

Following God is not a task for the faint-hearted The first reading and the responsorial psalm are powerful reminders of how great is God and how wondrous God's plans. Taking on the larger-thanlife task of submitting to God's ways will challenge us. Jesus reminds his followers, and Paul echoes these sentiments from behind bars, that discipleship makes tough demands (such as giving up all your possessions). Why then should we follow God? Will life not be easier if we follow our own desires or only commit ourselves half-heartedly to Christianity (becoming the proverbial cafeteria Catholic)? The reason most people attempt anything challenging is because of the results. An athlete sacrifices and trains for better performance; a student reads writes and reviews consistently to obtain desirable grades. So too, following God will produce greater results than anything else we commit ourselves to. The result of following God is everlasting life. Our lives are perishable. We return to dust, but God has promised to restore and perfect the life we originally received. Christ came to show us that our earthly lifespan does not have to be all we know. God has prepared something so much better, eternal paradise, for us to enjoy without end

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First reading: Wisdom 9.13-18 Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Second Reading: Philemon 9b-10, 12-17 Gospel: Luke 14.25-33

**Rose # 48** will lead the rosary this week.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS** will be served today by Scouts.

Today - Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, after the 11:00 am Mass, in the parish hall, there will be a meeting with Mr. Piotr Naimski, secretary of state of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister, the procurator of the Polish Government of energy infrastructure, as well as with Minister Antoni Macierewicz, former Minister of National Defense.

#### MIDLAND WALKING PILGRIMAGE MEETING

Participants of the Walking Pilgrimage to Midland are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving today - September 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 **p.m.**, followed by a movie and fellowship in the parish hall. Please bring a small plate of goodies to share with fellow pilgrims.

#### **PARISH GROUP FAIR**

Parish Pastoral Council has planned a Parish Group Fair on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. We ask that all parish groups select a stand with information of the group's activities and invite new participants to join. All groups wishing to join this fair please contact Fr. Pawel.

# 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **Baptisms**

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Karina Bianka Tarnowski daughter of Iwona & Mariusz Michael Dziewa Miceli son of Anna & Antonio Malgorzata Danuta Przybyla daughter of Katarzyna & Slawomir Steven Jozef Szurski son of Klaudia & Andrew

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and Godparents.



The following couples are planning to be married:

Anna Nina Kus daughter of Nina & Edward Ian Karvelas son of Vasilicky & Theodore

> Victoria Zofia Figaj daughter of Zofia & Eugeniusz Carlo Tobias Espinosa son of Edyta & Gary

Natalie Towarek daughter of Kazimiera & Tomasz Paul Jacob Grzelak son of Elizabeth & Mark

Angelika Bednarczyk daughter of Lucyna & Dariusz Rafal Wozniak son of Jadwiga & Marian

#### We wish them all God's blessing.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AFTER SUMMER MEETING - on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> following Holy Mass at 7:00pm and the exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary will then be held in the John Paul II Cultural Centre.

#### **PROCESSIONS TO ROSARY GARDEN -**

all parishioners are invited to join in a procession on Friday, September 13th following the evening Mass, in remembrance of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.



**CHANGE FOR LIFE 2019** Pro-Life Kolbe Group would like to encourage everyone to

fill Change for Life bottles with your loose change that will be distributed on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Bottles will be collected at the end of November.

## **From the Pulpit**

**RESERVATIONS FOR MASS INTENTIONS** for 2020 will start on Wednesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am - 9:00pm in the parish hall. We would like to remind everyone that there is a limit of three Mass intentions from each family for the entire year (one on Sunday and two during the week) and individual intentions can be taken only in the office not by phone.

### **Rosary Garden Renovation**

Recently our Rosary Garden was undergoing renovation and 30 stations were maintenance. The Stations of the Cross as well as the Mysteries of the Rosary stations were in very bad shape, not having been tended to for several years. The cost of renovating each Station was \$400, resulting in a total cost of \$12,000. At this moment only a Cross needs to be maintained. We would like to thank

all who supported this renovation.

