

6th Sunday of Easter



Soon, we will celebrate two feasts. The Ascension will close Jesus' earthly life as he is raised to the Father, while the feast of Pentecost will draw our attention to the descending Holy Spirit who comes to fulfill Jesus' promise to us: "I will not leave you orphaned...I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth."

These final movements in the Easter season prepare us to accept the great commission we hear in John's Gospel to go forth in this life to love and to serve the Lord. We become signs of God's presence by strengthening our families and friendships, respecting life, attending to our environment, keeping our bodies healthy, praying for others, consoling the sick and those in need, finding Christ in our sufferings, witnessing Christ in our lives each day, showing compassion and promoting reconciliation.

In the Eucharist, we come forward to share in the life of God as we receive the body and blood of his Son, Jesus Christ. Let us pray that we will become what we eat: The Body of Christ. Nourished with this holy food, we will move with the force of the Holy Spirit and the fire of God's love to live as people of the Gospel.

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First Reading: Acts 8.5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm:
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.15-18

Gospel: John 14.15-21

100th Birthday of St. John Paul II



Saint John Paul II has always been present in the lives of many of us. If we belong to the younger generation, we were born when our compatriot was already on the throne of the Holy See. We didn't know what it was like not to have "our man" in the Vatican. But our parents remember well the moment when John Paul II was elected head of the Church and what an emotional day it was. There is no doubt that his pontificate had an enormous impact on the Catholic Church, on the fate of Poland, Europe and the world.

Who was Saint Pope John Paul II and why did we love him so much? We find the answer in the Gospel. On April 8, 2005, during his funeral, our eyes were filled with tears as we watched the Gospel lying on a plain oak casket, located in the center of the square in front of St. Peter's Basilica. Suddenly and to everyone's surprise, a gust of wind began to turn over the pages of the book. It looked as if an invisible hand was turning over the pages of the Gospels as if to say: "The answer is in the Gospel!" The life of St. John Paul II was a constant obedience to the Gospel of Jesus.

Remembering the words of St. John Paul II, who said: "Saints don't want our applause but for us to imitate them", we must ask ourselves: "What does the holiness of this extraordinary 20th century disciple of Jesus teach us?" Today we want to say to him: Thank you! And above all, tell him: We will try to follow in your footsteps on our path to Christ."

Novena

Tomorrow, on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Karol Wojtyła, we conclude the Novena to St. John Paul II. Initially we had planned many wonderful events for this special occasion, but now most of them will not take place. However, we invite you to join us virtually on **Monday, May 18th at 7 p.m.** for Mass and a special Liturgy celebrating the life of St. John Paul II. Afterwards we will have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration until 9 p.m.

Month of Mary – May Devotions



Join us as we pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loretto Litany) from Monday to Friday at 6:30 p.m., on Saturday after the 8 a.m. Mass, and on Sunday after the 11 a.m. Mass.

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Every Sunday after the 11 a.m. Mass

Group Intentions Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Intentions can be submitted by phone during regular office hours. Mass offering can be placed in the offertory box found inside the entrance to the parish office.

May 21st Memorial of St. Eugene de Mazenod

Charles Joseph Eugène de Mazenod was born in France in 1782. Ordained in 1811, his religious experience led him to minister to the poor and the young. Interested in popular missions, Eugène founded a missionary institute of priests and lay brothers in 1826, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. By the middle of the 19th century, in response to requests for help from North American bishops (...) the congregation sent several of its small number to Canada. Within 10 years of their arrival, the Oblates had covered all of Canada and expanded into the United States. Today, the members of this community work around the world in remote missions and in education. In Canada, Oblates established St. Paul University and Novalis, as well as numerous parishes and dioceses from coast to coast. Eugène de Mazenod was canonized on December 3, 1995 by Pope John Paul II.

COVID-19 and Our Parish Sacraments:

- **Eucharist** – we are back to our regular Mass schedule, except for the weekend evening Masses. Those intentions will be celebrated at a different time; appropriate individuals will be informed of the change by phone.
- **Reconciliation** – none at this time, except in the event of a serious illness.
- **First Holy Communion** – postponed until further notice.
- **Confirmation** – postponed until further notice.
- **Baptism** – may take place in the presence of the child, the child's parents, and Godparents.
- **Marriage** – may take place in the presence of the couple and their two witnesses, provided the couple is able to obtain a valid marriage licence.

