

*"The Lord has risen indeed,  
and he has appeared to Simon!"*

Luke 24.13-35

### Reflection

Today's Scriptures truly challenge us to open our eyes and encounter the other. In the Gospel's compelling drama of the Emmaus story, the two disciples were leaving Jerusalem after the events of the Passover weekend. Imagine them fleeing in their despair and disbelief: their charismatic leader had been humiliated and crucified, and this wonderful adventure was seemingly over. Then, out of nowhere, a stranger approached them on the road. Soon, before their eyes, in the breaking of the bread, this stranger was revealed as the Lord whom they had been discussing. No wonder their hearts were burning!

These burning hearts inspired them to turn around and rejoin their companions, those with whom they had literally and spiritually broken bread.

In this celebration today, when you witness the bread being broken, who and what is revealed to you? What confusion, disappointment and grief are you witnessing and being invited to respond to? In what way does Christ, present in the Eucharist and the assembled faithful, invite you to be reunited with the human community?

This day, through our prayerful, active and conscious participation in this liturgy, may we become one with each other and with our Lord, whose activity in our world is indeed "mighty in deed and word."

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**First Reading:** Acts 2.14, 22b-28

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Lord, you will show me the path of life.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1.17-21

**Gospel:** Luke 24.13-35

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

## – THIS WEEKEND –

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Amelia Olivia Makowski**, daughter of Alexandra and Joshua will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate her parents and Godparents.

### Coffee and Donuts Schedule

April 19 – Oblate Youth  
April 26 – Altar Servers

### Special Collections

**This Weekend** – Building Renovation Fund  
**April 25/26** – ShareLife  
Thank you for your generosity.

### Rosary Intention for April

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**Rose #3 leads the rosary this week.**

### March for Life in Ottawa

The Kolbe ProLife Group is organizing a trip to Ottawa for the *March for Life* on **Thursday, May 14**. Registration takes place this weekend, **April 18/19** in the parish hall. Cost: \$50 (discounts available for students and families). Space is limited. More details will be provided at registration. Join us and stand for life.

### 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.

### Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

You are warmly invited to participate in the perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament taking place in our parish continuously, 24 hours a day. This is a special time for personal prayer and contemplation in the presence of Jesus. Those interested can sign up for a special hour of Adoration by calling Margaret, the chapel coordinator, at (647) 888-7487.

## – COMING UP –

### Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, April 24**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

### Wedding Anniversary Mass

**Sunday, April 26 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.

### YTOL Retreat

YTOL (Youth Teams of our Lady) Canada is inviting all young adults ages 18 to 30 for a retreat from **Friday, May 15** until **Monday, May 18**. The theme of this year's retreat is: *Thy Will Be Done – Knowing the difference between God's will and your own. Providence or Self Interest?* For more details, please contact Karolina Jach at (226) 789-1228 or ytolcanada@gmail.com

### ShareLife

Through ShareLife,  
you helped Tara rebuild her life



Tara's childhood was anything but safe. Conflict and fear filled her days, and as she grew older, home became unbearable. She waited, hoping things would change, but she had to leave once she became a teenager. Because of your warm heart, Tara found safety at Covenant House Toronto, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife. After a short stay in the crisis shelter, she moved into the Rights of Passage (ROP) program, determined to rebuild her life.

You gave Tara the strength to take charge of her future—adding her name to waitlists for affordable housing and taking steps to stand on her own. In the meantime, she balanced multiple part-time jobs while staying in school, saving every dollar she could. With your caring support, she connected with a counsellor to begin working through the challenges that had forced her to leave home. Today, she's living independently and building the future she once thought was out of reach.

ShareLife Sunday special collections are taking place next weekend on April 26. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## – SACRAMENTS –

### 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 Saturdays at 5 p.m. in English
- on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. in Polish
- on the last Sunday of the month at 2:30 p.m. – bilingual

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).

### 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

#### Medjugorje – 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:  
Stan (647) 463-9057

## – COMMUNITY NEWS –

### Mazowsze Concert

**Wednesday, April 29 at 8 p.m.  
Meridian Hall, Toronto**

150 artists – dancers, choir, and orchestra – will perform on stage, presenting the most beautiful Polish folk songs and dances. This extraordinary event will allow you to experience the richness of the Polish tradition, culture, and faith passed down from generation to generation. We cordially invite all parishioners and families to this special, uplifting evening. For more information, call (416) 371-8972.

### Constitution Day

On **Sunday, May 3**, the Canadian Polish Congress in Mississauga is organizing the commemorations of the 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the enactment of the Polish Constitution. The festivities will commence at 11 a.m. with Holy Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Afterwards, a short ceremony will take place at the Polish Patriots' monument square adjacent to the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. All are welcome!

### Polish Heritage Month

On **Sunday, May 10**, the Canadian Polish Congress invites the Polish community to a celebration of Polish Heritage Month and the 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution of May 3<sup>rd</sup> at City Hall in Toronto, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The program includes a grand parade through the streets of Toronto, band performances, a Polonaise, many attractions for children and adults, Polish food, and a DJ. Parking at City Hall is only \$10 for the entire day. Let's celebrate together in red and white – let's be seen and heard! More information: <http://www.polishmayparade.ca>

A bus will be leaving from the John Paul II Centre. Tickets are \$10 for adults, free for children and youth. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call (647) 539-6248

### 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.

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY April 20

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Teresa and Zbigniew – son and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Anna Klejn (25<sup>th</sup>) – granddaughter  
○ For health, God's blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit for Marianna and Edward on their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniv.

### TUESDAY April 21

8<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's continued blessing  
✠ Zofia Kajzer (1<sup>st</sup>)  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from the Palferro, Gargano, Messore families

### WEDNESDAY April 22

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Maria and Stanislaw Gradowicz, deceased from the Gradowicz family  
✠ Regina and Maksymilian Jasinski  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY April 23

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jan Rogowski  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and health for father, Halina, Andrzej and their families – Malgorzata and children  
✠ Deceased from the Raczywolski, Kraska, Kamycki, Sitko families – Kraska family

### FRIDAY April 24

8<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's continued blessing for Karina on her birthday  
✠ Jozef Tobiasz, Jozef Dziedzic  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Aleksandra Buczek (anniv.) – daughter

### SATURDAY April 25

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Julia, Aleksander, Wincenty Wroblewski – friends  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Helena Dybel (1<sup>st</sup>) – son Janusz and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanislaw Kozacz (5<sup>th</sup>)

### SUNDAY April 26

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Janusz Szajna, Jan and Sabina Cwalinski – family  
9<sup>30</sup> ✠ Stanislaw Brozny (2<sup>nd</sup>) – wife and family  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ○ For health and God's protection for Jan and Maria on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.  
14<sup>30</sup> ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for the Manturowicz family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from the Gajos, Styczynski, Dec, Kobylarz families

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