**OUR LADY OF LUDZMIERZ MARIAN** FEAST IN BRAMPTON – Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> during 1:00pm Solemn Mass. Mass will be led by Fr. Janusz Blazejak OMI. Following the Mass all are invited to parish feast celebration by Our Lady of Ludzmierz House. More information 905 451-1422

#### TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS – September 14<sup>th</sup> –

This feast was observed in Rome before the end of the seventh century. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross, which had been placed on Mt. Calvary by St. Helena and preserved in Jerusalem, but then had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heralius in 629.

#### **RADOSC - JOY SONG – DANCE ENSEMBLE**

- invites new candidates! Last day for registration mini & juniors - Wednesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm & intermediates on Wednesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm & last day for seniors – Thursday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Registration takes place in the parish hall. Info: Ania 905 275-9262

THE CHURCH COMMITTEE - is comprised of men and women called to perform various duties at our church i.e. passing the offering baskets during Mass. Their meeting will be held on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> following the evening Mass. We kindly ask our parishioners to join the ranks of service in the Church Committee.

**RCIA** - is a preparation program for adults (19+) who wish to fully take part in the life of the Catholic Church, or to be baptized. First meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm. Sign up-parish office.

#### **St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

This year St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish celebrates the 40th Anniversary of its establishment and we are invited to:

♦ September 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> – Retreat with Mr. Jan Budziaszek organized by Adoremus Praver Group

◆ September 21<sup>st</sup> - A concert entitles "Of One Heart, of One Spirit" takes place in the parish hall. The purpose of the concert is to promote Christian music, to encourage people to praise God through song and dance. In Rzeszow, Poland, the concert boasts not only audience from all of Poland but also other countries. Each year a CD is produced. In 2018, there were approx. 40,000 spectators.

• September 28<sup>th</sup> - October 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a Marian retreat, according to the Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary of St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, preached by Polish missionary Father Grzegorz Pawlus, OMI ◆ October 4<sup>th</sup> – a day of penance, as Poland is celebrating an event. "Poland under the Cross of Christ". Our parish will celebrate a day of Great Penance, together with Poland and Polonia. The Sacrament of Confession will be available from 4:00pm-8:00pm.

•The main celebrations will take place **October** 6<sup>th</sup>, and our guest will be **Bishop Wieslaw** Smigiel of Torun. The solemn Consecration to our Blessed Mother will take place during the Mass at 11:00am

♦ October 19<sup>th</sup> - a celebratory banquet and dance on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish. It takes place at JPII Polish Culture Centre and tickets are \$60.00 including a delicious meal, various attractions, and a dance. Tickets will be available soon, or you can reserve yours at the parish office.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE -The next marriage preparation course in English is being offered at our parish from October 14<sup>th</sup> to November 25<sup>th</sup> 2019. Classes will be held on Monday from 8:00pm - 10:00pm. The course consists of 7 sessions, held once a week. The cost is \$100 paid at the first meeting. Sign-up parish office 905 848 2420.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE FOR SECOND UNIONS – couples should attend a specialized marriage preparation offered by the Catholic Family Services. Information/registrations call: 416 921-1163

MARRIAGE - Couples intending to be married in the Church should make arrangements with the priest one year before the intended wedding date. Completion of a marriage preparation course is obligatory for all couples. The same procedure applies to parishioners wishing to be married outside of Canada. Members who plan to be married in another parish should contact a parish priest to obtain special permission.

#### FIRST COMMUNION (Grade 2) & CONFIRMATION CLASSES (Grade 7) FOR CHILDREN FROM PUBLIC & **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**Registration for children and youth from** 

For registration we ask to bring: 1. Completed registration form (available on website www.kolbe.ca) 2. Copy of Child's Baptismal Certificate (that includes also children baptized in our parish), 3. Registration Fee: \$100 Detailed information can be found on www.kolbe.ca in the "Liturgy and Sacraments" tab.

