

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Images of strife and the temple being destroyed are terrifying but familiar. The images in today's readings remind us that we live in an in-between time.

In the second reading, Saint Paul calls us to live our waiting with commitment by turning away from idleness and by imitating the kingdom for which we wait, a kingdom the psalmist says is just, equitable and joyful. Jesus encourages us to trust God more fully, for he will give us words and wisdom so we may witness to his love.

In 2016, at the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis named the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time the World Day of the Poor. The Pope entreats the faithful to reach out in solidarity to those most in need. This calls us to live our waiting with commitment, stepping out of certainties and comforts, and entering vulnerability.

As we approach Advent, we ask for the grace to be fully present with love and compassion to the suffering of our time. By doing so, we prepare our hearts to receive God's love born as an infant messiah. Jesus reminds us not to be "led astray" or "to prepare your defence in advance." Our lives lived in faithful witness to the kingdom that is to come become a sign of joy and hope for today.

*Michael and Vanessa Nicholas-Schmidt;
Toronto, ON*

First Reading: Malachi 4.1-2

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is coming to judge the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.7-12

Gospel: Luke 21.5-19

KOLBE YOUTH GROUP invites everyone to the Parish Hall for a delicious **hot meal, donuts, and coffee.**

ROSARY is being led by Rose number 53.

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION will be taken for the Shepherds' Trust.

CHANGE FOR LIFE BOTTLES

Kolbe ProLife Group wishes to thank the many parishioners who turned in their Change for Life bottles filled with spare change. Any outstanding bottles can be brought to the sacristy. Your donation helps organize numerous initiatives aimed at protecting human life. Thank you for your contribution.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon:

Katerina Evelyn Bekas,
daughter of Sandra & Marcin
Emily Natalie Kania,
daughter of Daria & Mateusz
Jacob Waliczek,
son of Elzbieta & Mariusz
Olivia Rose Wighton,
daughter of Katarzyna & Jesse

We welcome all children and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

Welcome!

A warm welcome to our newest guest, **Father Urban Pudelko OFM**, who looks after Polish pilgrims in Medjugorje. Pope Francis has authorized pilgrimages to Medjugorje, which can now be officially organized by dioceses and parishes. Fr. Pudelko will preach a homily at each Sunday Mass. He will also give a talk (in Polish) on Monday and Tuesday after the evening Mass.



Christ the King of the Universe

Next Sunday, the Catholic Church celebrates the last Sunday of the liturgical year. The culminating point of the entire year is the celebration of Christ the King of the Universe, who reigns in heaven and on earth. Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year, but the Sunday preceding it underlines the reign of the Risen Christ. The solemnity of Christ the King points us toward the ultimate goal of human life, that is, union with God and devotion to the reign of his love in his Kingdom.



Shepherds' Trust

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. They have been instruments in living out a "faith in action." Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. The Shepherds' Trust supports our priests to help them live their retirement years with dignity.

This trust fund is a tangible way to care for those who cared for us and to give thanks for the blessings we have received through them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Knights of the Immaculate

The Knights of the Immaculate is a Marian apostolic movement founded by Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe. Their objective is to strive for the conversion of sinners and those who have not yet found Christ, the conversion of the enemies of the Church, the unification of Christianity and for the sanctification of all, under the protection and through the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin.

Saint Maximilian summarized the purpose of the Knighthood in the slogan: "Conquer the whole world for the Immaculate Virgin, that she, and through her, Christ may reign in the souls of all people." Today, the Knights of the Immaculate Virgin Mary pray for atheists and religiously indifferent people, as well as those who have forgotten God and Christian values. Additional information about the Knighthood of Immaculate Virgin Mary is posted on a bulletin board in the church hallway.

A Solemn Act of Consecration for new members will take place on **Saturday, December 7**, after the morning Mass. **Interested individuals are asked to contact Teresa Wątroba, at (905) 495-7035.**

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

is a unique place where one can meet Jesus whenever the heart desires it, day and night. At our parish, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been taking place continuously for the past 24 years.

Come, see for yourself, and be open to His presence. God has something to tell you, and only you, but for this to happen, you must remain in His presence. Come, see and believe that Jesus Christ is alive in the form of a small piece of white bread. He's the One who was born centuries ago, who died on the cross, and who rose from the dead. He is here and He is still waiting for you. When you enter the chapel and bend your knees before the Blessed Sacrament, you will experience profound peace. Turn your eyes to the Blessed Sacrament. It is Jesus Christ. The One who lived centuries ago is alive here, too. He still preaches the Gospel, heals, forgives, blesses, and pours His grace upon us.

The Chapel of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is open 24 hours a day. Today we want to encourage the faithful to join the group of individuals who Adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come, He is waiting for you. **If you are interested in signing up for an hour of Adoration, please contact Mr. and Mrs. Chmura at (905) 949-1237.**



*"The greatest love story of all time
is contained in a tiny white host."
– Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*



Join us for a Christmas Concert by the prestigious Song and Dance Ensemble "Śląsk", who is without a doubt one of the greatest ambassador of Polish culture. Their repertoire includes the most beautiful Christmas songs and carols. "Śląsk" – "Silesia" will perform at our parish on **Saturday, December 14th at 2 p.m.** Tickets at \$40 are available today in the parish hall and at the parish office during regular office hours.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR PRE-TEENS

Every day our children are bombarded with information that undermines their human and Christian identity, in particular sexual identity. The grade 6-8 curriculum often doesn't help to find meaning in the vastness of contradictory information, but deepens the feeling of being lost and overwhelmed. Theology of the Body for pre-teens runs until December 18 and takes place on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in St. Maximilian Room of the new catechetical center.

