

*"You are the salt of the earth.
You are the light of the world."*
Matthew 5:13-16

Reflection

When I shared with my grandson the fact that the Creator of the whole universe had come to us in human form, he was in awe, as were the first Christians. It is, after all, a staggering thought, isn't it? We should be hanging on every word God has spoken; but strangely, we've grown accustomed to them.

Today's liturgy reminds us that Jesus, the Word of God, is the Light of the world, a light that shines through the darkness of our frail ideologies. The deepening world crises are proof that we can't get it right on our own. Collectively, we've tried everything except God's way: the way of love, compassion and forgiveness.

So why did God say, in Isaiah, "your light shall rise in the darkness"? Why did Jesus say, "You are the light of the world"?

All wisdom is God's wisdom. When we let it guide us, when we live by it, we begin to reflect his light the way the moon reflects sunlight: as a pale reflection. St. Paul said humbly: "My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God." May the power of God light up our lives!

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First Reading: Isaiah 58:6-10

Responsorial Psalm:
Light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

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

- THIS WEEKEND -

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Noah William Starkey**, son of Nicole and Connor will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate his parents and Godparents.

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. Maximilian Kolbe and his companions. The screening will take place this **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.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

February 8 – Oblate Youth
February 15 – Jubilee 2000 Children's Choir

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 #52 leads the Rosary this week.

Upcoming Second Collection

February 7/8

Evangelization Work of the Oblate Fathers
Thank you for your generosity.

2025 Parish Tax Receipts

Parish tax receipts are being processed; you will receive them in the mail on or before Monday, February 23. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year.

Memorials and Feasts

Tuesday, February 10

Saint Scholastica – Virgin

Wednesday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, February 14

Saints Cyril and Methodius – Bishops
Saint Valentine – Bishop

- COMING UP -

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, February 10 at 7 p.m.
Mass followed by a meeting
at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Devotion to St. Maximilian Kolbe

Join us for a devotion to St. Maximilian Kolbe, patron saint of our parish – this **Thursday, February 12** after the evening Mass.

Evening of Adoration

On **Thursday, February 12**, immediately after the evening Mass and Devotion, 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.

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, February 13**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

Organ Recital

February 14, 2026 at 8:15 p.m.

"The Faces of the Organ through the Centuries" recital will take you through the history of Polish, European, and world organ music, from the Baroque period to the present day. This recital will be narrated by Maciej Wilczynski, with performance by Anna Lakomy from Krakow, Poland.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 22 at 11 a.m.

Please call the parish office if you wish to have your name added to the list of couples celebrating their wedding anniversary.

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 weekly meetings. 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.

- 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

Oblate 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 oblatelyouthcanada@gmail.com to sign up.

Oblate 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 oblatelyouthcanada@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 -

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*.

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

Medjugorie

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

Assumption Cemetery Offer

Assumption Catholic Cemetery has a limited inventory set aside exclusively for the Polish community. This dedicated area provides a special opportunity for families to plan ahead with peace of mind. If you are interested in finalizing a purchase or would like more information, please contact Marcos Carvajal at (905) 670-8801 Extension 1

- MASS INTENTIONS -

MONDAY

February 9
8⁰⁰ † Franciszek Olszewski (anniv.) – son and granddaughter
19⁰⁰ † Wladyslaw, Miroslaw, deceased from the Barszcz family – family
† Stefania and Jan Fijal and their parents

TUESDAY

February 10
8⁰⁰ † Wladyslaw Ozga, Pawel Ozga – family
19⁰⁰ † Deceased from the Raczywolski, Kraska, Kamiycki, Sitko families – Kraska family
o In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's continued blessing for Konrad on his 19th birthday

WEDNESDAY

February 11
8⁰⁰ † Kazimierz Rozanski and deceased from family
† Jozef Tobiasz
19⁰⁰ o Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY

February 12
8⁰⁰ † Krystyna and Jerzy Lewandowski, Wieslaw Hapon, Kazimierz Szopa
o For health, God's blessing, and Mary's protection for Iris and her family
19⁰⁰ † Karolina and Walenty Zajac, deceased from the Zajac family – son and family

FRIDAY

February 13
8⁰⁰ o In thanksgiving for the gift of life and for health and God's blessing for Izabela Strecker on her birthday
19⁰⁰ † Deceased from the Ducki, Odalski, Swiecky families
† Deceased from the Rak and Bartoszek families

SATURDAY

February 14
8⁰⁰ † Kazimiera Stadnik (3rd)
17⁰⁰ † Zdzislaw and Rafal Stopa – Krystyna and David
19⁰⁰ † Bronislawa and Kazimierz Oblak – family

SUNDAY

February 15
8⁰⁰ † Marian Leonczuk (9th) – wife
9³⁰ † Dorota Jakobczyk, deceased from the Jakobczyk, Nowak, Ozdoba, Pietrzyk, Jantos families
11⁰⁰ o For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ † Maria and Henryk Balcerzak – daughters and families
14³⁰ o For God's blessing for Zofia, Agnieszka, Marcin Kwiecien
19⁰⁰ o For God's blessing for Renata and Wojciech on their wedding anniversary

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