

*"This is my Son, the Beloved,  
with whom I am well pleased."*

Matthew 3.13-17

## Reflection

The teachings of Jesus overflow with direction that can seem almost impossible to live by. "Let go and let God" is one particularly difficult lesson, given our inclination to take control of any personal situation. Often we only turn to God for help in dire straits and when we have dug a hole too deep for us to escape independently.

The Baptism of the Lord narrative is a straightforward message about letting go and letting God, in any circumstance. John the Baptist feels unworthy to baptize Jesus and says he should be baptized by Jesus instead. Jesus answers: "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness."

Fulfilling all righteousness is living God's will. The baptism of a sinless Jesus reveals his human side and his desire to be right with God, all the while foreshadowing his mortal death on the cross in atonement for the sins of humanity.

In his humanity, Jesus later questions God's will by asking if death on the cross could be avoided, similar to the way we seek alternative solutions to those offered by God. Jesus acquiesced to God's will, showing us how to seek and pray for God's help in the most trying of times. In doing so, we too are the beloved with whom God is well pleased.

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**First Reading:** Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*The Lord will bless his people  
with peace.*

**Second Reading:** Acts 10.34-38

**Gospel:** Matthew 3.13-17

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## - PARISH NEWS -

### Ordinary Time in the Church

Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

US Conference of Catholic Bishops

### Thank You

Kolbe Pro-Life Group thanks everyone for participating in the "Change for Life" campaign. Together, we raised over \$12,000, supporting six centers (St. Joseph Centre of Hope for Women, Birthright w Brampton, Our Lady of Guadalupe Home, Aid to Women, Project Rachel, Campaign Life Coalition Nunavut Initiatives, and Sisters of Life), as well as children in Cameroon, and two families in need. This is a beautiful witness to a pro-life commitment and real care for life at every stage. Thank you!

### Coffee and Donuts Schedule

January 11 – Polish Scouts  
January 18 – Families of John Paul II

### Regular Office Hours

Monday	closed
Tuesday	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. – 12 noon
Sunday	closed

### Rosary Intention for 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 #46 leads the Rosary this week.

## - COMING UP -

### Evening of Adoration

On Monday, January 12, immediately after the evening Mass, Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites one and all to take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation to Lord Jesus for sins against life and its dignity.

### Oblate Retreat

From January 19<sup>th</sup> to January 23<sup>rd</sup> all Oblates will be away at their annual retreat. Please pray for God's blessing and guidance for our priests during this time of retreat and renewal. **There will be no Mass and confession on those days.**

### Memorials and Feasts

Monday, January 12  
Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

Int Marguerite is often referred to as the "Mother of the Colony" for her contributions to the establishment of Ville-Marie, the place we know today as Montreal.

Tuesday, January 13

Saint Hilary

Saint Hilary is best known for his defence of Christianity against the Arian heresy.

Saturday, January 17

Saint Anthony

Saint Anthony created one of the earliest monastic communities.

### 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](http://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](http://www.cfstoronto.com) to register.

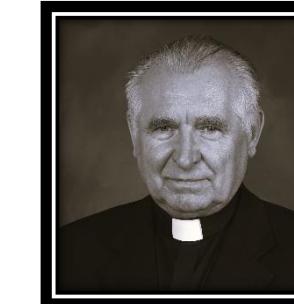
### Anointing of the Sick

•A hospital chaplain – a Roman Catholic priest – is employed full-time at local hospitals and is on-call 24 hours a day. To arrange a **hospital visit**, please ask a nurse to call the priest on duty. •Please contact the parish office if you or your family member requires a **home visit** from a priest.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## - IN MEMORIAM -

Fr. Jan Sadowski OMI  
October 23, 1937 – January 3, 2026



Fr. Jan Sadowski OMI was born on October 23, 1937, in Rawa Mazowiecka, Poland. He completed his elementary and secondary education in his hometown before entering theological studies in Warsaw. From 1954 to 1959, he studied philosophy and theology at the Major Seminary in Warsaw, while also attending the Faculty of Theology at the Catholic Academy.

He was ordained on June 26, 1960, in Warsaw and following his ordination ministered in Kolbiel, Łomianki, Poświętne, Piastów, and Wysokienice. In 1970, Fr. Sadowski entered the novitiate of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate at Święty Krzyż and made his perpetual vows on July 28, 1973, in Lubliniec, formally committing his life to the Oblate charism.

