

*“One thing I do know,
that though I was blind,
now I see.”*

John 9.1-41

Reflection

“How do you know your parents love you?” I often posed this question to families in Baptism preparation. Answers varied, including affection, words of care, material support and giving of time. Yet, all shared one characteristic – they were outward acts. In truth, we cannot “see” love, for it is a spiritual reality: it is realized by outward signs. Likewise, in the Sacraments, God uses outward signs to convey divine graces we cannot see. Among other aspects of today’s Gospel, we see that Jesus uses outward signs to display God’s presence to the blind man and surrounding witnesses.

First, Jesus mixes saliva and mud, rubs it over the man’s eyes and directs him to wash in the pool of Siloam. Afterwards, he’s healed! Similarly, in today’s first readings, God instructs Samuel to anoint David with oil; this bestows “the spirit of the Lord” upon him.

Scriptural passages like these foreshadow the gift of the Sacraments, made possible by Jesus’ saving work; and of these, the greatest is the Eucharist, Jesus’ gift of his very self. During Mass, the outward signs of bread and wine change in substance – Jesus becomes truly present! Unlike the “spiritually blind” Pharisees in today’s Gospel, let us approach our Lord in the Eucharist with the spiritual sight of faith and allow ourselves to be transformed by his offer of grace.

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First Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13
or Exodus 13.21-22

Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14

Gospel: John 9.1-41

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

– THIS WEEKEND –

We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Jacek Cydzik C.Ss.R. who will preach all Sunday homilies.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

March 15 – Church Committee
March 22 – Kolbe ProLife

Rosary Intention for March

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue instead of violence.

Rose #57 leads the Rosary this week.

Second Collection

March 21/22 – ShareLife
Thank you for your generosity.

Brother Albert Foundation

Representatives from Bro. Albert Foundation in Poland are visiting our parish this Sunday and distributing envelopes with information about the foundation and its initiatives.

– RETREATS –

Lenten Retreat for Children

Children are invited for a Lenten retreat which will be preached by Fr. Jonas Lalik OMI. The Masses will be in Polish, and the Stations of the Cross will be in English. Retreat schedule:

This Sunday, March 15

1 p.m. Mass with a homily for children

Monday, March 16

6³⁰ p.m. Stations of the Cross for children
7 p.m. Mass with a homily for children

Sunday, March 22

1 p.m. Mass with a homily for children

Lenten Retreat in English

Next weekend we will welcome in our parish Fr. John O’Brien SJ, who will preach the Lenten Retreat in English. Retreat schedule:

Saturday, March 21 at 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 22 at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass with a retreat homily

Monday, March 23

7 p.m. Mass with a retreat homily

Tuesday, March 24

6³⁰ p.m. Stations of the Cross
7 p.m. Mass with a retreat homily



**Easter Program is available
in the hallway of the church.
Please take one home.**

Lenten Lamentations

Come grow with us in prayer and reflect on Christ’s passion during Lenten Lamentations each Sunday of Lent at **6:15 p.m.** (in Polish)

Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in English
Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in Polish

Parish groups responsible for leading the Stations of the Cross:

Tue.	Mar. 17	Oblate Youth
Fri.	Mar. 20	Families of John Paul II
Tue.	Mar. 24	Fr. John O’Brien SJ
Fri.	Mar. 27	Bible Group/Passion Crown

All groups leading the Stations of the Cross are asked to submit their text to the parish office for approval.

40 Days for Life

Kolbe ProLife invites parishioners to take up Lenten prayer for life as part of the global campaign 40 Days for Life. We pray in the Adoration Chapel daily throughout Lent, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Book of Sobriety

A Book of Sobriety is placed beside the Altar of Relics. Parishioners are encouraged to sign their names as a pledge to take up abstinence during Lent. All individuals who take up the challenge to refrain from alcohol during Lent will be offered up in prayer by members of the *Krucjata Wyzwolenia Czlowieka*.

Extreme Way of the Cross

Extreme Way of the Cross will take place on **Friday, March 27**. It will commence with Mass at St. Casimir’s Church in Toronto at 7 p.m. and conclude at St. Eugene de Mazenod Church in Brampton. The entire route – known as St. Joseph’s – is 42 km and is walked in silence, individually or in very small groups. For details and to register, please visit www.edk.org.pl or download the EDK App.

– COMING UP –

Memorials and Feasts

Tuesday, March 17
Saint Patrick

Wednesday, March 18
Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

Thursday, March 19
Solemnity of Saint Joseph
Principal Patron of Canada
Patron of the Universal Church

Devotion to St. Maximilian Kolbe
Join us for a devotion to St. Maximilian Kolbe, patron saint of our parish – this **Thursday, March 19** after the evening Mass.

