

Today's readings remind us of the boundlessness of God's mercy. In our flawed humanity, we continually stray from the path we know leads to eternal life. But God's compassion and forgiveness are much stronger than his justifiable anger. God never gives up on us. The first reading speaks of the Israelites turning from God to worship a golden calf, a difficult image to relate to. Yet, we are bombarded daily with calls urging us to acquire more superficial possessions. New cars, bigger homes, clothing, jewels, gadgets - each one a contemporary "golden calf." How easy it is to succumb to the media's temptations! Yet, God calls us, in the silence of our hearts, to forsake these false gods and return to him. His tenderness and mercy are always ours for the asking. Luke's Gospel focuses on the pain of loss and the rejoicing that follows its reversal. The most powerful element in this passage is the story of the "lost" son. As we hear it, perhaps we recognize ourselves in the son who abandoned home and family in favour of reckless living. Perhaps we identify with the elder son's discontent and envy when his father warmly welcomes his brother home. Perhaps we relate to both. Heavenly Father, give us the grace to answer the call to share in your love, mercy and forgiveness.

Barbara d'Artois Ste-Genevieve, QC

First reading: Exodus 32.7-11, 13-14
Responsorial Psalm: I will get up and go to my
Father.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1.12-17 Gospel: Luke 15.1-32

Rose # 49 will lead the rosary this week.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS** will be served today by **Domestic Church for the needs of the parish.** 

NEXT SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION - September 22<sup>nd</sup> – will be taken for the building and renovation fund.



## CHANGE FOR LIFE 2019

Pro-Life Kolbe Group would like to encourage everyone to fill Change for Life bottles with your loose change that are distributed today - Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Bottles will be collected at the end of November.

### **PARISH GROUP FAIR**

Today, Sunday – September 15<sup>th</sup> a Parish Group Fair takes place in our parish hall. Our parish groups are there with information of the group's activities and invite new participants to join.

All are welcome to get involved and sign up!

# 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Father Tomasz was born in Drezdenko where he grew up with two sisters and is the third child of Walerian and Maria. In 2003 Father Tomasz entered the Noviciate, and after one year, he pronounced his first vows in the Order so that he could continue formation in the Major Theological Seminary in Obra, where, in 2010, he was ordained a priest. For two years he served as assistant pastor in Lubliniec, Poland. After completing 1 year of missionary training in Warsaw, he left for the missions in Guatemala and Chile, where he served for three

Welcome, Father Tomasz!
We wish you abundant blessings as you begin
your pastoral work in our parish.

and a half years. From 2017 till now, Father

## **Baptisms**

Tomasz worked in Edmonton.

The following children will receive

the Sacrament of Baptism:

Emma Kamila Kolodziej daughter of
Ashley & Jerzy
Lukasz Romek Kozakiewicz son of
Emilie & Bartlomiej
Lilianna Dec daughter of Anna & Michal
Barbara Bernecki daughter of
Aneta & Rafal
Julia Monika Maleszyk daughter of
Monika & Kamil

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and Godparents.



## **Weddings**

The following couples are planning to be married:

Anna Nina Kus daughter of Nina & Edward Ian Karvelas son of Vasilicky & Theodore

> Natalie Towarek daughter of Kazimiera & Tomasz Paul Jacob Grzelak son of Elizabeth & Mark

Angelika Bednarczyk daughter of Lucyna & Dariusz Rafal Wozniak son of Jadwiga & Marian We wish them all God's blessing.

### "UNPLANNED"

Our parish is organizing a viewing of the movie "Unplanned" on Sunday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. This film, based on a true story, is about a former Planned Parenthood director Abby Johnson who after seeing the reality of abortion realized the harm it causes to both women and unborn children. Free admission!

## From the Pulpit

RESERVATIONS FOR MASS INTENTIONS for 2020 will start on Wednesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am - 9:00pm in the parish hall. We would like to remind everyone that there is a limit of three Mass intentions from each family for the entire year (one on Sunday and two during the week) and individual intentions can be taken only in the office not by phone.

