

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Lord, in his loving care and concern, constantly seeks out the lost. Jesus always searches for anyone who may have gone astray, rich or poor. He wishes to offer everyone the opportunity to repent and start again.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reaches out to Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector who has climbed a tree to catch a glimpse of him. The Lord pronounced his name as an old friend would and spoke to him with tenderness. Jesus looked beyond his faults and errors and saw into his heart, just as he sees into ours.

On that day, Jesus entered Zacchaeus' home and his life. The mercy and love he showed Zacchaeus touched and transformed the tax collector. Zacchaeus was no longer absorbed with money but now saw the suffering of his neighbour. He responded generously to Jesus' call by resolving to change his ways, making restitution to those he had defrauded and sharing his possessions with the poor.

Jesus invites us to receive him as Zacchaeus did – joyfully. No matter how far we may have fallen, Jesus always offers us God's generous mercy and unconditional love. He looks beyond our mistakes and calls each of us by name. We too can be like Zacchaeus. Respond to Jesus' call without hesitation and welcome him with a humble, open heart. *Nada Mazzei, Toronto, ON*

First Reading: Wisdom 11.22-12.2
Responsorial Psalm: I will bless your name for ever, my King and my God.
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1.11-2.2
Gospel: Luke 19.1-10

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served by Families of JPPII, for the needs of the parish.

ROSARY is being led by Rose number 51 from November 1st to 11th.

PARISH PHOTO ALBUM Parishioners who had their photo taken for the pictorial directory and had not picked one up yet are asked to visit the parish office as soon as possible.

PARISH WEBSITE underwent a facelift in the recent months. Please take a look at it at www.kolbe.ca and be sure to find plenty of useful information about our parish. Thank you Gabriela Kasprzak for the amount of work you've spent getting our website ready for the 40th anniversary.

All Saints' Day All Souls' Day

November is a time of prayer for our dearly departed. We recall those who have left to be in God's Kingdom: our parents, siblings, relatives, friends, clergy, neighbors and all those whom we encountered in our lives and to whom we owe a debt of gratitude. In our prayers we offer them up to God's Mercy. In addition to our private prayers and Mass intentions, the Church has a tradition of Remembrance Intentions (*wypominki*) dating back to 993.

Saint John Paul II teaches us that "It is important and proper to pray for the dead because, even if they died in grace and in friendship with God, perhaps they still have need of further purification to enter into the joy of heaven."

One of the forms of help we can offer them is through *wypominki* – where we list the names of our departed family and friends on special remembrance envelopes and the Church community prays for them. Oblate Fathers residing at the Provincial House in Toronto celebrate 30 Masses in November in the intention of all those listed on remembrance envelopes.

Remembrance envelopes can be found at each entrance to the church. They can be deposited into a special box found on the steps of the sanctuary.

CANDLES are being sold by Altar Servers in the parish hall and by each entrance door. Please support the group. **Attention!** Candles may only be lit by the statue of John Paul II. No candles should be lit near the Missionary Cross or by the Divine Mercy monument.

PLENARY INDULGENCE Until November 8th, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting a cemetery and praying for the deceased. Plenary indulgence can be gained under regular prescribed conditions, obtained once a day, and applied to one soul in the purgatory at a time.

God our Father, your power brings us to birth, your providence guides our lives, and by your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to you alone.

In company with Christ, Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family, to sing your praise forever and ever. Amen.

MEMORIAL OF ST. MARTIN On Sunday, November 10th there will be an opportunity to purchase **St. Martin's Croissants**. These delicious pastries are a specialty from Poznań and will be baked by Euromax.

Baptisms

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Klara Burda,
daughter of Agata & Marcin
Audrey Jankowski,
daughter of Anna & Marc
Christian David Sapelak,
son of Natalia & Nathan

We welcome all children and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

THANK YOU FOR THE SWEETS!



A big thank you to the following individuals and businesses who donated treats for the All Saints' Ball. With your generous gift of sugary sweets, all children were able to keep their energy up and dance the night away.

