

# Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord

*“I have seen the Lord.”*

*Matthew 21.1-11*

### Reflection

Grief. Sadness. Fear. Mary awoke before light – perhaps unable to sleep in her grief. What better time for a fearful disciple to visit the grave of an executed friend than under cover of darkness? She would have known that, as a friend of Jesus, her life, too, was in peril. But she was compelled to go. She may have hoped for some solace sitting quietly before the tomb, just before daybreak.

We have expectations when we visit a grave. Not the least of these is that our beloved will be there.

Bewilderment. Astonishment. Incomprehension. It is hard to imagine how disconcerting the experience of finding an empty tomb would have been, first for Mary, and then for the apostles whom she told. How could this be explained?

Hope. Wonder. Joy. Then, one by one, Jesus revealed himself to them. Those who have experienced death of someone know how surreal it feels for the first few days. Imagine how surreal it must have felt to have Jesus return again from the dead! Alive! Speaking!

At Easter we proclaim that all grief and fear is but a prelude to wonder and joy. The frozen, barren ground yields new life and beauty. Tyrants fall from their thrones. Daisies push through concrete. Wounds slowly heal. Life conquers death.

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**First Reading:** Acts 10.34a, 37-43

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.*

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3.1-4 or  
1 Corinthians 5.6b-8

**Gospel:** John 20.1-18

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

## – PARISH NEWS –

### Alleluia! He is Risen!

Today we gather for the most important Christian celebration – the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. A warm and friendly welcome to all our parishioners and guests from near and far. May Christ fill our hearts with love, joy, hope, and strength for everyday victories.

### Easter Monday Mass Schedule

8 a.m. in Polish  
9:30 a.m. in English  
11 a.m. in Polish  
1 p.m. in Polish  
7 p.m. in Polish

### THANK YOU!



...to all who made donations for flowers for the Lord's tomb. Your generosity is much appreciated.

...to Sister Halina and her team of volunteers who spent countless hours decorating our church for the Triduum and Easter celebration.

...to each and every one who come in last Tuesday and helped clean the church for Easter.

...to all parishioners, guests, volunteers, and staff who support our parish with their talent, their treasure, and a kind word. May God reward you for all you do.

### Parish Office

Parish office will reopen on Tuesday, April 7 at 9 a.m.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Next **Sunday, April 12** the Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy. Let us prepare for this important day by practicing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. As a parish community, we pray the Divine Mercy Novena daily until April 11. Times are listed on the next page under “Mass Intentions.”

### 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.

## – COMING UP –

### Kolbe Seniors Club

Kolbe Seniors Club will meet on **Tuesday, April 7 at 11 a.m.** at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. All seniors are welcome.

### Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, April 10**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

**Bp. Ivan Camilleri** will bestow the sacrament of confirmation on our youth on **Saturday, April 11 at 4 p.m.** (There will be no Mass at 5 p.m.)

All candidates and their witnesses are required to attend a rehearsal on **Thursday, April 9 at 7:45 p.m.** in the church. Attendance is mandatory.

### Meeting for Parents of First Communion Children

An important meeting for parents of children currently preparing to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist at our parish will take place **next Sunday, April 12, at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

### Evening of Adoration

On **Sunday, April 12**, immediately after the evening Mass, 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.

### Coffee and Donuts Schedule

April 5 – no coffee and donuts  
April 12 – Domus Ecclesiae

### 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.

### 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.

## – 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)

## – OTHER NEWS –

### 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.

### 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 #1 leads the rosary this week.**

## – OTHER NEWS –



### Wishing you a blessed Easter from ShareLife

This Easter Sunday, we hold gratitude for the Lord Jesus, our saviour; and for you who brings the hands of Christ to our brothers and sisters in need. We witness how you live the Gospel wholeheartedly, opening your heart to the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized. It is through your love that our family of faith is strengthened. We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful Easter, blooming with hope.

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is 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).

### Speaker Series

St. Joseph's Centre of Hope for Women and Kolbe ProLife invite you to an evening with guest speaker Melissa Ohden, a survivor of an abortion. **Wednesday, April 8 at 7 p.m.** at the John Paul II Cultural Centre. This event is free and includes lovely desserts and coffee.

### Radio Maria Banquet

Easter Banquet in support of Radio Maria will be held on **Sunday, April 19** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. and banquet will begin at 1 p.m. Special musical performance by Anna Wojcik (soprano) and Alex Wang (piano). Tickets at \$70 are available from: Joanna Szydłowska - (905) 819-1040 Joanna Strzezek - (905) 845-3553 Health from Nature Store - Roncesvalles Ave. John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

### 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: Wiesława (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

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY April 6

8<sup>00</sup> ◦ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing on the 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
9<sup>30</sup> ✚ Maria and Leon Niemoczynski – Marian  
11<sup>00</sup> ✚ Maria and Jozef Kowalski and deceased from family  
13<sup>00</sup> ◦ For health, God's blessing and Mary's protection for children and grandchildren – Krzysztof Siuda  
18<sup>30</sup> *Divine Mercy Novena*  
19<sup>00</sup> ◦ For healing and gift of speech for Maximilian, and Mary's protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Maximilian and Nicolas

### TUESDAY April 7

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Longin, Katarzyna, Walenty Kulina; brother Edward Kulina  
18<sup>30</sup> *Divine Mercy Novena*  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ John and Tennie Bielawski; Stan Modrowski; Jozef and Jadwiga Rowinski  
✚ Jan Cudo (20<sup>th</sup>) – daughter and family

### WEDNESDAY April 8

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Deceased from the Rogala and Dabrowski families  
✚ Stefania Lukaszek, Olga and Tadeusz Kaczmarek, deceased from their families  
18<sup>30</sup> *Divine Mercy Novena*  
19<sup>00</sup> ◦ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY April 9

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Irena and Tadeusz Kropiewnicki – daughter and family  
18<sup>30</sup> *Divine Mercy Novena*  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Zbigniew Karczmarczyk, deceased from the Kubisztal family – wife  
✚ Janina and Wladyslaw, deceased from the Warpas family – family

### FRIDAY April 10

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Zofia, Romuald, Marian, Jozef Dudarew – daughter and sister  
18<sup>30</sup> *Divine Mercy Novena*  
19<sup>00</sup> ◦ For God's blessing for family  
◦ For health, God's blessing, and Mary's protection for Nicole, Nicolas, Alenzo and their parents – parents and grandparents

### SATURDAY April 11

8<sup>00</sup> ◦ For God's blessing, health, and grace for Alina, Marek, and Mateusz  
8<sup>45</sup> *Divine Mercy Novena*  
16<sup>00</sup> ◦ **For the gifts of the Holy Spirit for all candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation**  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Bronislawa and Czeslaw Labeledzki, Roman Barton, Marek Labeledzki

### SUNDAY April 12

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Elizabeth Polanski (10 anniv.) and deceased from family – husband, children, grandchildren  
9<sup>30</sup> ✚ Jan and Zofia Sadowski  
11<sup>00</sup> ◦ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ✚ Monika Filipek (6<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – mother and family  
14<sup>30</sup> ✚ Irena and Bronislaw Szczotka, uncle Ryszard Migda – Teresa  
19<sup>00</sup> ◦ For God's blessing, grace and Mary's protection for Henryka, Karolina, and Michalina

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