Meeting for Parents of Confirmation Candidates

Formation meeting for parents of youth preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation will take place next **Sunday, March 22 at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

Camino Fair

Those interested in walking the Camino in Spain are invited for an information session on **Sunday, March 22 at 5 p.m.** in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend. Buen Camino!

Movie Screening

The Maksymilian Kolbe Film Foundation and the John Paul II Polish Cultural Center invite you to the screening of the movie “I Am the Immaculate Conception,” directed by Michał Kondrat, on **Saturday, March 21 at 5 p.m.** A Q&A with the director will follow the screening. Tickets are \$35 and are available at the Center and at the Pegaz Bookstore.

Spiritual Adoption of a Conceived Child

Spiritual Adoption is a prayer commitment offered for a child at risk of abortion. It lasts for nine months and consists of praying one decade of the Rosary each day (1×Our Father, 10×Hail Mary), along with a short prayer for the child and his or her parents. Participants may also choose to include a personal good resolution during this time.

The Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites everyone to take part in Spiritual Adoption. The commitment can be made during the solemn Holy Mass on **Wednesday, March 25** at 7 p.m. Registration will take place starting at 6 p.m. in the church vestibule. All are warmly invited!

– OTHER NEWS –



ShareLife Turns 50:

Announcing the 2026 ShareLife Campaign

2026 marks the 50th anniversary of ShareLife. As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on **March 22**, let us come together in celebration and compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal.

By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to: • uplift young mothers and their babies • enable more men to pursue priestly vocations • connect seniors with dignity-affirming resources • fight against hunger in our communities • help families in times of need.

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Le Treport Banquet Hall
1075 Queensway East, Mississauga

Guest speakers include Johnnette Benkovic Williams from EWTN, S. John Mary SV, April Smith from Alaska, Dorothy Pilarski, and Natalie Regnier. Bp. Ivan Camilleri will be celebrating the Closing Mass. **Register at:** dwf2026.eventbrite.ca

Pilgrimages

**Buffalo, NY
Sunday, June 14**

Holy Rosary Family is organizing a one-day bus trip to Buffalo, NY to visit Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and Our Lady of Victory Shrine and Basilica. Information and registration:

Wieslawa (416) 799-2122
Teresa (905) 495-7035

**Portugal, Spain, France
September 27 – October 10**

Spiritual leader: Fr. Tomasz Jarosz OMI
For more information please contact:
Stan (647) 463-9057

**Japan – October 12-23
Guadalupe – November 9-15**

For more information please contact:
Marzena (647) 284-1631
Malgorzata (416) 859-8469

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY March 16

8⁰⁰ ✚ Janina and Jozef Grabowski, deceased from the Grabowski and Kaleta families – son and family
18³⁰ *Stations of the Cross in English for children*
19⁰⁰ ✚ Leszek-Szczepan Andrzejewski – sister
✚ Jozef Stupak – wife Zuzanna, children Michal, Magda, Marcin

TUESDAY March 17

8⁰⁰ ✚ Wiktor Arabski (1st) and deceased from family
✚ Jozef Pluto – brother and family
18³⁰ *Stations of the Cross in English*
19⁰⁰ ○ For good test results and health for family

WEDNESDAY March 18

8⁰⁰ ✚ Deceased from the Radzikowski family
✚ Grandmother Jozefa Wanczyk
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY March 19

8⁰⁰ ○ Intention known to God
19⁰⁰ ✚ Natalia and Henryk Milkowski
✚ Czeslawa and Henryk Perkowski (anniv.) – family

FRIDAY March 20

8⁰⁰ ✚ Weronika and Bronislaw Czaniecki, deceased from family
○ For health, God’s blessing, Mary’s protection for Malgrzata and Leszek Guminski
18³⁰ *Stations of the Cross in Polish*
19⁰⁰ ✚ Jozef Murzydlo and deceased from the Komperda and Murzydlo families

SATURDAY March 21

8⁰⁰ ✚ Genowefa and Tadeusz Gabiga (anniv.) – son
17⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Piotr and his family, Katarzyna and her husband, Pawel – mother
19⁰⁰ ✚ Monika, Leon, Stefan Ladzik

SUNDAY March 22

8⁰⁰ ✚ Edward and Roman Calko, deceased from the Calko, Ochocinski, Gwizdala families – family
9³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s blessing for Tammy, Maria, Jennifer
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✚ Parents Marianna and Jozef Szulga
14³⁰ ✚ Jozef and Anna Bukowski – daughter Maria
18¹⁵ *Lenten Lamentations*
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s protection for Anna and Jozef and their sons Jaroslaw and Szymon

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

Beware of Scams

Please know that no priest, religious sister, or employee of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church will ever ask you for money, gift cards, or to make purchases by email, text, phone or any other means of social communication.