As an Oblate, he continued his pastoral ministry in Gorzów Wielkopolski, Lubliniec, and Wrocław. In 1980, he undertook further studies in Paris, France. That same year marked the beginning of a major chapter in his missionary life, when Fr. Sadowski was sent to Madagascar where he remained until 1993. He contributed significantly to the early development of the Oblate mission on the island.

Upon returning to Europe, Fr. Sadowski ministered briefly in Poland and in France. In 1997, he was assigned to Canada, where he served as associate pastor at St. Hyacinth Parish in Ottawa, and later at St. Casimir's Parish in Toronto where he remained until his full retirement, at which time he transferred to Copernicus Lodge.

Having lived 88 years of life, 65 years of priesthood, and 54 years of religious life, Fr. Jan Sadowski OMI, passed away peacefully at 3:10 a.m. on January 3, 2026, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Toronto.

Requiescat in Pace

## - COMMUNITY NEWS -

### 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 this **Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 4 p.m.** in our church.

### Polonia Ball

Canadian Polish Congress cordially invite you to the Polonia Ball on **Saturday, January 24 at 7 p.m.** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Proceeds will help with organizing the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Parade. Delicious dinner prepared by Jan Gromada, lottery, dancing, and music by *Impuls*. Tickets at \$75 can be purchased from Janusz (416) 524-3763, at the Centre, and after Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall. Please join us and tell your friends as well.

### Radosc-Joy Christmas Concert



Sunday, January 25 at 4 p.m.  
in the Parish Hall

Over 100 performers from our parish! Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door or from RJ members. Seats are numbered.

### Movie Screening

#### *Triumph of the Heart*

All parishioners are welcome for the screening of *Triumph of the Heart*, a movie about the life and heroic death of St. Maximilian Kolbe. The screening will take place on **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.

### 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](mailto:kolbemagda@gmail.com).

## - MASS INTENTIONS -

### MONDAY

8<sup>00</sup> † Leon and Anna Ojdowska  
19<sup>00</sup> † Adam Wiecko (10<sup>th</sup>) – family  
o For God's continued blessing for Andrzej and Janina Szaflarski on their wedding anniv.

### January 12

### TUESDAY

8<sup>00</sup> Deceased from the Grobarczyk, Panus, and Czorniak families  
19<sup>00</sup> † Teresa and Jose Cabral  
† Rafal and Zdzislaw Stopa – Krystyna and David

### January 13

### WEDNESDAY

8<sup>00</sup> † Maria and Mieczyslaw Gorecki – son and family  
o For health and God's blessing for Stanislaw Janik on his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday – daughter and family  
19<sup>00</sup> o Collective Mass Intentions

### January 14

### THURSDAY

8<sup>00</sup> o For God's blessing and healing for Iwona – mother  
19<sup>00</sup> † Parents and grandparents from the Wiercigroch and Tylicki families  
† Halina Trzcinska-Kowalczyk – family

### January 15

### FRIDAY

8<sup>00</sup> † Helena Czubryj and deceased from family  
19<sup>00</sup> † Parents Agnieszka and Henryk Chmielnik; deceased from the Chmielnik and Myszk families – daughter and family  
† Jozef Kozdra (10<sup>th</sup>); deceased from the Wilkisz, Andruszkiewicz, Kozlowski, Maluk families

### January 16

### SATURDAY

8<sup>00</sup> o For health for Zofia Grudzinska  
17<sup>00</sup> † Marek Mierzwa (5<sup>th</sup>) – family  
19<sup>00</sup> o For God's blessing and Mary's protection for grandchildren: Michal, Krzysztof, Elzbieta

### January 17

### SUNDAY

8<sup>00</sup> † Jozefa, Wladyslaw, Stanislaw, Jan Kociba – daughter and family  
9<sup>30</sup> † Deceased from the Zygmunt and Walenta families – Maria and Bernadetta  
11<sup>00</sup> o For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> o For health and peace in the family  
14<sup>30</sup> † Jan and Stanislaw Zabielski – children  
19<sup>00</sup> † Alicja Kulina, parents Helena and Stanislaw Lukasik, sister Janina Kopec – Stanislaw and Katarzyna Kulina

### January 18

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