(children wear albs)

**Dates of First Communion 2020:** May 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm – English (children wear dresses and suits) May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm – Polish (children wear dresses and suits) May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm – Polish Confirmation Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm Classes start in October 2019 Info. Fr. Pawel

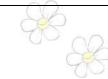
## **Coming Soon**

25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN PAUL II **POLISH CULTURE CENTRE** To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Opening of the John Paul II Center, the Maximilian Foundation cordially invites you to a formal dinner on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 11:00am at the JP II Center. Entertainment will be provided by the Lechowia Song and Dance Group, Kinga Mitrowska, Kabaret pod Banka and Kwartet Smyczkowy. Tickets are available at the Center, \$60 per person. Solemn Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church Info: 905 306 9900

Canadian Polish Congress Mississauga district cordially invites you to the 'Farewell to Summer Dance', on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in JPII Polish Cultural Centre. Delicious Dinner with wine prepared by Jan Gromada, lotery and dancing with hot band 'KOMPOT'. Tickets \$55, Leszek: 416-8047182 and in Centrum – We hope you'll join us & support CPC!

#### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND ON THE OCCASION OF THE 40<sup>th</sup> **ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH** October 20<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>

In the program: Nazareth, Cana of Galilee, See of Galilee, Mount of Olives, Qumran National Park, as well as the Way of the Cross, King David's Tomb, Wailing Wall, and Bethlehem and many more. Info: Polimex Travel 905 238-6683 ext. 427 (ask for Mira)





Catholic, public and private schools preparing for Sacraments will take place on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> after each Mass in the parish hall and the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup> (Monday) - September 27<sup>th</sup> (Friday) from 6:00pm -8:00pm in Good Shepherd Room.

September 8<sup>th</sup> 2019

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#### **Canadian Polish Millennium Fund**



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. Application form can be found at www.millenniumfund.ca

## **Mass Intentions**

		MONDAY, September 9 <sup>th</sup>
	8:00	5
		– Stefania & family
	19:00	🕆 Ryszard - friend
		Weronika & Jozefa & Cecylia & Piotr Kwapis –
		son & family
		TUESDAY, September 10 <sup>th</sup>
	8:00	Aleksander & Michalina & Zygmunt &
		Mieczyslaw Lisek - family
1	10:00	
	19:00	
		health for children & grandchildren from Aiello &
		Lopes families
		WEDNESDAY, September 11 <sup>th</sup>
	8:00	Helena Guzik (9 <sup>th</sup> anniv.) – son & family
		✤ Jan Chwiszczuk – daughter & family
	19:00	Group Intentions
		THURSDAY, September 12 <sup>th</sup>
	8:00	Stanislaw Dlugopolski & all deceased from
		Dlugopolski & Mietus families – Balinski family
	19:00	Special intention for God's blessings for
		granddaughters Gabriela & Weronika Strama &
		Jessica & Ewa Kolpak
		🕆 parents Weronika & Piotr Siwa & brothers
		Kazimierz & Ryszard Siwa & Joanna Janowska -
		family
		FRIDAY, September 13 <sup>th</sup>
		Saint John Chrysostom
		Ceokadia Swiercz
		PRoman Sroslak – Wojna family
	19:00	Eddy Niedziela & Walenty Siuda & all deceased
		from Bubacz family
		✤ Henryk Sobieraj – daughter & family
		SATURDAY, September 14 <sup>th</sup>
	0.00	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
		Stefania & Waclaw Sadowski – son & family
		Wedding: Sandra Gluszak & Kamil Szewczyk
		I Jerzy - wife In intention of Pope & Poland & Radio Maryja
	19:00	SUNDAY, September 15 <sup>th</sup>
	8.00 -	r Rozalia Gabiga (2 <sup>nd</sup> anniv.) − husband & children
		Fr. Stanislaw Bak OMI – Bak family
		Special intention for the students from Polish
	11:00	Schools as they start the new school year
	13.00	✤ Screep and Balon & Stanislaw Guzdek
		<ul> <li>If Szczepan Balon &amp; Stanslaw Guzdek</li> <li>If Jan &amp; Helena Nabzdyk – daughter Boleslawa</li> </ul>
		Special intention for God's blessings for Marek

Bielecki on his birthday - wife & children