

7th Sunday of Easter - Ascension of the Lord



I read and reread the Ascension Sunday readings, waiting for a few words to jump out. While many phrases were significant, the final line of the Gospel, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age," resonated most.

Since 2017, I have experienced memory loss, which has been initially diagnosed as mild cognitive impairment. When I read the words, "And remember," God had my attention. Memory should never be taken for granted. Since my problems began, I have done my best to remember God's love in the Eucharist, daily prayer and the others with whom I share my life. Jesus' promise to be with us always strengthens and comforts me.

In the Act of the Apostles, before Jesus ascends into heaven, he tells his disciples they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them. God wants so much to be with us that he will find his ways. We must let these great promises sink in. No matter what our circumstances, whatever difficulties we face, God is with us. We need to sit with these words, reading them slowly, again and again.

When you suffer, as we all will, remember to give God space, especially in your heart. Yours will be a powerful witness and lives will change, though you may know nothing about it. "Remember, I am with you always."

Harry McAvoy; Newmarket, ON

First Reading: Acts 1.1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

*God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20

FR. PASTOR'S REFLECTION

On the fortieth day after the Resurrection, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. This event took place on the Mount of Olives. Ascension is the day of Christ's royal enthronement, a triumph that God the Father is preparing for his Son; it is an assurance of the second coming of Christ: "This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11). Christ will return as the ultimate triumph of good: he will return to give his Father everything, to gather everyone and everything in the universal Church of God. He will come to repeat the ingress of all redeemed humanity to the house of the Father, the Father of all creation, the Father from whom everything comes.

Ascension is not only the final and solemn exaltation of Jesus of Nazareth, but also the presage and guarantee of exaltation of human nature to glory. Today our Christian faith and hope are strengthened because we are invited not only to consider our own weakness and poverty, but also this greater transformation that Christ accomplishes in us when we are united with Him through grace and the sacraments.

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.

Happy Anniversary!

Dear Fr. Pawel and Fr. Tomasz!

As you celebrate the anniversary of your Ordination to Priesthood, may you continue to be sustained by God's grace and may your life in His service always be filled with joy. We pray that you will have many more happy and healthy years of priestly service in the Church.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Olivia Harlow Maciag,
daughter of Marie & Timothy

Teodor Wojtis,
son of Michelle & Pawel

We welcome both children
to our Church community and
congratulate their parents and Godparents.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

Magdalena Kuna,
daughter of Barbara & Adam
& **Michael Richard Sybydlo,**
son of Anna and Richard

Dorota Elzbieta Klimczak,
daughter of Elzbieta and Ireneusz
& **Redi Shaba,**
son of Fatma and Bujar

who are preparing for Holy Matrimony.

Annual Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine

We regret to inform you that Jesuit Fathers in Midland have decided to cancel this year's national pilgrimages to Martyrs' Shrine. This means that there will be no annual Polish pilgrimage on the second Sunday of August. In his letter, Fr. Michael Knox writes: "I am sincerely sorry to say that this year we are unable to host our cultural pilgrimages".

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.

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.**

Parish Bulletin Advertisements

If you are 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.

If you are an elderly person and can't or shouldn't leave the house, call the parish office and our parish youth will do your grocery shopping for you.

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.

ShareLife

Living the Gospel

by supporting the Deaf community Imagine you're a Deaf child and your parents don't know sign language. Your parents could gesture in a rudimentary way, but how do you share your joys, fears and needs? Silent Voice, a ShareLife agency, teaches American Sign Language and Deaf culture to families so they can share a common language. "I'm so passionate about Silent Voice," says one grateful parent, "because their Family Communication Program rescues children from social isolation." Last year more than 700 Deaf people and their family members received help through Silent Voice.

June 7 is the next ShareLife Sunday.

May 24th, 2020

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Mass Intentions

MONDAY, May 25th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw & Maria Klucz and Balbina & Walerian Ciesla – daughter with family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Maksymilian & Klara Kirchof
✠ Wilhelmina & Jozef Szyszka – family

TUESDAY, May 26th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Zdzislaw Piwowarczyk (1st anniv.) – wife with daughters
19⁰⁰ ✠ Eugeniusz Rook, Renata Winkiel, Irena Slawkowska – son with family
✠ Aniela, Franciszek & Jan Miskowicz – Stanislaw with family

WEDNESDAY, May 27th

Fr. Pawel's 3rd Anniversary of Priesthood
8⁰⁰ ✠ Mothers Maria & Jadwiga
✠ Krzysztof Kubina – Palidra family
19⁰⁰ *Group Intentions*

THURSDAY, May 28th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Zofia & Jozef – family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Jan & Jozefa Przydatek and parents – daughter
✠ Henryk, Henryka, Marian Klebowski – family

FRIDAY, May 29th

Fr. Tomasz's 10th Anniversary of Priesthood
8⁰⁰ ✠ Michal Bartnik – parents, brother and daughter
19⁰⁰ ✠ Fryderyk Wisniowski – Niemiec family
✠ Jan Kontnik and deceased members of the Kontnik family – wife and children

SATURDAY, May 30th

8⁰⁰ ○ For Mary's protection for children and family and for guidance in making wise life choices
○ For gifts of the Holy Spirit and grace for the Rogala family
✠ Vincent Wroblewski – parents
✠ Helena & Jan Krzynowek

SUNDAY, May 31st

Pentecost

8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw & Roman Piekarcz, Wojciech Kostka, and Anna & Wojciech Czubek – Kostka family
9³⁰ ○ Special intention – 5th wedding annv. of Agata & Sven Matthias
11⁰⁰ ○ For parishioners and benefactors
12⁰⁰ *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary*
13⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Daniel – mother
14³⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Kosalka – wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

