

# 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Parish Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe



**PARISH FEAST OF OUR PATRON ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE**  
**Today, Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am**  
**led by Abp Stanislaw Gadecki who serves currently as President of the Polish Episcopal Conference.**  
**All are welcome!**

Ah, The narrow door! A procrastinator by nature, I must confess that today's gospel makes me uncomfortable. Clean up my act, I say to myself, or I'll find myself in that throng, knocking on heaven's door, at risk of joining those who are weeping and gnashing their teeth because they realize that they took for granted all the promise of the kingdom of God. But just as I am stewing about being ready to enter heaven, I am reminded, "some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." With this, my earthly sense of fair play kicks in and I am, yet again, full of righteous indignation that those who seemingly haven't played by the rules are going to bypass the rest of us. So much for my preparedness for passage through that narrow door! Today we are reminded that we cannot impose earthly rules and expectations on eternal life. God offers all of us passage to the kingdom, but we are required, as St. Paul notes, to live a life of discipline – God's discipline. Being loved by God does not mean we won't face trials and pain, but out of our experiences comes the "peaceful fruit of righteousness," the very kind of substance that draws people to the banquet in the kingdom of God.

*Catherine Mulrone, Toronto, Ontario*

**First reading:** Isaiah 66.18-21  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12.5-7, 11-13  
**Gospel:** Luke 13.22-30

**Rose # 10** will lead the rosary this week.  
**COFFEE & DONUTS** will be sold today by the **Rosary Family**.  
**LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** – new schedules for Polish Masses can be picked up in the sacristy and were sent by email as well.

Our new altar that was made from the altar on which St. John Paul II celebrated the Holy Eucharist during the World Youth Days that took place in Toronto on July 28, 2002 will be blessed today - Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> during 11:00am Mass.

It is an extraordinary gift as well as relics of Saint John Paul II that our parish received. During the parish feast all new elements of sanctuary (a new baptismal font, pulpit, ambo and tabernacle in the shape of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus) will be blessed as well. Our new tabernacle is a gift from the parents of the children who received the Sacrament of First Communion this year, as well as the youth who received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A beautiful addition to the renovated sanctuary will be a new image of Divine Mercy based on the image in Lagiewniki and painted by Mrs. Beata Wiekiera. The painting and frame are gifts from Beata & Dariusz Wiekiera. We sincerely thank them for the beautiful and generous gift. In the last few months the entire sanctuary was renovated and it was possible through Family of Faith founding.

On the occasion of our parish feast and to commemorate the memorial of St. Christopher, the patron of drivers, everyone will have an opportunity to have their vehicle blessed in the parish parking lot today at 4:00pm.

On the occasion of the parish feast we would like to invite all parishioners and guests to our parish hall to taste the specialties of the Polish cuisine:  
 chicken or pork schnitzel & cabbage on a bun - \$10.00  
 crockets - \$3.00  
 crapes - \$3.00

**CHURCH RENOVATIONS**  
 Construction of the new entrance to the church will begin in the coming days. The current entrance will be demolished, and a new, larger entrance will be built in its place to better suit our needs. It is the most-used entrance to our church. During construction, this entrance will be inaccessible. Please enter the church through the entrance by the chapel or parish hall as well as the main entrance or the entrance faced John Paul II Culture Centre. The work will be done by Kembic Construction, the company that also constructed our new Catechetical Centre.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish is now on Facebook. We would like to remind all, that we post parish news and information, as well as many photos from parish life and events. We invite you to visit and like our page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Maximilian-Kolbe-Mississauga>

### From the Pulpit

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS

We would like to thank all participants of the walking pilgrimage - the pilgrims for their prayers, clergy for the sacrament of reconciliation, prayers, talks, and music. We would also like to thank the drivers, doctors, nurses and vocal groups for their services. We would like to thank all for preparing and delivering hot meals for our pilgrims.

Special thank you goes to **Zbyszek & Marek owners of Orbit Restaurant (for preparing and delivery hot soup) & Sweet Temptations (for bread).**



We bid farewell to Fr. Tomasz Koscinski OMI, who on September 1<sup>st</sup> will be moving to St. Therese Parish located in Courtice, Ontario near Oshawa, in the diocese of Peterborough. Fr. Tomasz had been appointed as a Pastor of St. Therese's Parish. We warmly thank him for his amazing work in our parish during two past years. An opportunity to say good bye to Fr. Tomasz will be on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. God bless!



**ANNIVERSARY MASS** – in the intention of couples celebrating their wedding anniversary will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**. Please forward names to the parish office at 905 848-2420.

**PRAYER EVENING** led by Adoremus Prayer Group will be held on **Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00pm – 9:30pm in the church** (following the evening Mass). In the program: formation catechesis, meditation on God's Word, prayer & individual blessing. We adore the Lord through the Blessed Sacrament. If you want God to start changing your heart join us!

August is traditionally declared by the Church in Poland as the month of alcohol abstinence. The Church invites everyone to abstain from alcoholic beverages during the month of August.

**THE LIBERATION CRUSADE** is a voluntary commitment to abstain from alcoholic beverages. The term "crusade" indicates a spiritual battle with evil, where prayer is fundamental. Members of the Crusade are committed not only to abstain from drinking, but also to help others who struggle with alcohol addiction. Everyone is invited - especially in the month of August - to join the Crusade and abstain from consuming alcoholic beverages.

A special book is placed at the altar of the relics, where everyone is welcomed to write their name.



### Baptisms

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Anella Michelle Kuzar daughter of Bernadetta & Bartlomiej  
 Julian Walter Stuart Caine son of Joanna & Jason  
 Liam Michael Broderick son of Anna & Michael  
 Dominik Tomasz Obyrtacz son of Nicole & Piotr  
 Claudia Smereczanski daughter of Malgorzata & Robert  
 Julia Weronika Rurarz daughter of Karolina & Maciej

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.