- Dr. Kasia Dorman – Dorman Denture Clinic
- Dr. Beata Sowinska – ABM Dental Office
- Mirosław Prochowski – Mirmal Plumbing
- Helena and John Janczura
- Adam Sliwinski – Vortex Heating and Air Conditioning
- Rafal Chramega – Bluemax Heating and Cooling
- Lalik Family
- Livadia Banquet Hall
- Walter Guzda – Flexwood
- David Dadej – D&D Heating and Cooling
- Barbara Mialkowski – Cedarhouse Spa
- WDA Flooring
- DIGI Controls
- ORBIT Restaurant
- Ania Swiader – Swiader Law Firm
- Andrzej Siemiginowski
- Piascik Family
- Kosuda Family
- Mia Gawrysiak – Real Estate Broker
- Mini Maxi Steel Roofing Inc.
- Anna & Piotr Wrona – Wrona Imports
- Polfood Traiding Corp.
- Radek Kowanski – Royal LePage
- Kazimierz Stanczyk & Jozef Bandyk – Rush Truck Trailer Repair Ltd.
- D&H Corporation
- Piotr Calak – Forrestwood Real Estate
- Adam Szymczyk –
- PipeLine Ontario Plumbing & Mechanical
- Anna & Artur Olejniczak – Komfort Plumbing Inc.
- Eddie's Meat Market
- All Anonymous Sponsors!

The following individuals and groups organized and led the festivities on Thursday: Sr. Karolina, Magda Hofman, Justyna Armatowicz, and Kolbe Youth Group. Thanks for your amazing work!

CLOSING MASS for the **40 Days for Life Campaign** will take place today at 12 noon at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, 4070 Central Parkway East in Mississauga. All are welcome to attend.

POLISH CREDIT UNION FOLKLORE FESTIVAL St. Stanislaus - St. Casimir's Polish Parishes Credit Union would like to cordially invite you to the 4th Annual Polish Credit Union Folklore Festival. The Festival takes place today at 2:30 p.m. at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Free admission for everyone! This is a great opportunity to see many of our Polonia dance groups perform during this largest Polish folklore festival in Canada.

INDEPENDENCE AND REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATIONS The Canadian Polish Congress in Mississauga invites you to the commemorations of the 101st anniversary of regaining Poland's Independence and Remembrance Day on Sunday, November 10th, 2019. We will commence with the Holy Mass at 11 o'clock at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Afterwards a short ceremony will take place at the Polish Patriots' Monument in front of the John Paul II Polish Cultural Center. We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR PRE-TEENS Every day our children are bombarded with information that undermines their human and Christian identity, in particular sexual identity. The grade 6-8 curriculum often doesn't help to find meaning in the vastness of contradictory information, but deepens the feeling of being lost and overwhelmed. Saint John Paul II, at the very beginning of his pontificate, anticipated these social problems and presented teaching that gives gender and sexuality its proper meaning and beauty. Theology of the Body for pre-teens runs until December 18 and takes place on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in St. Maximilian Room of the new catechetical center. Contact: kolbetobstudygroup@gmail.com

THE MARIAN CHAPEL OF POLONIA OF THE WORLD Thank you to our parishioners who have contributed to the building of the Marian Chapel – dedicated to Polonia of the World – in the Sanctuary of the Divine Providence in Warsaw, Poland. Last Sunday, symbolic bricks totaling \$12,000 have been distributed. As there is still much interest in this fundraiser, we are in the process of organizing an additional appeal for funds in the near future. The exact date will be posted shortly.

OFFERATORY ENVELOPES – Those who did not use collection envelopes in 2019, but wish to use them in the year 2020, are asked to contact Maryla at the parish office at (905) 848-2420. Offerings can be used as a tax write-off. Tax receipts for each year are mailed to parishioners at the end of February.



SHEPHERDS' TRUST

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. They have been instruments in living out a "faith in action." Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. The Shepherds' Trust supports our priests to help them live their retirement years with dignity.