Contact: kolbetobstudygroup@gmail.com

Attention!

All parish groups who use parish meeting spaces (including the parish kitchen) are asked to clean up at the end of each meeting. Very often the meeting rooms are left unclean, garbage is scattered on the floor, and tables are sticky and covered in stains. Groups which do not obey these rules will have limited access to the rooms and especially the kitchen. **Our church property is a shared space, it is designed for our common use, and it belongs to all of us. Therefore, we are all responsible for its upkeep.** Also, please do not burn wax candles during group meetings. Only battery operated candles are permitted.

The Marian Chapel of Polonia of the World

Thank you to our parishioners who have contributed to the building of the Marian Chapel – dedicated to Polonia of the World – in the Sanctuary of the Divine Providence in Warsaw, Poland. Symbolic bricks totaling \$12,000 have already been distributed. As there is still much interest in this fundraiser, representatives of the World Polonia Council will be in the parish hall **next Sunday, November 24th.** Symbolic bricks in \$20, \$50, and \$100 denominations are also available from the parish office during office hours.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

We are currently looking for Polish-speaking young adults or teachers willing to lead the Liturgy of the Word for children at the 11 o'clock Mass. Interested individuals are asked to speak to Fr. Pawel Pilarczyk.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, December 6th, 2019.

All **LEADERS OF THE ROSARY SOCIETY** are invited for a meeting on Friday, November 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

CHRIST THE KING RALLY is being organized by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council of the Archdiocese of Toronto and will take place on Saturday, November 30, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Toronto Pavilion, 190 Railside Road. Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence, Cardinal Thomas Collins. The program also includes inspiring talks, praise and worship, rosary prayer, confession, and adoration. Additional information is available at www.ccrctoronto.com

PILGRIMAGE TO JAPAN – "In the Footsteps of St. Maximilian Kolbe" – is being organized for May 6th - 14th, 2020 under the spiritual direction of Fr. Janusz Blazejak. The itinerary includes: Tokyo, Nagasaki, Mount Unzen, Hongochi, Kyoto, Akita (Our Lady of Akita Shrine). More information is available at POLIMEX: (905) 238-6683, ext. 427 (Mira)

PARISH WEBSITE underwent a facelift in the recent months. Please take a look at it at www.kolbe.ca and be sure to find plenty of useful information about our parish. Thank you Gabriela Kasprzak for the amount of work you've spent getting our website ready for the 40th anniversary.

PARISH BULLETIN AND ADVERTISEMENTS Please take note of our new front page and advertising insert. From October of this year to October of the next it will be part of our weekly bulletin. All our advertisers help cover the cost of printing our parish bulletin. We thank them for their support and encourage our parishioners to make use of the services they provide.

Sacrament of Marriage

This is just a reminder that couples intending to marry in our parish, another parish, or another country must contact the parish office one year before the marriage date in order to gather the necessary information and forms. In addition, all couples must take a marriage preparation course and provide a recently obtained baptism certificate from the church where they were baptized.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 18th

- 8⁰⁰ Special intention for Witold on his 60th birthday – sister with husband
- 19⁰⁰ Special intention for Beata Serwin on her birthday – children
✠Helena Makowska, Katarzyna Leszczynska, and Adam – sister

TUESDAY, November 19th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠Tadeusz Braty (4th anniv.) – son with family
- 19⁰⁰ For the protection of Mother Mary and gift of the Holy Spirit for Mateusz Mieczkowski on his 12th birthday – grandmother
For God's protection for Robert Leung Hong

WEDNESDAY, November 20th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠Teonia & Czeslaw Kapustka and Tadeusz & Zofia Sowinski
✠Edward Zal – daughter with family
- 19⁰⁰ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, November 21st

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8⁰⁰ ✠Lucyna Kedziak (17th anniv.) – daughter with family
- 19⁰⁰ For God's blessing, Mother Mary's protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Emilia on her 3rd birthday
✠All deceased from the Chyjek, Lewczuk, Baran, and Kozak families

FRIDAY, November 22nd

St. Cecilia

- 8⁰⁰ ✠Genowefa & Franciszek Antonczak – son with family
✠Jozef Chmielewski (9th anniv.) – Barbara
- 19⁰⁰ ✠Leszek Piatkowski, Maria & Antoni Slowik – wife and daughter
✠Stanislaw Misztal & Tadeusz Bratkowski – children

SATURDAY, November 23rd

- 8⁰⁰ Special intention for Helena and Krzysztof on their wedding anniversary
- 12³⁰ Wedding: Martyna Gadomski & Patrick Szyller
- 17⁰⁰ ✠Gertruda & Jozef – son
- 19⁰⁰ ✠Janina Dobosz (11th anniv.) – husband with family

SUNDAY, November 24th

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 8⁰⁰ For the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King on the 60th anniversary of their establishment.
- 9³⁰ ✠Jozef & Maria Jemiolo – daughters with families
- 11⁰⁰ For parishioners and benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ For God's graces for Krzysztof and Marlena on their birthdays
- 14³⁰ ✠Stefan Kalin – wife with children
- 19⁰⁰ ✠Stanislaw Lewczuk – wife and children with families

Parish Photo Album

Parishioners who had their photo taken for the pictorial directory and had not picked one up yet are asked to visit the parish office.

