19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



I have never been called to go and stand on a mountain, like Elijah was. I have never been invited to walk to Jesus on water, like Peter was. I got a job offer – a summer job, teaching basic reading and math in a men's prison. Everything about this was scary, but it was my only job offer and I needed the money. Like Peter, I cried out, "Lord, save me." Knowing that God was with me, I broke through the fear, got the job and that wonderful prison experience has coloured my life to this day.

We have all taken steps out in faith. In scary moments, when we are faced with a lifechanging, faith-testing decision - the new job, the new relationship, the new life path – faith in God is all we have. Our faith emboldens us to call out to the One who says, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Things might not always turn out the way we want them to, but God remains with us through it.

In today's liturgy, we celebrate God's promise of presence: in each other, in the Word, in the sacrament and in the world we are called to serve. Let us give thanks for God's presence and for our calling, as we step forth in faith to answer that call.

Margaret Bick; Toronto, ON

First Reading: 1 Kings 19.9, 11-13 **Responsorial Psalm:** Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. **Reading:** Romans 9.1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14.22-33

Holy Rosary is being led by Rose #21.

Parish Bulletin

Please note that we had to cease the distribution of all pamphlets, including the bulletin. From now until further notice our parish bulletin is only available online on our website: www.kolbe.ca

After nine years of guiding St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Fr. Janusz Blażejak **OMI is leaving our parish**. He received his next assignment as pastor at St. Casimir's Parish in Toronto. In addition, Fr. Pawel Pilarczyk OMI will be leaving our parish for one year to strengthen his English 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. The official farewell of Fr. Janusz and Fr. Pawel will occur during 11:00 mass on Sunday, August 23.

Also, after six years of serving our parish, Sister Karolina Szymkowiak MChR is moving on to her next assignment, as well as Fr. Ludwik Stryckek OMI. Their official farewells will likewise occur during 11:00 mass on Sunday, August 23.

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.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15)

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary celebrates her being assumed - taken up body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life. It began as a feast day in the Eastern Church after the Council of Ephesus (431) proclaimed Mary the Mother of God. By the 6th century, the feast celebrated Mary's Dormition, her 'falling asleep,' meaning her death; there are several ancient icons of the Dormition. The Western Church began to celebrate this feast around 650.

New By-Law Requires Mandatory Use of Masks at Church

Thank you for your co-operation and kindness as we have returned to church over these past weeks. It has been so great to see parishioners once again and we thank everyone who has been so helpful in this re-opening stage, especially our wonderful volunteers. Thank you!

As you may have heard in recent days, a new by-law has been passed that makes the use of masks or face coverings inside all public places mandatory. 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.

First Communion

Please pray for the following children who will receive their First Holy Communion this week:

> Kamil Barton Natalie Boczkowski Julia Gockiewicz Victoria Krzepton Henry Matonog Maximilian Wojciechowski Damian Szyszkowski William Foksa Amelia Jagielnik Evan Corvinelli

> > May God bless you all!

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.

Group Intentions

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Sebastian Jonathan Bowers son of Anna & Jonathan

Lilly Elizabeth Jaikowski daughter of Zaneta & Rafal

> **Dominik Jancarek** son Hanna & Jiri

Ethan Alexander Kania son of Julia & Paul

Elena Maria Szerszen daughter of Natalia & Krzysztof

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

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

Jessica Zhou Yan Chan, daughter of Nida and Terry & Sean Maskewycz, son of Wanda and Adam

Stephanie Puzio, daughter of Helen and Jozef & Zbigniew Koszyk, son of Maria and Witold

Claudia Podolak, daughter of Malgorzata and Jan & Mark Wlodarczyk, son of Mariola and Kazimierz

Preetkamal Khattra, daughter of Surinder and Majit & Mariusz Ilnicki, son of Boguslawa and Jerzy

Olga Suszek, daughter of Beata and Slawomir & Mateusz Wawrzyszko, son of Malgorzata and Pawel

Caroline Jankowski, daughter of Teresa and Zygmunt & Alexander Dougall, son of Lynn and Charlie

who are preparing for Holy Matrimony.

livestreamed online.

Groceries for Homebound Seniors

Church Opening Protocol Our church is open and the faithful can begin to participate in Mass. As always, social shopping for you. distance must be observed. Inside the church,

• 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.