RADOSC - JOY SONG - DANCE ENSEMBLE - invites new candidates! Last day for registration mini & juniors - Wednesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm & intermediates on Wednesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm & last day for seniors - Thursday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Registration takes place in the parish hall. Info: Ania 905 275-9262

THE CHURCH COMMITTEE - is comprised of men and women called to perform various duties at our church i.e. passing the offering baskets during Mass. Their meeting will be held **on Friday, September 27**<sup>th</sup> following the evening Mass. We kindly ask our parishioners to join the ranks of service in the Church Committee.

RECRUITMENT OF NEW ALTAR SERVERS CANDIDATES for the year 2019/2020 for boys and girls after their First Communion Sacrament will take place every Sunday in September following each Mass in the Sacristy or in the parish office during the week. First information meeting will take place on Friday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm in the parish hall. Info: Fr. Pawel

**ADOREMUS PRAYER GROUP** invites on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm for Maryja glorification evening.

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS are invited to formation meeting on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Meeting will be held in the parish hall.

**RCIA** - is a preparation program for adults (19+) who wish to fully take part in the life of the Catholic Church, or to be baptized. First meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, **October 2**<sup>nd</sup> at **7:30pm.** Sign up-parish office.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION** – Adults baptized and had their first Communion wishing **to be confirmed only** may partake in a special program that begins in the season of Lent. Sign up-parish office.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND ON THE OCCASION OF THE 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH October 20<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>

In the program: Nazareth, Cana of Galilee, See of Galilee, Mount of Olives, Qumran National Park, as well as the Way of the Cross, King David's Tomb, Wailing Wall, and Bethlehem and many more. Info: Polimex Travel

### St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This year St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish celebrates the 40th Anniversary of its establishment and we are invited to:

- ◆ September 19<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Retreat with Mr. Jan Budziaszek organized by Adoremus Prayer Group
- ◆ September 21<sup>st</sup> A concert entitles "Of One Heart, of One Spirit" takes place in the parish hall. The purpose of the concert is to promote Christian music, to encourage people to praise God through song and dance. In Rzeszow, Poland, the concert boasts not only audience from all of Poland but also other countries. Each year a CD is produced. In 2018, there were approx. 40,000 spectators.
- ◆ September 28<sup>th</sup> October 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a Marian retreat, according to the Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary of St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, preached by Polish missionary Father Grzegorz Pawlus, OMI
- ♦ October 4<sup>th</sup> a day of penance, as Poland is celebrating an event, "Poland under the Cross of Christ". Our parish will celebrate a day of Great Penance, together with Poland and Polonia. The Sacrament of Confession will be available from 4:00pm-8:00pm.
- ◆The main celebrations will take place October 6<sup>th</sup>, and our guest will be Bishop Wieslaw Smigiel of Torun. The solemn Consecration to our Blessed Mother will take place during the Mass at 11:00am
- ♦ October 19<sup>th</sup> a celebratory banquet and dance on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish. It takes place at JPII Polish Culture Centre and tickets are \$60.00 including a delicious meal, various attractions, and a dance. Tickets are available in the parish hall, or you can reserve yours at the parish office.

#### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE -

The next marriage preparation course in English is being offered at our parish from October 14<sup>th</sup> to November 25<sup>th</sup> 2019. Classes will be held on Monday from 8:00pm - 10:00pm. The course consists of 7 sessions, held once a week. The cost is \$100 paid at the first meeting. Sign-up-parish office 905 848 2420.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE FOR SECOND UNIONS – couples should attend a specialized marriage preparation offered by the Catholic Family Services. Information/registrations call: 416 921-1163

MARRIAGE – Couples intending to be married in the Church should make arrangements with the priest one year before the intended wedding date. Completion of a marriage preparation course is obligatory for all couples. The same procedure applies to parishioners wishing to be married outside of Canada. Members who plan to be married in another parish should contact a parish priest to obtain special permission.

## FIRST COMMUNION (Grade 2) & CONFIRMATION CLASSES (Grade 7) FOR CHILDREN FROM PUBLIC & CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Registration for children and youth from Catholic, public and private schools preparing for Sacraments will take place today - Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> after each Mass in the parish hall and the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup> (Monday)

& GOOD SHPHERD PROGRAM

 September 27<sup>th</sup> (Friday) from 6:00pm -8:00pm in Good Shepherd Room.

