22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



We all want to belong. Today's readings are about belonging to God. How to we belong to God? To belong to God is to love. Jesus shows us that love is at the very heart of those who belong to God.

Jeremiah is a reluctant prophet who cannot ignore God's call "like a burning fire shut up in my bones." His only answer is "yes" and he belongs to God.

Jesus belongs to God. He is firm in his mission to serve the poor, the rejected and the voiceless, even to the point of losing his life. There were followers of Jesus who sought to stop him because they were afraid of losing their lives. Fear is the opposite of love. Fear is exclusive. Belonging is inclusive.

Jesus was single-minded in his purpose to love and create belonging. He berated those who sought to stop him. Our culture claims that we can protect ourselves by excluding others. Our culture promotes fear and exclusion as the way to preserve life.

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to belong to God by letting go of fear. What fears do we have to leave behind to belong to God? Are we willing to allow God to entice us and change our behaviour? In today's Eucharist, let us pray that our way of life is an imitation of God who is love.

> Anthony Chezzi Sudbury, ON

First Reading: Jeremiah 20.7-9 **Responsorial Psalm:** My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God. Reading: Romans 12.1-2 Gospel: Matthew 16.21-27

Holy Rosary is being led by Rose #24.

Today's **Second Collection** is for the Church Renovation Fund.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

After nine years of guiding St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Fr. Janusz Błażejak OMI is moving on to his next assignment as pastor at St. Casimir's Parish in Toronto. In addition, Fr. Pawel Pilarczyk OMI is leaving our parish to strengthen his English skills at an anglophone parish in Prince George, BC.

Our new parish pastor will be Fr. Jacek Nosowicz OMI, and stepping in for Fr. Paweł will be Fr. Piotr Dudek OMI.

Also, after six years of serving our parish, Sister Karolina Szymkowiak MChR is moving on to her next assignment at St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish, while Fr. Ludwik Strvczek OMI will assist at St. Casimir's Parish in Toronto. Their official farewells will take place this Sunday, August 30th at the 11 o'clock Mass.

If anyone would like to make a donation for Fr. Ludwik's mission in Cameroon, you are welcome to hand the offering to him in person.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

As of August 15th, 44 children have received their First Holy Communion on individual basis. The remaining 74 children will receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist next month according to the following schedule:

• September 19 - children who attended classes in English • September 20 and 26 - children who are wearing dresses and suits • September 27 – children who are wearing albs

Since we still need to follow numerous safety guidelines, there will be a limit on how many guests - aside from immediate family - will be able to attend the ceremony. Parents must call the parish office to sign their child up for a specific Communion date.

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.

First Thursday of the month, Sep. 3rd Prayer for vocations at **6:30 p.m**.

First Friday of the month, Sep. 4th Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses

First Saturday of the month, Sep. 5th Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, Sep. 6th Holv Rosarv Devotion at 7:30 a.m. Please arrange for a private exchange of Rosary Mysteries among your group members.

Faithful Departed

The following parishioners passed away recently. May they rest in peace. **† Geoffrey Christian Haslam**, 29 **†Jordan Vogel**, 37 **†Dorota Sciuk.** 51 **†Malgorzata Orlinski**, 55 **†Wieslaw Gosciniak**, 68 **† Wladyslawa Wiesztort,** 70 **†Tadeusz Sosnowski**, 73 **†Xaverito Sequeira**, 74 **† Witold Sokolski**, 75 **†Joseph Pochodyniak**, 76 **†Piotr Zajaczkowski**, 80 **†Janina Slezak**, 89 **†Zofia Makowska**, 95

SUNDAY COLLECTION

• At the present time, Sunday Offering cannot be collected in a traditional way. However, it will be collected at the end of Mass by members of the Church Committee, who will stand by the exit door of the church and the parish hall.

• A secure collection box can also be found by the parish office.

• Alternately, donations can be made online at www.kolbe.ca by clicking on Donate Now and choosing St. Maximilian Kolbe Church from the list of parishes.

• If you're supporting our Building and Renovation Fund, please place your offertory envelope in the collection basket by the exit door. Thank you for your continued support.

May God Bless you!



Join us today at 9:00 a.m. at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre for the grand opening of the newly renovated Club Room and Book Fair hosted by the Fr. Stan Bak Library. Snacks will be served at 12:15 p.m. All are welcome!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS Canadian Polish Millennium Fund

Scholarship applications for the Canadian Polish Millennium Fund are available at: www.millenniumfund.ca This scholarship is available to students Polish origin and descent who attend Canadian postsecondary educational institutions. Application deadline is September 15th, 2020. Complete application package should be mailed by regular mail no later than September 15th. For more information visit www.millenniumfund.ca

A FARWELL REFLECTION OF FATHER JANUSZ BŁAŻEJAK OMI Dear Parishioners,

It has been 9 years since I first set foot at the St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish and now the time has come to say farewell to this amazing Parish. We have surely lived through some wonderful moments and have met many captivating people and great guests, in here. During my time at St. Maximillian Kolbe,

we have had a pleasure of being visited by many Bishops and Cardinals including; Cardinal Grocholewski, who has passed away sine, the Archbishop Gadecki (who visited several times, actually) the Archbishop Wacław Depo, as well as, the Archbishop Antoni Długosz, who conducted the Children's retreats, on numerous occasions (as I ma sure vou remember) and many others. It was here at this Parish, we had the first live broadcast of the Holv Mass from our Church, here in

Canada, through TV Trwam.

Moreover, we finally have got a new Catechetical Centre, rooms to hold meetings in, new entrances to our church, the statues of the Devine Mercy, of St. John Paul II, of Our Lady of Fatima, of the Holy Family, and most significantly, we have got the amazing Mission Cross, where Jesus's arms invite everyone to keep us close to His Sacred Heart.

