

“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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Toronto, ON*

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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](http://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!*

Thursda, 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 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 (with some exceptions.)**

**Jubilee Mass**  
This year, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate are celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

– 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](http://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](mailto: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 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.

**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  
200<sup>th</sup> 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 –

<b>MONDAY</b> 8 <sup>00</sup> No Mass 19 <sup>00</sup> No Mass	<b>January 19</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8 <sup>00</sup> No Mass 19 <sup>00</sup> No Mass	<b>January 20</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8 <sup>00</sup> No Mass 19 <sup>00</sup> No Mass	<b>January 21</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8 <sup>00</sup> No Mass 19 <sup>00</sup> Oblate Jubilee Mass	<b>January 22</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8 <sup>00</sup> No Mass 19 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Krzysztof Walaszek ✠ Wladyslaw and Anna Zachecki – children and neighbours	<b>January 23</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Zofia and Jan Jaroszewski, Zdzislawa and Stanislaw Zalwowski, Hanna and Jozef Dziegala, deceased from Jaroszewski and Lucki families 17 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Eugenia Kaczorowska 19 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Ewa Grabowska (19 <sup>th</sup> ) – daughter	<b>January 24</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Marianna and Janusz Mantaj (1 <sup>st</sup> ), deceased from the Mantaj and Krygier families 9 <sup>30</sup> ○ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for the Goralski family 11 <sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors 13 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Krzysztof Zupranski (1 <sup>st</sup> ) – wife, son, family 14 <sup>30</sup> ✠ Edward Romasz – wife 19 <sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from the Piatek and Mrozinski families	<b>January 25</b>

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