Other:

- **Funeral** prayers and interment take place at the cemetery. Maximum 10 people may attend. Funeral Mass can take place on or around the day of the funeral, with family and friends participating in it through our parish TV. Alternately, family may wish to wait with the funeral Mass and interment until the end of the pandemic.
- The **parish office** is closed but you may call during regular office hours.

Heavenly Father, we place our trust in you, and pray for no more harm from coronavirus and for a quick end to the epidemic.

We ask you to restore health to the infected and peace to places touched by coronavirus. Receive those who have died of the disease, and comfort their families.

Support and protect the medical personnel fighting the virus; inspire and bless those trying to control the situation.

Lord Jesus, you are the doctor of our souls and bodies. We feel helpless in light of the pandemic but we place our trust in you and ask for peace and health.

Mother of God, protect us and look after us, and lead us through love to your Son Jesus Christ.

**St. Maximilian – pray for us!
St. Roch – pray for us!
St. Rita – pray for us!
St. John Paul II – pray for us!
St. Anthony – pray for us!**

Thank You

We are very grateful to our parishioners who regularly bring their Sunday collection. Just over half of our parishioners feel responsible for their parish and regularly bring their Sunday collection. The parish must function despite the crisis and continue to pay expenses on regular basis. Sunday collection can be placed in a secure box found by the parish office door. Donations can also be made online at www.kolbe.ca by clicking on *Donate Now* and choosing *St. Maximilian Kolbe Church* from the list of parishes.

**Thank you for your understanding and continued support.
May God Bless you.**

ShareLife

Living the Gospel by supporting youth ministry in our parishes

What difference does training make for youth ministers? Consider that the 40+ youth ministers in the Archdiocese of Toronto collectively impact thousands of youth and their families. The Office of Catholic Youth (OCY), funded by ShareLife, visits parishes, equips youth ministers, and facilitates networking — including an archdiocesan training day attended by 200 youth ministers and volunteers. OCY helps ensure a vibrant church for future generations.

**June 7 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

Resources for Children

Please visit our Parish YouTube Channel for various resources for our youngest parishioners. There are homilies for children, children's liturgy, and Virtual Lessons for children preparing for their First Communion. Go to kolbe.ca → YouTube Channel → Playlists → Religion Class for Kids.

Parish Bulletin Advertisements

If you're interested in advertising your business in our parish bulletin starting in October 2020, please contact the parish office to place your name on a waiting list. We will contact you as soon as space becomes available.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, May 18th

- 8⁰⁰ † Mieczyslaw Stanoch (6th anniv.)
- 19⁰⁰ † Natalia Brunka (1st anniv.)
- For God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for children and grandchildren

TUESDAY, May 19th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ Special intention for continued protection of the Blessed Mother for granddaughter Aleksandra on her birthday
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Joanna & Edward
- † Janina Kruk (23rd anniv.), Stanislaw Kruk, and deceased members of the Weglewski, Kruk and Andres families

WEDNESDAY, May 20th

- 8⁰⁰ † Agnieszka Bilek and her son Stanislaw – son with family
- † Krzysztof & Franciszek Komsa, Robert Komsa, and deceased members of the Komsa and Makiej families
- 19⁰⁰ *Group Intentions*

THURSDAY, May 21st

St. Eugene de Mazenod OMI

- 8⁰⁰ † Halina Mysiak (2nd anniv.) – family
- 19⁰⁰ † Stefan Mazur and deceased members of the Mazur family – Marian with family
- For God's blessing for the Kurek and Solarz families – Leszek with family

FRIDAY, May 22nd

- 8⁰⁰ † Helena & Edmund Woziwodzki
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for children, grandchildren, and mother – Maria

SATURDAY, May 23rd

- 8⁰⁰ † Wladyslawa & Wladyslaw Jaskiewicz – daughter and sons with families
- † Deceased members of the Korbien family
- † Parents Roch & Marianna – daughter with family

SUNDAY, May 24th

Ascension of the Lord

- 8⁰⁰ † Jozef Kowanski (2nd anniv.) – wife and children with family
- 9³⁰ † Roman, Janina, Jozef Vilkas – wife and daughter-in-law
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For parishioners and benefactors
- 12⁰⁰ *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 13⁰⁰ ○ For the gifts of the Holy Spirit for Mateusz Kosiba on his 21st birthday – grandparents
- 14³⁰ ○ For God's blessing for family