The Shepherds' Trust collection will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese during the weekend of November 16-17. Envelopes will be distributed the weekend of November 9/10.

This trust fund is a tangible way to care for those who cared for us and to give thanks for the blessings we have received through them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Cardinal Collins thanks you for living the Gospel: "Even before the foundation of the Toronto diocese in 1841, the Catholic community has been serving those among us who are poor, sick and marginalized. This legacy continues, stronger than ever, through ShareLife. Your support enables ShareLife agencies to provide mental health services, assist isolated seniors, aid young mothers, and offer summer camp opportunities for vulnerable youth. Without you, ShareLife could not fulfill its mission to live the Gospel by providing for those in need." – *Cardinal Thomas Collins*

CHRIST THE KING RALLY is being organized by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council of the Archdiocese of Toronto and will take place on Saturday, November 30, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Toronto Pavilion, 190 Railside Road. Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence, Cardinal Thomas Collins. The program also includes inspiring talks, praise and worship, rosary prayer, confession, and adoration. Additional information is available at www.ccrcutoronto.com

PARISH BULLETIN AND ADVERTISEMENTS Please take note of our new front page and advertising insert. From October of this year to October of the next it will be part of our weekly bulletin. All our advertisers help cover the cost of printing our parish bulletin. We thank them for their support and encourage our parishioners to make use of the services they provide.

PILGRIMAGE TO JAPAN – "In the Footsteps of St. Maximilian Kolbe" – is being organized for May 6th - 14th, 2020 under the spiritual direction of Fr. Janusz Blazejak. The itinerary includes: Tokyo, Nagasaki, Mount Unzen, Hongochi, Kyoto, Akita (Our Lady of Akita Shrine). More information is available at POLIMEX: (905) 238-6683, ext. 427 (Mira)

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 4th

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

- 8⁰⁰ †Wieslawa (33rd anniv.) and Zbigniew (34th anniv.) Piszczek – son & family
- 19⁰⁰ †All deceased from Bogusz, Mendela, Powalowski families – family
- †Zbigniew Lukanus and Jan Hajnos – Rafacz grandparents

TUESDAY, November 5th

- 8⁰⁰ †All deceased from Kopycki and Kosnik families – family
- 10⁰⁰ For all members of the Kolbe Seniors Club
- 19⁰⁰ Thanksgiving for Natalia and Ludwik Kwapisz on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary

WEDNESDAY, November 6th

- 8⁰⁰ †Andrzej and Krystyna Szuba – daughter with family
- Special intention for Oliwia Kozłowska on her 15th birthday
- 19⁰⁰ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, November 7th

- 8⁰⁰ †Dariusz Lisowski (10th anniv.) – wife & children
- 19⁰⁰ For God's blessing for all priests and religious – Gold Rose Apostolate
- †All deceased from Jachimek and Zoltek families

FRIDAY, November 8th

- 8⁰⁰ †Aleksandra Zarzeczna – sister
- 19⁰⁰ †All deceased from Prucnal and Bolejszo families
- †Tadeusz Chabowski – daughter & family

SATURDAY, November 9th

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- 8⁰⁰ †Antoni Kania (10th anniv.) daughters & families
- †All deceased from Horohowski family – Teresa & family
- 17⁰⁰ Special thanksgiving intention for Henryk Lopinski on his 90th birthday – wife & family
- 19⁰⁰ †Parents, brother, and husband – Janina Wicher

SUNDAY, November 10th

- 8⁰⁰ †Eugeniusz Jurski and all deceased from Jurski and Komasinski families – daughter & family
- 9³⁰ †Jerzy Taborowski – children & grandchildren
- 11⁰⁰ Independence Day
- 13⁰⁰ †Daniela and Witold Struzek and all deceased from Struzek and Tryniecki families – children & families
- 14³⁰ For health and God's blessing for Krystyna – children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren
- 19⁰⁰ Special intention for God's protection and grace for Janina Kania on her 79th birthday – daughter & family