

“Come, follow me,
and I will make you
fishers of people.”

Matthew 4.12-23

Reflection

In the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous there is a declaration that states the only way to keep your sobriety is by giving it away. This is echoed in the prayer attributed to St. Francis: “It is in giving that we receive.” In today’s Gospel we witness the instant impact of the apostles’ encounter with Jesus. Something in their hearts recognized the voice of the living God, and they left their nets immediately. Our “yes” to the Master’s call releases a similar grace that floods our souls and them flows outward.

This is our casting call into the communion of saints. Pope Benedict once said the saints are our constellations. With our “yes” we are empowered to forgive, love our enemies and do good to those who hate us, following the example of our Lord and the saints. Our decision to stay the course and be fed sacramentally sustains us in tandem with the saints and the power of the Holy Spirit who intercedes for us.

There is an old adage that states, “If you don’t know where you are going, any road will take you there.” We know where we are going; it is by following the voice of Jesus who calls us to holiness that we will reach our final destination. Thank God we know where this road takes us: it is to eternal life.

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First Reading: Isaiah 9.1-4
Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Second Reading: 1 Cor 1.10-13, 17-18
Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23

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

– PARISH NEWS –

Sunday of the Word of God
In the Roman Catholic Church, today is known as the Sunday of the Word of God, a day instituted by Pope Francis in 2019 to emphasize the significance of Sacred Scripture. Sister Halina has prepared short scripture passages for individual reflection. They can be picked up in the church hallway.

Sacrament of Marriage
Please join us in praying for God’s blessing for the following couple as they celebrate Holy Matrimony. ♥

Anita Krajciewicz,
daughter of Ludmilla and Kazimierz
& Matthew Hrabar,
son of Hanna and George

The Sacrament of Baptism
Through the sacrament of baptism, Klaudia Maria Czepielewski, daughter of Patrycja and Bartosz will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate his parents and Godparents.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule
January 25 – Polonia Brass Band
February 1 – Knights of Columbus

Radosc-Joy Christmas Concert



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

Over 100 performers from our parish!
Tickets at \$15 are available at the door.

Second Collection

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

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 #49 leads the Rosary this week.

– COMING UP –

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.

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, 2026 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

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. Maximillian 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.

– IN MEMORIAM –



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

✠ Adela Dubiel, 98
✠ Andrzej Lysakowski, 94
✠ Brunhilde Musial, 92
✠ Fr. Jan Sadowski, 88
✠ Marcin Anielski, 87
✠ Ryszard Jablonski, 77
✠ Lucjan Bil, 74
✠ Benedykt Gondek, 72
✠ Andrzej Zakrzewski, 68
✠ Janusz Drewnowski, 68
✠ Urszula Maria Zolnowska, 68

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

– 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.

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

Monday, January 26
Saint Timothy and Saint Titus – Bishops

Tuesday, January 27
Saint Agneta Merici – Virgin

Wednesday, January 28
Saint Thomas Aquinas
– Priests and Doctor of the Church

Friday, January 30
Blessed Bronislaw Markiewicz – Priest

Saturday, January 31
Saint John Bosco – Priest

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

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY January 26
8⁰⁰ ✠ Marianna, Stanislaw, Alicja, Kazimierz, Marianna Malek
19⁰⁰ ✠ Eugenia and Stanislaw Bazylewicz, deceased from the Bazylewicz and Dyda families – son Piotr and family
○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued blessing for Marta Zygmunt on her 14th birthday

TUESDAY January 27
8⁰⁰ ○ For peace in Ukraine and around the world
19⁰⁰ ✠ Eddy Niedziela – sisters and family
✠ Anna, Jan, Piotr Czarnecki – daughter and family

WEDNESDAY January 28
8⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Krol family
✠ Mieczyslaw Grabowski
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY January 29
8⁰⁰ ✠ Teresa Ceranowicz and Elzbieta Ilnicki
✠ Mieczyslaw and Genowefa Lewicki – son
19⁰⁰ ✠ Olga and Tadeusz Kaczmarek, Stefania Lukaszek

FRIDAY January 30
8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Barbara Frejlich on her birthday
19⁰⁰ ✠ Genowefa and Stanislaw Bednarek – daughter and family
✠ Deceased from the Klebowski and Chrusciel families – family

SATURDAY January 31
8⁰⁰ ✠ Mieczyslaw Koza (20th) – daughter Barbara
17⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia Kajzer – husband
19⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Maciata, Zofia Bobak, Jozef and Stanislaw Mrugala

SUNDAY February 1
8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
9³⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Kulik and Izabela Zeglen
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Maciej, Kunegunda, Jan, Wojciech Podczerwinski
14³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued blessing and protection for Boleslaw Walczak on her 99th birthday – children, grandchildren, great grandchildren
19⁰⁰ ✠ Michal Puclacher (1st) – wife and children

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