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

Sacraments:

• Eucharist – we are back to our regular Mass schedule.

– A Summary –

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

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,

- 110.

online.

• **Reconciliation** – Monday to Friday, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Catechetical Centre. Face masks are mandatory during confession.

• First Holy Communion – please call the parish office if you would like your child to receive their First Holy Communion on a weekday or on Saturday. When and if we receive permission from the Archbishop, we hope to have all other children receive First Holy Communion in September.

• Confirmation – postponed until further notice.

• Baptisms – take place outside of Mass on Saturdays.

• Marriage – may take place in the church as long as social distancing is observed.

Other:

• Funeral Mass can be celebrated in the church in the presence of family and friends. Internment follows at a cemetery.

• The Chapel of Perpetual Adoration is open. Maximum 6 people can be present in the chapel.

• The **parish office** is closed but you may call during regular office hours.

• Face masks are now mandatory inside contained public spaces.

• **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. If you feel sick or weak, if you have a fever or cough you should not come to church at this time. It is understandable that not everyone will be able to come to church because of the limited space. Mass is still being 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 vouth will do your grocery

Sunday Collection

• 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!



Our Center closed on March 17 due to Covid-19. This is a temporary condition and we very much hope that we will be able to resume our activities soon. Despite being closed, we've been working hard thanks to the help of our wonderful volunteers and people of good will. We did some cleaning and small repairs. Our Center has not been renovated for quite a long time and currently requires major investments. Since it supports itself by renting its rooms and facilities - which is not happening at this time - we need your generosity and help more than ever. Please consider supporting us through GoFundMe page at https://gf.me/u/x6vpag. We are also looking for sponsors, professionals, and handymen willing to help with renovations.

Please keep in mind that the primary and sole owner of the John Paul II Polish Cultural Center is the Maximilian Kolbe Foundation in Mississauga, and not the St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. The status of the Foundation reserves the right to property, which does not allow the sale of the Polish Cultural Center for as long as at least one Pole lives in Canada.

Parish Bulletin Advertisements

If you are interested in advertising your business in our parish bulletin beginning in October 2020, please contact the parish office to place your name on a waiting list. We will contact you as

> Canadian Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario will remain closed until May 1st, 2021. Please visit www.martyrs-shrine.com for more information.

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Mass Intentions

MONDAY, August 10th

- 8⁰⁰ ♀ Filip and Elzbieta Prelich daughter with family
- ✤ Helena Sieradzki son Wojciech
- 19⁰⁰ **P** Iwona Dudek (1st anniv.), Feliks and Bronislawa Dudek – children with family

TUESDAY, August 11th

- 8⁰⁰
 [⊕] Lidia Labenda husband
- 10^{00} \circ For members of the Kolbe Senior's club
- 19⁰⁰ ♀ Irene Kaczmarek (6th anniv.) children

WEDNESDAY, August 12th

- family
- 19⁰⁰ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, August 13th

- 8^{00} • For God's blessings for children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren - parents and grandmother
- 19^{00} ✤ Anthony Woloszczak (3rd anniv.) – children with family

FRIDAY, August 14th

- 8^{00} \circ For God's grace for Agata and Sebastian on their tenth wedding anniversary
- For parishioners and benefactors

SATURDAY, August 15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8^{00} \circ For an intention known to God for sons - mother
- 17⁰⁰ In thanksgiving for Julia Wroblewska on her 99th birthday
- 19⁰⁰ [‡] Anna Karp son with family

SUNDAY, August 16th

- 8⁰⁰ ♀ wife Kristina Kocjam (2nd anniv.), her parents, Maria and Waclaw Czerenko - husband
- 9³⁰ ♀ Maria and Jan Cisek
- 11⁰⁰ For God's blessings and continued grace for all adorers at the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration, on its 25th anniversary of opening. • For all members of the St. Stanislaus and St. Casimir's Polish Parishes Credit
 - Union, on the 75th anniversary of its opening.
 - o 100th anniversary of the Battle of Warsaw - the miracle on the Vistula River (cud nad Wisła)
- For God's protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Pawel on his 16th birthday
- ✤ Tadeusz Belz family
- 19^{00} • Special intention for God's blessing and grace for Helena and Jan