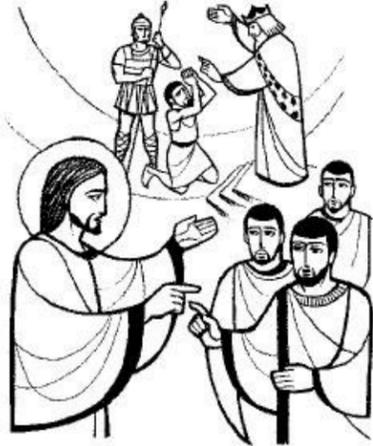


24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's readings all carry reference to the central theme of forgiveness and the importance of showing God's mercy to others in order to receive it ourselves.

In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the unforgiving servant to teach of the need to always forgive our neighbour. We hear today about a man who pleads for forgiveness but is unwavering in his refusal to grant the same. This ironic tale showing the hypocrisy of society aptly presents both the power and difficulty of forgiveness. As recited in the Lord's Prayer and detailed in the readings of today's Mass, we are challenged to demonstrate our desire for God's unconditional love and compassion through our practice of the Golden Rule each day.

We are reminded in today's Gospel how new life through forgiveness far outweighs the cost of any debt owed. Yet, just as the kings' remission of the servant's debt mirrors God's invaluable and boundless grace, we, too, must never overlook our calling and responsibility to model the same to each of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

For as we will one day be judged based on our life's body of work as testament of our faith, let us always seek to reflect Jesus' love by modelling his forgiving mercy in both words and deeds.

Matt Charbonneau, Ottawa, ON

First Reading: Sirach 27.30 – 28.7

Responsorial Psalm:

*The Lord is merciful and gracious;
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.*

Reading: Romans 14.7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

Holy Rosary will be led by Rose #27.

2021 Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for 2021 will be accepted on **Wednesday, September 23rd from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the parish hall.**

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Gabriel Lubera,
son of Barbara & Dominik

Krystian Oszust,
son of Katarzyna & Sebastian

Levi Christopher Ryszkowski,
son of Anita & Christopher

Logan Jackson Jeremko
son of Sabrina & Robert

Matthew Brandon Birley,
son of Ewelina & Brandon

Maximilian Franciszek Sliwinski,
son of Karolina & Adam

Michael Kinal,
son of Sabrina & Marcin

Noah Christopher Gadzala,
son of Christine & Christopher

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

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

Gloria Iris Neago, daughter of Claudia & Ovidiu
& **Jakub Sawicki,** son of Teresa & Tadeusz

Brooke Sayewich, daughter of Nancy & Paul
& **Jakub Binkiewicz,** son of Teresa & Mirosław

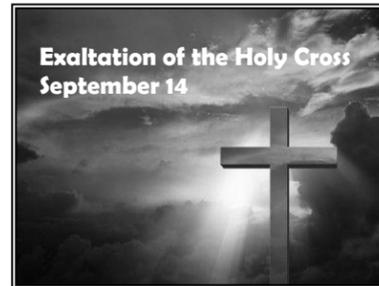
Elizabeth Bulka, daughter of Irena & Jan
& **Darryl Reynolds,** son of Mark & Thelma

who are preparing for Holy Matrimony.

First Holy Communion

Over the next two weekends, children in our parish will receive their First Holy Communion. The dates and times are: **•Saturday, September 19th at 5 p.m.** **•Sunday, September 20th at 2:30 p.m.** **•Saturday, September 26th at 3:00 p.m.** **•Sunday, September 27th at 2:30 p.m.** If you regularly attend Mass at this time, please consider attending Mass at a different time to leave room for the children's family to attend the ceremony. As you know, space is limited, and distancing measures are still in effect.

A big THANK YOU to all catechists who helped prepare the children for the sacrament of Holy Eucharist: Fr. Pawel Pilarczyk OMI, Diana Czubat, †Dorota Sciuk, Ewa Labenda, Justyna Armatowicz, Kathryn Baniak, Magda Hofman, Malgorzata Hubisz, Michelle Mierzwiński, Nadia Strach, Teresa Bielecki, Veronica Siuda, Victoria Baniak, and Victoria Wszeborowski. May God bless them for their hard work, give them the wisdom to continue to teach and the joy to proclaim the Good News of salvation. My God grant eternal rest to Dorota Sciuk.



Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14

This liturgical feast has been celebrated since early times. In the 4th century, two churches in Jerusalem were dedicated to the cross on this day and the occasion was commemorated annually. Adopted by the Church in Rome during the 7th century, the feast commemorates both the dedication of the original Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 335 and Christ's victory over death.