For registration we ask to bring:
1. Completed registration form
(available on website <a href="www.kolbe.ca">www.kolbe.ca</a>)

2. Copy of Child's Baptismal Certificate (that includes also children baptized in our parish),

3. Registration Fee: \$100

Detailed information can be found on www.kolbe.ca in the "Liturgy and Sacraments" tab.

Dates of First Communion 2020:
May 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm – English
(children wear dresses and suits)
May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm – Polish
(children wear dresses and suits)
May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm – Polish
(Children wear albs)
Confirmation Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm
Classes start in October 2019 Info. Fr. Pawel

### GOOD SHPHERD PROGRAM

Info: S. Karolina

All children from 4-6 years old are invited to join the Good Shepherd Program: Monday -10:00-11:00 Saturday 1:00pm-2:00pm or 2:00pm-3:00pm

### **Coming Soon**

FAREWELL SUMMER DANCE - Canadian Polish Congress Mississauga district cordially invites you to the 'Farewell to Summer Dance', on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in JPII Polish Cultural Centre. Delicious Dinner with wine prepared by Jan Gromada, lotery and dancing with hot band 'KOMPOT'. Tickets \$55, Leszek: 416-8047182 and in Centrum – We hope you'll join us & support CPC!

### 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN PAUL II POLISH CULTURE CENTRE

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Opening of the John Paul II Center, the Maximilian Foundation cordially invites you to a formal dinner on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 11:00am at the JP II Center. Entertainment will be provided by the Lechowia Song and Dance Group, Kinga Mitrowska, Kabaret pod Banka and Kwartet Smyczkowy. Tickets are available at the Center, \$60 per person. Solemn Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church Info: 905 306 9900

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### **ATTENTION!**

We would like to ask all groups that are using parish meeting spaces to clean after their meetings and most important not to use any kind of candles during the meetings due to potential hazard. Thank you for your understanding!

We would like to invite all parishioners as well as all youth to our Marian Retreat; therefore all meetings and classes that are held during the Retreat time should be cancelled.

### **Mass Intentions**

### MONDAY, September 16<sup>th</sup> Saints Cornelius & Cyprian

8:00 Tomasz Ujda - mother

19:00 P Mieczyslaw & Anastazja & Stanislaw & Anna & all deceased from Pujdak family – sons & family Special intention for God's blessings for Zofia & Kazimierz on their wedding anniversary Special intention for God's blessings for Krystyna & Jan Prymicz on their 30th wedding anniversary TUESDAY, September 17th

19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Weronika Strama on her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday 
♣ Piotr (5<sup>th</sup> anniv.)

WEDNESDAY, September 18th

8:00 ♥ Teonia & Czesław Kapustka & Tadeusz & Zofia Sowinski

† Bronislawa Majewska (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) - family

19:00 Group Intentions

THURSDAY, September 19th

8:00 \$\Psi\$ Jozefa & Wladyslaw Bobka – daughter Teresa &

19:00 \$\Psi\$ Helena & Wladyslaw Rebizak & all deceased from Rebizak & Szymczuk & Mazur families — Wojnarowicz family
Special intention for God's blessings for children in a new school year

FRIDAY, September 20<sup>th</sup>

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
8:00 \$\Pi\$ Izabela Sobkowicz - husband & children

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19:00 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Mateusz - parents

\$\P\$ Sebastian Martynowski & Boguslaw

Martynowski – Barbara & Brian & family

SATURDAY, September 21<sup>st</sup>

Saint Matthew

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Bozena on her birthday - friends

12:30 Wedding: Anna Kus & Ian Karvelas 14:00 Wedding: Julia Todorski & Jeffrey Vincent

15:30 Wedding: Agnieszka Wakulewicz & Matthew Bancerz

17:00 \$\Psi\$ Jozef & Hermina & Jacek Kus - family

19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Karolina & Adam & their parents on their 3<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary

### SUNDAY, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:30 † Janina Kulinski & all deceased from Kulinski family – daughter

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of John Paul II Polish Culture Centre

11:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Irena & Jan Urbanowicz on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

13:00 ♥ all deceased from Dlugopolski & Mietus familie 14:30 ♥ Jerzy & Karol Rogowski & Jan & Helena

Gryglik

19:00 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Edward Kuziora (11th anniv.) – wife & family