

5th Sunday of Easter



Happy Mother's Day!



Today's Gospel is the beginning of what is called Jesus' "farewell discourse" in John's Gospel. He is saying goodbye and the disciples are distressed. In response to their concern, Jesus makes some remarkable claims: that he will come back for them, that they already know the way to where he is going, that in seeing him they have seen the Father, and, finally, that they will do greater works than Jesus himself! On his last point, at least, we are often at one with the disciples. What could Jesus possibly mean? You and I are unlikely to walk on water.

Consider: Jesus healed dozens, maybe hundreds of people; the Gospels tell us he fed thousands upon thousands. And how many people have received medical attention from Christ's followers since his Ascension? How many have been fed? How many have had the good news preached to them? The answer should stun us, for it is both untold millions and not nearly enough.

In today's first reading, the resources of the early Church are challenged. The task of being Church to those in need is too big. In the face of that need, new gifts are discerned, called forth and blessed. And, as will happen again today at thousands of Masses around the world, people are fed and the gospel is preached. Let's not stop there.

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First Reading: Acts 6.1-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2.4-9

Gospel: John 14.1-12

Mother – the very first person we meet on the path of our lives. From the moment of our birth, she is concerned about our wellbeing and our future. Mother and child – always together. She is full of anxiety and fear, full of warmth and cordial gestures, devoted completely to her greatest treasure, giving her child infinite love, time, and care.

A mother's task is a continuous sacrifice of her time and rest, a sacrifice of many pleasures of life. She is always closest to her children and watches over them. As years go by and children grow up, their mother follows them quietly, with eternally worried eyes, which life has often robbed of smiles. We often have a smile for our friends and acquaintances, but not so much for our own mother. We give our heart to others but hide it from our mother, forgetting that she has the right to our heart. May this year's Mother's Day be for many a day of reflection on what kind of children we are to our mothers.

We cherish and honour all mothers in our parish, and we remember and pray for those who have gone home to the Lord. Happy Mother's Day!

Month of Mary – May Devotions



The month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Join us as we pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loretto Litany) **from Monday to Friday** at 6:30 p.m., on **Saturday** after the 8 a.m. Mass, and on **Sunday** after the 11 a.m. Mass.

Group Intentions

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

On Wednesdays we continue our Group Intention Mass and the Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. **Intentions can be submitted by phone during regular office hours.** The faithful can participate in Mass through our parish TV. Mass offering can be placed in the offertory box found inside the entrance to the parish office.

Praying at Home

Spiritual Communion

Since we are still not allowed to celebrate Mass with the faithful, we encourage you to pray at home. The optimal solution would be to watch Mass live on TV or the Internet and receive Holy Communion spiritually. Spiritual communion consists of awakening in your heart an ardent desire to unite with Jesus; the grace received this way is the same as when we receive the Eucharist in the church.

COVID-19 and Our Parish Sacraments:

- **Eucharist** – we are back to our regular Mass schedule, except for the weekend evening Masses. Those intentions will be celebrated at a different time; appropriate individuals will be informed of the change by phone.
- **Reconciliation** – none at this time, except in the event of a serious illness.
- **First Holy Communion** – postponed until further notice.
- **Confirmation** – postponed until further notice.
- **Baptism** – may take place in the presence of the child, the child's parents, and Godparents.
- **Marriage** – may take place in the presence of the couple and their two witnesses, provided the couple is able to obtain a valid marriage licence.

Other:

- **Funeral** prayers and interment take place at the cemetery. Maximum 10 people may attend. Funeral Mass can take place on or around the day of the funeral, with family and friends participating in it through our parish TV. Alternately, family may wish to wait with the funeral Mass and interment until the end of the pandemic.
- The **parish office** is closed but you may call during regular office hours.



MyParish App – our parish now has a mobile application. Install myParish App on your phone, select St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Mississauga, and stay up to date on all current events taking place at our parish. Important! In your phone settings remember to *Allow Notifications* in order to receive most up-to-date information, e.g. when public Mass will be celebrated again.