Adoremus

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, September 25th** after the evening Mass. Join us for a catechesis by Fr. Jacek, joyful praise, and the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This event will continue to take place regularly on the fourth Friday of each month.

Parish Groups – Leaders

Leaders of parish groups are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible to update their contact information.

Parish Groups – Meetings

Parish groups who wish to resume their meetings must call the parish office as soon as possible and sign a rental agreement and waiver. Please note that maximum 50 persons are permitted to attend a meeting, provided social distance of 2 metres between individuals can be observed. Also, each group should designate leaders who will disinfect the room at the end of each meeting.

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.

Thank You

A big THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers, Kolbe Youth, and Polish Scouts who greet our parishioners and help direct traffic during weekend Masses. Your dedication and kindness are very much appreciated. May God bless you and your families.

Second Collection

Thank you to all who made contributions to the Second Collection even though it was not being collected as originally scheduled. Those who still wish to support **Holy Land** or **ShareLife** can do so today. Next week's second collection is for the **Renovation Fund**. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish, our community, and the Church at large.

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!**

Polish Scouting

Registration for Szczep Wigry and Wieliczka will take place on **September 15th, 16th, and 17th** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the J.P.II Cultural Centre. For more information, please contact: Beata Lis – (647) 996-9302 (girl scouts) Michal Paz – szczep@wigry.ca (boy scouts)

Scholarship Applications Canadian Polish Millennium Fund

This scholarship is available to students of Polish origin and descent who attend Canadian post-secondary educational institutions. Complete application package should be mailed by regular mail no later than September 15th. Contact information and application forms are available at: www.millenniumfund.ca

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. The school is accepting application for the 2020/2021 school year for students entering Kindergarten (JK/SK) and Grade 1. For more information, please visit www.quovadissschool.ca

Church Opening Protocol

– A 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.

Sacraments:

- **Eucharist** – we are back to our regular Mass schedule. Holy Communion **can only be received on the hand.** This applies to all churches in Ontario.
- **Reconciliation** – from Monday to Friday at 6 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Catechetical Centre. Face masks are mandatory during confession.
- **First Holy Communion** – please see bulletin announcement on left
- **Confirmation** – information will be provided in September.
- **Baptisms** – take place outside of Mass on weekdays and 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 livestreamed online.

New By-Law Requires Mandatory Use of Masks at 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.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, September 14th

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 8⁰⁰ † Helena Guzik (10th anniv.) – son with family
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Zofia & Kazimierz Wszeborowski on the 29th anniv. of their wedding and for God's providence for the entire family
† Stanislaw Kowalski – wife

TUESDAY, September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Daniel on his 8th birthday and for Andrzej on his birthday
19⁰⁰ † Halina and Antonina, and Janusz Kosciak – Danuta with family and friends

WEDNESDAY, September 16th

- 8⁰⁰ † Wladyslaw Wlodarczyk, Jadwiga Zbrog, and grandparents
○ For health and Mother Mary's protection for Ryszard Zebrowski – Wanda
19⁰⁰ *Group Intentions*

THURSDAY, September 17th

- 8⁰⁰ † Ewa Bilewicz
19⁰⁰ † Parents: Adela & Jan Blaszczak, and Irena & Wincenty Kaczmarek – children
† Jozef & Jadwiga Rzakowski – daughter with husband

FRIDAY, September 18th

- 8⁰⁰ † Jakub Rabiński – daughter-in-law with children
19⁰⁰ † Brothers Lucjan, Waclaw, Antoni Nowotnik, and Celina Golonska – family
† Zbigniew Dracz (12th anniv.) and deceased members of the Dracz family

SATURDAY, September 19th

Our Lady of La Salette

- 8⁰⁰ † Tomasz Ujda – mother
17⁰⁰ † Jerzy Sielicki – Renata Strok
19⁰⁰ ○ On the 4th wedding anniversary of Karolina and Adam – for God's blessing for them, their parents, and their son Maximilian

SUNDAY, September 20th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Arleta & Mariusz Mis on their 15th wedding anniversary
9³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Grace & Mark on their 25th wedding anniversary, and for God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for them and their children – parents
11⁰⁰ ○ For the present and past members of the Raymond Foundation
13⁰⁰ † Wanda, Jozef, Otolia, Franciszek, Jozef, and Adam Rotowski, and Leaokadia & Eugeniusz Kanigowski – family
14³⁰ † Edward Kuziora (12th anniv.) – daughter Halina with husband and family
19⁰⁰ † Janina & Waldemar Kulinski and deceased members of the Kulinski and Surtel families – daughter with family