

The Most Holy Trinity



Trinity Sunday celebrates one God, three persons, complete mystery. And the readings this week ground us in the simplicity of who God is and what God does for us.

The story of Moses on the mountain reveals a God who meets us on the mountains of our lives, who reveals his mercy and love, faithfulness and patience. When we ask God for what we need, he answers, even if his answers aren't as immediate or clear as the stone tablets. In the fullness of time, this same God reveals the plan for our salvation: Jesus is sent in flesh to love us. By his life, death and rising, Jesus gives us the example of how to love and then gives us the gift of the Spirit.

So much of our spiritual life is participation in a mystery that is beyond our understanding, but the second reading offers us a simple guide and blessing. Live the moments of your life seeking peace with God and one another, and allow the healing grace of Jesus, the love of the Father, and the communion of the Spirit to be poured over you and everything you do.

May it be enough for us to live right in the middle of this mystery of God working love in and through our lives. May the Father, Son and Holy Spirit flow through us to those most in need of God's simple and saving love.

Leah Perrault; Saskatoon, SK

First Reading: Exodus 34.4b-6, 8-9
Responsorial Psalm:
Glory and praise for ever!
Second Reading: 2 Cor. 13.11-13
Gospel: John 3.16-18

Rosary Intention for June 2020

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

FR. PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Holy Trinity**. We profess our faith in one God – a Triune God – who exists as three separate persons who share the same Divine Nature. The dogma of the Holy Trinity was finally approved at the Council of Constantinople in 381 and is therefore considered the “central truth of the faith of Christian theology.”

God the Father, the First Person of the Trinity, is our Creator, the maker of the earth and of man. It was God who chose Israel as the chosen nation. It is God who sent Moses to lead the nation from Egypt to the promised land. And it was God who revealed himself to Moses in the desert on Mount Sinai before establishing the covenant. **Jesus Christ** is the Second Person. He is the Son of God who comes to earth and becomes our Lord and Savior. **The Holy Spirit** is the Third Person. He is the Comforter whom Jesus sends to the Apostles gathered in prayer in the Upper Room to strengthen them in the courageous mission of proclaiming and evangelizing nations. The Holy Spirit becomes real energy operating in the Church.

Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is next Sunday. However, due to the pandemic, the annual Corpus Christi procession will not be taking place.

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Every Sunday after the 11 a.m. Mass

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.

Annual Oblate Retreat

Each year in June, Oblate Fathers take part in an annual retreat. This year our Fathers will be participating in spiritual exercises from Monday, June 8th to Friday, June 12th. During their absence, there will be only one Mass at 8 a.m. Please pray for the Oblates, so that their retreat may be fruitful and enriching.

New Obediences

After 9 years of serving the parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Father Janusz Błażej OMI moves on to another assignment. He received an obedience to the parish of St. Casimir's in Toronto where he will serve as pastor. Fr. Paweł Pilarczyk OMI is moving to St. Mary's Parish in Prince George, BC to improve his English skills. We will bid them farewell on Sunday, August 23rd. 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 1st.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Christian Jakub Kulig,
son of Marta & Piotr

Chidubem Alexander Nzeduba Ibido,
son of Doris Ogechukwu & Lloyd Nnamdi

Victoria Anna Rembacz,
daughter of Monika & Christopher

Veronika Wachnicki,
daughter of Anna & Andrzej

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

First Communion & Confirmation

As soon as we can reopen our church, we will provide an opportunity for children to receive their **First Holy Communion**. This will take place on weekdays at the 7 p.m. Mass with one or two children per Mass. You will need to sign up with Magda by calling the parish office.

First Holy Communion for a larger group of children is planned for September 19th in English and September 20th in Polish – provided that the churches are open and there are no restrictions on the number of faithful in the church.

Confirmation is being planned for the end of August in two groups: in English and in Polish if the churches are open and there are no restrictions on the number of people in the church.

This situation is still very fluid, so please keep listening to the parish announcements and check the parish bulletin online for most up-to-date information.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

Danielle Hayes,
daughter of Melody and Bernard
& **Alexander Nowierski,**
son of Jolanta and Andrzej

Magdalena Kuna,
daughter of Barbara & Adam
& **Michael Richard Sybydlo,**
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.

New Church Camera

We have recently installed a new HD camera in our church, which transmits an excellent, clear image for watching live Mass broadcasts and makes it easier to read the lyrics on the screen. The initial technical difficulties have been resolved, although parishioners using older computers may need to check for and run updates on their devices.

Renovations

With the church building being closed, we took the opportunity to renovate 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 Dróżdż** for your professional help.

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".

Resources for Children

Please visit our Parish YouTube Channel for homilies for children in Polish and children's liturgy in English. Go to kolbe.ca → YouTube Channel → Playlists → Kazania dla Dzieci / Children's Liturgy.

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.

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 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.



Living the Gospel

by supporting married couples

Married for three years, Phil and Helen were expecting their first child when Phil revealed a secret: he had a son from a previous relationship. Feeling betrayed by Phil's dishonesty, Helen learned about affordable couples counselling at Catholic Family Services of Toronto. Over 10 weeks of counselling, they learned to take the risk of being honest rather than using deceit to keep the peace. Phil and Helen found a new sense of confidence as a couple and started feeling excited about the arrival of their baby.

Today is ShareLife Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity.

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!

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 8th – Friday, June 12th

Oblate Fathers' Annual Retreat

8⁰⁰ Private Intentions

SATURDAY, June 13th

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's grace for Marek Serwin on his birthday – parents and siblings
✠ Antonina & Piotr Sroslak and Roman Sroslak – family
✠ Jadwiga & Albin Pigiel – daughter Maria
✠ Slawomir Maciej Klodas – Agnieszka, Janusz, Victoria, Olivia Stawiarz

SUNDAY, June 14th

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Alicja & Stanislaw Kulina on their 40th wedding anniversary
9³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Eva & Arthur on their wedding anniversary
11⁰⁰ ○ For parishioners and benefactors
12⁰⁰ *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
Divine Mercy Chaplet
13⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslaw Armatys (6th anniv.) – wife and daughters with families
14³⁰ ✠ Zdzislaw Piwowarczyk

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.

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.