

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Living in today's "instant" world, often we find it difficult to strike a balance. We are rushing everywhere, and demands are weighing on our shoulders. It can make us weak: we forget the love that Jesus taught us and sometimes our weaknesses prevail. Living by the example of Jesus – being loving, slow to anger, without acting hastily – requires us to dramatically slow down in this fast-paced world, to contemplate and to pray. As a reward, God's abundant blessings will rain on us in the form of spiritual food and nourishment. We need to find the time, make the commitment to prayer and deepen our relationship with God.

Prayer is the food that we need in order to be nourished spiritually and consequently to conquer all that our earthly lives demand from us. No sickness or hardship, no sorrow will distance us from the love of God. With God's help, we can rise above every adversity or hardship. And through him we find the way and strength to do good for others.

The miracle of feeding the 5,000 with five loaves and two fish is a miracle indeed. If Jesus was able to satisfy their physical hunger in such a radical way, we can only imagine the miracles that await us when we ask him to feed our very souls.

Ildiko O'Dacre; Cambridge, ON

First Reading: Isaiah 55.1-3

Responsorial Psalm:

*You open your hand to feed us, Lord,
and satisfy our needs.*

Reading: Romans 8.35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14.13-21

Holy Rosary is being led by Rose #20.

Rosary Intention for August 2020

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Parish Bulletin

Please note that we had to cease the distribution of all pamphlets, including the bulletin. From now until further notice our parish bulletin is only available online on our website: www.kolbe.ca

August: Abstinence from Alcohol

An excerpt from an Appeal of the Apostolate of Sobriety and Addictions

Voluntary abstinence from alcohol, undertaken by adults in August, is a powerful testimony to the concern for sobriety of our friends, family, and community. It is also a valuable example for children, showing them that one can enjoy life without substance abuse.

We encourage all adults to make a bold decision to give up alcohol for the months of August, so they can say with courage: I don't drink because I love my family. I don't drink because I want to set an example of a sober, responsible life. I don't drink because my family needs me and depends on me. I don't drink because I know that alcohol can enslave anyone, regardless of age, gender, social status or occupation. I don't drink because I want to enjoy freedom based on the virtue of sobriety.

May God bless all those who happily decide to refrain from alcohol in the month of August. Let us walk with Mary the path of Christ's freedom to complete victory.

Bp. Tadeusz Bronakowski
Polish Bishops' Conference

First Thursday of the month, August 6th

Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, August 7th

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses

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 By-Law Requires Mandatory Use of Masks at Church

Thank you for your co-operation and kindness as we have returned to church over these past weeks. It has been so great to see parishioners once again and we thank everyone who has been so helpful in this re-opening stage, especially our wonderful volunteers. Thank you!

As you may have heard in recent days, a new by-law has been passed that makes the use of masks or face coverings inside all public places mandatory. This includes places of worship, so our own church and Chapel of Perpetual Adoration. We ask that all those coming to church bring a mask or face covering and wear it upon entering the church.



Dear Father Ludwik!

On your birthday and always,
we wish you an abundance of God's grace
and the protection of Mary Immaculate.

Enjoy your special day.

Happy Birthday!

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Kacper Pilat,
son of Dominika & Grzegorz

Julia Magdalena Rzycki,
daughter of Sabina & Piotr

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

First Communion

Please pray for the following children who will receive their First Holy Communion this week:

Abigail Godlewski
Anthony Aiello
Damian Pliszka
Dominik Wasik
Emma Palferro
Jakub Ikala
Liliana Zych
Oliver Obrochta

May God bless you all!

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

Jessica Zhou Yan Chan, daughter of Nida and Terry
& **Sean Maskewycz,** son of Wanda and Adam

Stephanie Puzio, daughter of Helen and Jozef
& **Zbigniew Koszyk,** son of Maria and Witold

Claudia Podolak, daughter of Malgorzata and Jan
& **Mark Wlodarczyk,** son of Mariola and Kazimierz

Preetkamal Khattri, daughter of Surinder and Majit
& **Mariusz Ilnicki,** son of Boguslaw and Jerzy

Olga Suszek, daughter of Beata and Slawomir
& **Mateusz Wawrzyszko,** son of Malgorzata and Pawel

Caroline Jankowski, daughter of Teresa and Zygmunt
& **Alexander Dougall,** son of Lynn and Charlie

who are preparing for Holy Matrimony.

Church Opening Protocol

– A Summary –

Our church is open and the faithful can begin to participate in Mass. As always, social distance must be observed. **Inside the church, only seats marked with yellow tape may be occupied.** Please note that occupancy of the church building is significantly reduced. The maximum capacity is as follows: main church – 90; choir loft – 65; hallway – 35; parish hall – 110.