On the technical side, we have also got the new lights at our Church, the elevator and the renovated Parish Hall, as well as; a brand-new speaker system, as well as, the Relics Altar, and finally, Our Lord Jesus Christ is back in the very center of our Church, in the presbytery.

I am deeply thankful for all Your hearts full of prayer, since these have been the hearts to welcome the retreats at our parish, every October, with the same great enthusiasm.

I am heartfully grateful for your kindness and cooperation. I am grateful to all the Oblate Fathers I have had the privilege to work with, here, and to Sister Karolina, as well.

I am thankful to the tireless Parish Pastoral Council, including Michał and Gabriela Kasprzak, Krystyna and Stanisław Reitmeier, Wojciech and Agata Opala, Paweł and Dorota Zajac, Andrzej Dudkiewicz and Jan Prymicz, for all their hard work.

I also direct many sincere thanks towards the Parish Financial Committee including Piotr Deinicki, Władysław Guzda, Witold Ulman and Marvla Skibińska, for the same.

Moreover, I would like to heartfully thank all of the Parish employees for their faithful service to the St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish including; Maryla Skibiński, Bronisława Baliński, Tadeusz Siuda, Urszula Hofman, Izabela Kułaga and Magda Hofman, as well as our organists; Henryk Olczak, Jerry Wieliczko, Bernadette Malinowski and Ania Piwowarczyk.

Dear All, please remember; this Church is your home. This is the place where your hearts beat peacefully having found the alleviation of all worries and pain. Please, do not be afraid of this Church; take good care of it. For, this is the only Church in the Toronto Archdiocese, which is open every day, thirteen hours a day, from 7:00 AM until 10:00 PM, and where the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration is open continuously, for all hours of day and night. I am also asking that you pray for all you priests, since it is increasingly heard to be one, during these challenging times.

Once again, I want to thank You All, from the bottom of my heart, for the last nine years of walking together, hand in hand, towards God. May God shower You All with blessings in Your continuous journey to the House Of Our Lord.

God Bless, Fr. Janusz Błażejak OMI

NEW BY LAW REOUIRES MANDATORY FACE MASKS **INSIDE THE CHURCH**

Face masks or face coverings inside all public places are mandatory in the Region of Peel. This includes places of worship, so our own church and Chapel of Perpetual Adoration. We ask that all those coming to church bring a mask or face covering and wear it upon entering the church.

CHURCH OPENING PROTOCOL - A Short Summary -

Our church is open and the faithful can begin to participate in Mass. As always, social distance must be observed. Inside the church, only seats marked with yellow tape may be occupied. Please note that occupancy of the church building is significantly reduced. The maximum capacity is as follows: main church - 90; choir loft - 65; hallway - 35; parish hall -110.

During the pandemic, in all churches in Ontario and in Canada, Holy Communion can only be received on the hand. There are absolutely no exceptions in this respect. Also, there will be no music in the church for the next few weeks. The organist will play, but there must be no singing. Parish bulletins will also not be printed; they will only be available online.

Dispensation from physical participation in Mass in the church is still in effect. However, we are still obliged to participate in Sunday Mass through the media.

Parish Bulletin Advertisements If you are interested in advertising your business in our parish bulletin beginning in October 2020, please contact the parish office: (905) 848-2420.



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Mass Intentions

Thank You All for all the cards, wishes and gifts. I am truly, sincerely, grateful to You All.

MONDAY, August 31st

- 8⁰⁰ ♀ Zofia & Antoni Padlowski and deceased family members – daughter
- 1900 🕆 Jakub Glowinski family

TUESDAY, September 1st

81st anniv. of the start of World War II

- 8⁰⁰ ♣ Kazimiera Niedzialkowska (11th anniv.) - daughter
- 19⁰⁰ For God's blessing for Dorota & Jason Skorupski on their 20th wedding anniversary - parents

WEDNESDAY, September 2nd

- 800 P Antoni Szywala and Irena Bronkowski brother with family
- 9⁰⁰ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, September 3rd

- 800 P Eugenia & Stefan Leonczuk daughterin-law
- 19⁰⁰ ♀ For God's blessing for Priests and Religious – Gold Rose Apostolate

FRIDAY, September 4th

- 800 P Aleksander, Michalina, Zygmunt and Mieczyslaw Lisek, and Aleksandra Zarzeczna
- ✤ Jan & Agnieszka Kawalec family 900 🕆 Bronislawa & Kazimierz Oblak – rodzina

SATURDAY, September 5th

- 8⁰⁰ ♀ For members of the Holy Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 17⁰⁰ **‡** Krystyna Goc (7th anniv.) husband
- 19^{00} \circ For Mother Mary's protection and health for Rosalia on her birthday

SUNDAY, September 6th

- 8^{00} \circ For members of the Holy Rosary Family
- 9³⁰ [‡] Joseph & Maria Bajon granddaughter and family
- 11⁰⁰ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ [⊕] Edward Kuziora (12th anniv.) wife with family
- 14³⁰ Cecylia & Marian Budziak and deceased members of the Czyzowicz family - Irena and family
- 19^{00} \circ For continued grace for Austen on his 23rd birthday – parents

Quo Vadis Elementary School

Quo Vadis Elementary School is a one-of-a-kind private Catholic day school that will offer a fully bilingual Polish-English academic program. In 2020/21, we will be offering academic programs

for Kindergarten (JK/SK) and Grade 1. Additional grades up to Grade 6 will be added in future years. Quo Vadis is committed to

providing a well-balanced education at a high academic level combined with the teaching of Polish language and culture, and Catholic values

in an environment that will help and encourage each student to develop to his or her full

potential. www.quovadisschool.ca