

# Pentecost Sunday



Our God is a God of Contradiction. In fact, it is in these contradictions that we learn peace, a fruit of the Spirit.

In today's readings we hear two accounts of the Holy Spirit that are radically opposed. In Acts, the Spirit comes to the Apostles like a mighty wind and a shower of flame. It is unexpected and frightening. It is incomprehensible to bystanders.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus comes to the disciples and breathes the Spirit onto them in person. Jesus is flesh and blood, and familiar to them. He wishes them peace.

These two narratives illustrate the Holy Spirit as being at once frightening and comforting, mysterious and familiar, transcendent and immanent. This is just as it should be, because the Spirit of peace is all of these things despite apparent contradiction.

Peace, a grace given and a virtue pursued, flows from knowing the spirit of God, God the creator of all. He is maker of fire, of venomous spiders, and of all clawed and toothed beasts inasmuch as he is the creator of the sun and the moon and the laughter of children.

To be at peace is to rest in this, which we cannot understand and which might even frighten us. It is to trust in the Lord who is mighty and mysterious, but who is good.

Gabrielle Johnson; Edmonton, AB

**First Reading:** Acts 2.1-11

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth..*

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor. 12.3b-7, 12-13

**Gospel:** John 20.19-23

**Chaplet of the Divine Mercy**

Every Sunday after the 11 a.m. Mass

## FR. PASTOR'S REFLECTION

The liturgy of today's Solemnity of Pentecost invites us to listen to the "noise like a strong driving wind" of the Holy Spirit's power. It is a breath of His Peaceful Love. It's the Holy Spirit working today! Among us! For us! We are invited not only to remember one of the mysteries of our faith and come to accept the presence of the Holy Spirit. We are also invited to accept Him into our hearts and our lives, meet Him just as the Apostles did after His resurrection, and repeat with conviction the words of Thomas: "My Lord and my God."

The events described in the Gospel, however, cannot remain simply beautiful stories. They're not just accounts of past events. They are accounts of God's true presence, His relationship with His people, and His work among them. If we carefully follow what Jesus said to those He met after His resurrection, we will notice that His were most often words of consolation, words of assurance of His continued presence, words full of comfort and hope.

## Happy Anniversary!

Dear Fr. Janusz and Fr. Marcin!

Best wishes and sincere congratulations on the anniversary of your priesthood. May the good Lord continue to bless you as you minister to all those entrusted to your care and Mary Immaculate intercede for you as you continue your Oblate mission.

**First Thursday of the month, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

**First Friday of the month, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 6:30 p.m., followed by Mass

**First Saturday of the month, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

**First Sunday of the month, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:30 a.m. Virtual exchange of Rosary Mysteries after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please continue to pray the same mystery.

## 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.

## New Obediences

After 9 years of serving the parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe, **Fr. Janusz Błażej** is moving on to another assignment. He received an obedience to the parish of St. Casimir's in Toronto where he will serve as pastor. **Fr. Pawel Pilarczyk** is moving to St. Mary's Parish in Prince George, BC to improve his English skills. We will bid them farewell on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The new pastor of our parish will be Fr. Jacek Nosowicz OMI and associate pastor will be Fr. Piotr Dudek OMI. All new assignments are effective September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

**Emma Paulina Cranotis**, daughter of Paulina & Peter

**Damian Jakub Wepsiec**, son of Anna & Jacek

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

## The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

**Magdalena Kuna**, daughter of Barbara & Adam & **Michael Richard Sybdlo**, son of Anna and Richard

**Dorota Elzbieta Klimczak**, daughter of Elzbieta and Ireneusz & **Redi Shaba**, son of Fatma and Bujar

who are preparing for Holy Matrimony.

## Renovations

With the church building being closed, we took the opportunity to renew the stairs leading to the church. The old carpet and the tiles underneath it were removed. New ceramic tiles were laid, and the sides painted. The stairs look very nice now and we would like to sincerely thank **Andrzej Maziarz** for his impressive work. At the same time all parish offices were painted and renovated. Thank you **Romuald Drózdź** for your professional help.

## Faithful Departed



The following parishioners passed away recently.  
✠ **Jozef Dudek**, 94  
✠ **Antonina Pilarczyk**, 96  
May they rest in peace.

## Annual Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine

We regret to inform you that Jesuit Fathers in Midland have decided to cancel this year's national pilgrimages to Martyrs' Shrine. This means that there will be no annual Polish pilgrimage on the second Sunday of August. In his letter, Fr. Michael Knox writes: "I am sincerely sorry to say that this year we are unable to host our cultural pilgrimages".

## Parish Bulletin Advertisements

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

## Resources for Children

Please visit our Parish YouTube Channel for various resources for our youngest parishioners. There are homilies for children, children's liturgy, and Virtual Lessons for children preparing for their First Communion. Go to kolbe.ca → YouTube Channel → Playlists → Religion Class for Kids.

## Thank You

We are very grateful to our parishioners who regularly bring their Sunday collection. 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](http://www.kolbe.ca) by clicking on *Donate Now* and choosing *St. Maximilian Kolbe Church* from the list of parishes.

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

## ShareLife

**Every gift to ShareLife is a sacred trust** At ShareLife, we pride ourselves on being responsible and accountable to you, our generous donors. By keeping administrative and fundraising costs at 11% – one of the lowest in the nonprofit sector – we ensure the maximum amount possible goes to the vital work of our agencies.

**Next Sunday, June 7 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

**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!**

## 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.

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, June 1<sup>st</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Lidia Torzewska (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.) – daughter with family
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Józef Mendela (18<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – wife and daughter with family
  - For the gifts of the Holy Spirit for Godchildren: Lukasz, Filip, Nicolas, and Julianna

### TUESDAY, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Parents Bronisława & Jozef and brothers Henryk & Władysław – Genowefa
  - For members of Kolbe Seniors Club
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Krystyna Moskaluniec – daughter with family

### WEDNESDAY, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanisław, Waldemar, and deceased members of the Kluz and Panasiuk families
  - ✠ Bronisław Kowal (26<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – granddaughter with family
- 19<sup>00</sup> *Group Intentions*

### THURSDAY, June 4<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and grace for Adam – mother
- 19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for priests and religious – Gold Rose Apostolate
  - ✠ Parents Anna & Jozef and deceased family members

### FRIDAY, June 5<sup>th</sup>

- Fr. Janusz's 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood**
  - 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and grace, and Blessed Mary's protection for Henryka & Karolina on their birthdays – daughter and sister
  - ✠ Stanisław Klisowski (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – wife with children
  - ✠ Helena & Władysław Sroslak – daughter with families
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Janina & Władysław and deceased members of Warpas family – family

### SATURDAY, June 6<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For members of the Holy Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
  - In thanksgiving for Danuta & Roman on their wedding anniversary and for God's grace for them and their children
  - ✠ Magdalena Antkowiak (11<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – daughter with family
  - For parishioners and benefactors

### SUNDAY, June 7<sup>th</sup>

- Fr. Marcin's 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood**
  - 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For members of the Holy Rosary Family
  - 9<sup>30</sup> ○ For Maria & Stanisław Ciasek on their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
  - 11<sup>00</sup> ✠ Bogdan Szabuniewicz (12<sup>th</sup> anniv.)
  - 12<sup>00</sup> *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Divine Mercy Chaplet*
  - 13<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased members of the Bojarski & Rozbicki families – children
  - 14<sup>30</sup> ○ For God's grace for the Bielecki family

## Groceries for Homebound Seniors

**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.**