During the pandemic, in all churches in Ontario and in Canada, **Holy Communion** can only be received on the hand. There are absolutely no exceptions in this respect. Also, there will be no music in the church for the next few weeks. The organist will play, but there must be **no singing.** Parish bulletins will also not be printed; they will only be available online.

Sacraments:

• **Eucharist** – we are back to our regular Mass schedule.

• **Reconciliation** – Monday to Friday, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Catechetical Centre. Face masks are mandatory during confession.

• **First Holy Communion** – please call the parish office if you would like your child to receive their First Holy Communion on a weekday or on Saturday. When and if we receive permission from the Archbishop, we hope to have all other children receive First Holy Communion in September.

• **Confirmation** – postponed until further notice.

• **Baptisms** – take place outside of Mass on Saturdays.

• **Marriage** – may take place in the church as long as social distancing is observed.

Other:

• **Funeral Mass** can be celebrated in the church in the presence of family and friends. Internment follows at a cemetery.

• The **Chapel of Perpetual Adoration** is open. Maximum 6 people can be present in the chapel.

• The **parish office** is closed but you may call during regular office hours.

• **Face masks** are now mandatory inside contained public spaces.

• **Dispensation** from physical participation in Mass in the church is still in effect. However, we are still obliged to participate in Sunday Mass through the media. If you feel sick or weak, if you have a fever or cough you should not come to church at this time. It is understandable that not everyone will be able to come to church because of the limited space. Mass is still being livestreamed online.

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.

Sunday Collection

• At the present time, Sunday Offering cannot be collected in a traditional way. However, it will be collected at the end of Mass by members of the Church Committee, who will stand by the exit door of the church and the parish hall. • A secure collection box can also be found by the parish office. • Alternately, donations can be made online at www.kolbe.ca by clicking on Donate Now and choosing St. Maximilian Kolbe Church from the list of parishes. • If you're supporting our Building and Renovation Fund, please place your offertory envelope in the collection basket by the exit door.

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

**Dear Friends of
the John Paul II
Polish Cultural Centre**
www.jp2pcc.ca



Our Center closed on March 17 due to Covid-19. This is a temporary condition and we very much hope that we will be able to resume our activities soon. Despite being closed, we've been working hard thanks to the help of our wonderful volunteers and people of good will. We did some cleaning and small repairs. Our Center has not been renovated for quite a long time and currently requires major investments. Since it supports itself by renting its rooms and facilities – which is not happening at this time – we need your generosity and help more than ever. Please consider supporting us through GoFundMe page at <https://gf.me/u/x6vpag>. We are also looking for sponsors, professionals, and handymen willing to help with renovations.

Please keep in mind that the primary and sole owner of the John Paul II Polish Cultural Center is the **Maximilian Kolbe Foundation in Mississauga**, and not the St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. The status of the Foundation reserves the right to property, which does not allow the sale of the Polish Cultural Center for as long as at least one Pole lives in Canada.

Parish Bulletin Advertisements

If you are interested in advertising your business in our parish bulletin beginning 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.



Canadian Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario will remain closed until May 1st, 2021. Please visit www.martyrs-shrine.com for more information.

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Mass Intentions

MONDAY, August 3rd

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Fr. Ludwik Stryczek OMI on his birthday
19⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Leokadia & Wacław Dzikowski and deceased members of the Dzikowski, Komosinski and Bienkowski families – Danuta
○ For Blessed Mary's protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Maja on her birthday

TUESDAY, August 4th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for grandsons Piotr & Mateusz and their families – grandmother
19⁰⁰ ✠ Steven Zelek & Theodore Zelek – mother and grandmother

WEDNESDAY, August 5th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for children, grandchildren and great grandchildren – grandmother
19⁰⁰ *Group Intentions*

THURSDAY, August 6th

The Transfiguration of the Lord

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Magdalena Wisniewska (1st anniv.) – sister with family
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for priests and religious – Gold Rose Apostolate

FRIDAY, August 7th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and health for children and grandchildren – mother and grandmother
10⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Stefania & Władysław – daughter with husband
19⁰⁰ ✠ Irena & Władysław Jamka, Barbara & Jan Witka, deceased members of the Machocki family

SATURDAY, August 8th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz Młynarz (anniv.) – Maria and Justyna with families
17⁰⁰ ✠ Jolanta Cop (2nd anniv.) – daughter with husband
19⁰⁰ ✠ Wojciech Pariaszewski (26th anniv.) – wife, daughter-in-law and grandson

SUNDAY, August 9th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Przyszlupski – wife
9³⁰ ○ For God's blessing for the Bialczyk family – Janina Bialczyk
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Aniela & Jozef Jarosz – daughter with family
14³⁰ ✠ Danuta & Zygmunt Kluszczynski – daughter and brother with family
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Jadwiga & Marian Wasik on their 45th wedding anniversary