Thank You

We are very grateful to our parishioners who regularly bring their Sunday collection and deposit it into a secure box found by entrance to the parish office. Just over half of our parishioners feel responsible for their parish and regularly bring their Sunday collection. The parish must function despite the crisis and continue to pay expenses on regular basis. Sunday collection can be placed in a secure box found by the parish office door. Donations can also be made online at www.kolbe.ca by clicking on *Donate Now* and choosing *St. Maximilian Kolbe Church* from the list of parishes. Some 200 families prefer this form of Sunday offerings.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. May God Bless you.



Living the Gospel

by helping those with addictions

After the death of a close friend, Alex turned to hard drugs to escape his reality. He continued using, despite getting married and having a son. Realizing the impact of his addiction on his son, he sought help from St. Michael's Homes, a ShareLife-funded agency. He completed their treatment program and, as a result of his recovery, he can now be there for his family. Alex credits St. Michael's Homes for saving his life.

June 7 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

If you are an elderly person and can't or shouldn't leave the house, call the parish office and our parish youth will do your grocery shopping for you.

Heavenly Father, we place our trust in you, and pray for no more harm from coronavirus and for a quick end to the epidemic.

We ask you to restore health to the infected and peace to places touched by coronavirus. Receive those who have died of the disease, and comfort their families.

Support and protect the medical personnel fighting the virus; inspire and bless those trying to control the situation.

Lord Jesus, you are the doctor of our souls and bodies. We feel helpless in light of the pandemic but we place our trust in you and ask for peace and health.

Mother of God, protect us and look after us, and lead us through love to your Son Jesus Christ.

- St. Maximilian – pray for us!
- St. Roch – pray for us!
- St. Rita – pray for us!
- St. John Paul II – pray for us!
- St. Anthony – pray for us!

Resources for Children

Homilies for children (in Polish), **Children's Liturgy** (in English), and **Virtual Lessons** for children preparing for their First Holy Communion are available on our parish YouTube channel. Go to kolbe.ca → YouTube Channel → Playlists → Religion Class for Kids.

All homework should be submitted to communionkolbe@gmail.com

Market Day

On Thursdays in the afternoon and on Sundays, a Polish family runs a fruit and vegetable stand at the John Paul II Center. They are located outdoor and there are no lineups. During this difficult time, it is worth supporting Polish businesses.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, May 11th

- 8⁰⁰ † Anna, Andrzej, Stanislaw and Czeslaw Dudek – Stefania with family
- 19⁰⁰ † Janina & Eugeniusz Wisniewski – niece with family
- † For the deceased from the SAWICKI family – Janina with husband

TUESDAY, May 12th

- 8⁰⁰ † Ryszard Skrzypek
- 19⁰⁰ † Janina & Ed Wielgus – daughters and their families
- For God's blessing and health for the Niedziela, Lopes, and Aiello families

WEDNESDAY, May 13th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's mercy and Mary's protection for mom Natalia and the gifts of faith and love for Anna & Krzysztof – daughter and parents
- † Janina & Tadeusz Mis – son with family
- 19⁰⁰ *Group Intentions*

THURSDAY, May 14th

- 8⁰⁰ † Ignacy Blaziak – daughter with family
- 19⁰⁰ For God's continued blessing for Justyna and Stanislaw Armatowicz on their birthdays – family
- † Tadeusz Rempisz – wife and daughter with family

FRIDAY, May 15th

- 8⁰⁰ † Zofia Kowal (17th anniv.) – granddaughter with family
- 19⁰⁰ † Maria & Kazimierz Szulc – son with family
- † Zofia & Jerzy Pudelko and deceased family members

SATURDAY, 16th

- 8⁰⁰ † Malgorzata Rabianska – daughter-in-law and grandchildren
- † Winicjusz Gurecki (1st anniv.) – family
- For God's blessing, grace, and Mother Mary's protection for Piotr and Kacper on their birthdays – Magdalena

SUNDAY, May 17th

- 8⁰⁰ † Parents Zofia & Mikolaj Misiewicz, Franciszka & Wladyslaw Maleszyk, and Pelagia & Roman Wojewodka – family
- 9³⁰ † Leonarda & Ryszard Binkiewicz – family
- 11⁰⁰ † Fr. Teofil Szendzielarz OMI (23rd anniv.)
- 12⁰⁰ *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 13⁰⁰ † Jan & Janina Piatek – daughter with family
- 14³⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for Janina & Zbigniew Rybinski on their 48th wedding anniversary

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