### Weddings

The following couple is planning to be married:

Margaret Maleszewski daughter of Elzbieta & Ireneusz  
 Damian pawel Bernacik son of Ewa & Krzysztof

We wish them all God's blessing.

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CLASSES**  
 Preparations for the Sacrament of First Communion, as well as the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in October 2016 after Thanksgiving Weekend.

Registration for these Sacraments will take place the week of September 12 to 16, 2016 from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the parish hall.

For registration we ask to bring:

1. Completed registration form (available on website [www.kolbe.ca](http://www.kolbe.ca))
2. Copy of Child's Baptismal Certificate (that includes also children baptized in our parish),
3. Registration Fee: \$100

Date of First Communion 2017:

May 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm – English

May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm – Polish

May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30pm – Polish

Date of Confirmation 2017:

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm

For more information please contact Fr. Wojtek and for the detailed calendar please visit our website.

**CHANGES IN THE BULLETIN** - We ask the leaders of parish organizations to notify the parish office of any changes in the contacts names and phone numbers that appear on the outermost page of the bulletin. **Deadline - the end of August.**

Canadian Polish Millennium



Each calendar year, in October, the Canadian Polish Millennium Fund awards grants to students. Applications for student grants must be of Polish descent that have completed their first year of studies and are currently enrolled in a program of study at a Canadian post-secondary educational institution. The deadline for submission is September 15. All applications and supporting documents must be postmarked no later than the deadline date. Please do not send applications by fax or email, as they will not be considered. Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

In addition, the Millennium Fund administers four distinct student awards:

1. The "POMNIK PAMIĘCI" grant is funded by Bronisława Stanisławska in memory of her sons Wojtek and Witek Stanisławski who were murdered in the German concentration camp at "Auschwitz". The award is primarily directed towards students of Polish history at the University of Toronto. The deadline for submission is September 15.

2. In 2007, Zbigniew Czaplinski, P.Eng., funded an award for students who enroll in a program of study at a post-secondary institution. Applicants must be descendants of members of the Polish Home Army ("Armia Krajowa") who fought during the Second World War. The deadline for submission is September 15. More information on this award is available on our website.

The Canadian Polish Millennium Fund is a charitable organization incorporated under the Canada Corporation Act and donors may deduct donations to the Fund from their Income Tax citing registration number: 0392316-59-13.

### Pilgrimages

**GOLDEN ROSE APOSTOLATE** invites all on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. This pilgrimage will take place from September 26<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. For more information, please contact Marzena at 647 284-1631

**PILGRIMAGE TO BUFFALO** – Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - The Rosary Family organizes one day pilgrimage to Buffalo. In Program: American Fatima and Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica. Cost \$50.00 Info & sign up Teresa 905 495-7035 or Wiesława 416 799-2122

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN** – November 15<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 A pilgrimage to the Holy Land under the spiritual direction of Fr. Wojciech Stangel. The itinerary includes: Haifa, Mount Carmel, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Nazareth and much more. Info and sign up: Polimex 905 238-6683 or [www.polimex.com](http://www.polimex.com)

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST in Mexico with Oblate Fathers** December 9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Cost: \$1598.00 + taxes \$255.00 Info & reservation 905 238-6683 (ask for Mira) or at [www.polimex.com](http://www.polimex.com)

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### Other Events

**DIVINE MERCY CONGRESS 2016**

Friday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>

St. Maximilian Kolbe Church

October 1<sup>st</sup> & October 2<sup>nd</sup>

St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish, Brampton

Info: 905 452-MAMI(6264)

[www.oblateworldmissions.org](http://www.oblateworldmissions.org)

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### Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 ☩ Edward Kasak (50<sup>th</sup> anniv.) - family

19:00 ☩ Iwona Desperak (6<sup>th</sup> anniv.) - Godson

☩ all deceased from Kolarski family – son & family

**TUESDAY, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 ☩ Piotra & Maria Chwaja – daughter & family

19:00 ☩ Janina Jedrzejczak – daughter & family

Special intention for God's blessings for Emily & Kevin Sowa ( 3<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary) - family

**WEDNESDAY, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Saint Bartholomew**

8:00 ☩ Leokadia Swiercz

☩ Jozef Lemczyk – Beata & Ryszard Dec-Kobylarz

19:00 **Group Intentions**

**THURSDAY, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 ☩ Anna Karp & Joanna Kris & Janina & Jan Bodys

19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Joanna & Jaroslaw Szaran on their 23<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary

Special intention for God's blessings for Aleksandra & Katarzyna - mother

**FRIDAY, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for daughter Krystyna on her birthday - mother

15:00 **Wedding: Justyna Włodarczyk & Stephen Guertin**

19:00 ☩ Stanislaw Skowron

☩ Marianna & Jozef Pluto – son & family

**SATURDAY, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Saint Monica**

8:00 ☩ Katarzyna Sadowska - family

14:00 **Wedding: Barbara Skorka & Karol Kossakowski**

17:00 ☩ Stanislaw Gawron & his parents – daughter & family

19:00 ☩ Henryk & Leokadia & Tadeusz & Ryszard & Maria Halas - family

**SUNDAY, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 ☩ Helena & Stanislaw Romasz – son & family

9:30 ☩ Marian Jackowski – daughter & family

11:00 **Intention for couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries**

13:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Anna & Daniel on their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

14:30 ☩ Kazimiera Wojciechowska (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.)

19:00 ☩ all deceased from Ciesla & Bilkiewicz families – Ciesla family

