ For health and God’s blessing for Renata, Krzysztof, Maximilian, and Ewa

TUESDAY February 3
Saint Blaise
8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and healing from addiction for Krysztuf – mother
10⁰⁰ ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club
19⁰⁰ ✠ Maria and Tadeusz Kapa

WEDNESDAY February 4
8⁰⁰ ✠ Czeslawa, Feliks, Antonina Lyzwa
✠ Czeslawa Lyzwa – sons
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY February 5
Saint Agatha
8⁰⁰ ○ Intention know to God – Wieslawa ✠ Leonarda and Ryszard Binkiewicz – daughter and family
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for all Priests and Religious

FRIDAY February 6
Saint Paul Miki and Companions
8⁰⁰ ✠ Remigiusz Oswiecinski
10⁰⁰ ○ For protection and God’s blessing for the Soltysik and Dutkiewicz families
19⁰⁰ ✠ Marianna, Stanislaw, Joanna Kowalczyk

SATURDAY February 7
8⁰⁰ ✠ Franciszek Biel – Goddaughter Jolanta and family
17⁰⁰ ✠ Monika and Zdzislaw Slawski
19⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Bukowski and Klejka families

SUNDAY February 8
8⁰⁰ ✠ Wanda Michniewicz (5th) – daughter and family
9³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and healing for Andrzej – parents
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Marian Cislo (8th) – wife and children
14³⁰ ✠ Agnieszka Kloc (1st) – parents and family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Halina and Wacław Golebiewski

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