

"Here is the Lamb of God
who takes away
the sin of the world!"

John 1:29-34

Reflection

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the baptism of Jesus and on our own baptism. John the Baptist helps us to understand the mission of Jesus by clearly proclaiming that Jesus "is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," a truth that we also proclaim at every Mass. Yet what does this mean for us today in a world that often denies the reality of sin, even when its harmful impact is all around us?

We cannot honestly face our individual and collective human failures unless we are convinced that we too are meant to take to heart the words that Jesus heard at his own baptism. Yes, we too are "the beloved" in whom God takes delight. This is the deepest meaning of our own baptism. We can never be separated for any reason whatever from the love of God for us. This love is an unconditional gift and unearned grace beyond all measure. Once we claim this truth for ourselves with honesty and confidence, we can, with gratitude, face our need for forgiveness, trusting we will always receive it.

This week let us pray for Christian unity, a unity which is rooted in the common baptism we share with all Christians. May we live out faithfully, day by day, our baptismal mission to reveal God's love to our broken, messy world.

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First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm:
Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

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

- PARISH NEWS -

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18 – 25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration which has been part of the Church calendar since 1896 when Pope Leo XIII set it as a perpetual observance. It offers an invitation to draw on the shared heritage of all Christians and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites us all.

The theme for this year's week of prayer is taken from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). Numerous resources are available at weekofprayer.ca

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

January 18 – Families of John Paul II
January 25 – Polonia Brass Band

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 #48 leads the Rosary this week.



Wednesday, January 21
Grandmother's Day
Lord, bless our grandmothers!

Thursday, January 22
Grandfather's Day
Mother Mary, protect our grandfathers!

Second Collection

Next weekend's second collection will be collected for the ongoing maintenance and renovation of our parish. Thank you for your support.

- COMING UP -

Oblate Retreat

This week, from **January 19th to January 23rd** 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 (with some exceptions.)**

Jubilee Mass

This year, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the approbation of the Constitutions and Rules of their congregation. All parishioners are invited to join the Oblate Fathers for a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Thursday, January 22 at 7 p.m.** in our church. The celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be presided over by His Eminence Cardinal Frank Leo.

Kolbe Seniors Club Meeting

Tuesday, January 20 at 11 a.m.
at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, January 23**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

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.

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.

- SACRAMENTS -

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*.

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.

Baptism

Parents who are registered members of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and would like to baptize their child must contact the parish office at least six weeks before the anticipated date of baptism. Preparation course is mandatory for all parents and Godparents. Baptisms take place during Mass:

- on Saturday at 5 p.m. in English
- on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Polish
- last Sunday of the month at 2:30 p.m. – Mass in Polish, baptism in English

Godparents must meet all requirements outlined in Canon 874, paragraph 1:

- be at least 16 years old
- be fully initiated into the Catholic Church
- be in good standing with the Church (not married outside of the Church and not cohabitating)

- 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.

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 3rd 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.

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.

Memorials and Feasts

Tuesday, January 20
Saint Fabian – Pope and Martyr
Saint Sebastian – Martyr

Wednesday, January 21
Saint Agnes – Virgin and Martyr

Thursday, January 22
Saint Vincent – Deacon and Martyr

200th Anniversary of the Approbation of the Constitutions and Rules of the Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Saturday, January 24
Saint Francis de Sales – Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- MASS INTENTIONS -

MONDAY

8⁰⁰ No Mass
19⁰⁰ No Mass

January 19

WEDNESDAY

8⁰⁰ No Mass
19⁰⁰ No Mass

January 21

THURSDAY

8⁰⁰ No Mass
19⁰⁰ Oblate Jubilee Mass

January 22

FRIDAY

8⁰⁰ No Mass
19⁰⁰ † Krzysztof Walaszek
† Wladyslaw and Anna Zachecki – children and neighbours

January 23

SATURDAY

8⁰⁰ † Zofia and Jan Jaroszewski, Zdzisława and Stanisław Zalwowski, Hanna and Józef Dziegala, deceased from Jaroszewski and Lucki families
17⁰⁰ † Eugenia Kaczorowska
19⁰⁰ † Ewa Grabowska (19th) – daughter

January 24

8⁰⁰ † Marianna and Janusz Mantaj (1st), deceased from the Mantaj and Krygier families
9³⁰ o For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for the Goralski family
11⁰⁰ o For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ † Krzysztof Zupralski (1st) – wife, son, family
14³⁰ † Edward Romasz – wife
19⁰⁰ † Deceased from the Piatek and Mrozinski families

January 25

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

