

# 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



A brilliant orange flower is growing on, or rather, in our front porch. It appears to be rooted in pavement. Its stem leans alongside a fracture of a small cement retaining wall. While improbable, there is no denying that seed fell and that seed is now blooming and bright with colour. It seems incredible, yet my eyes have seen it and I cannot but believe it possible.

The biological determination of a flower to grow in circumstances defying logic and probability has me thinking about the still deeper power of the word of God that is scattered on different terrains. I pray that my heart be good soil, be a place where I listen and understand so that the word takes hold and pushes through to fullness and beauty – knowing that sometimes my heart is also a terrain that defies logic and probability.

Do I look at the world with that same desire and faith in the power of God's word? Do I see neighbour, stranger, the familiar and the distinct, as places where this seed might well thrive? As people who strive to understand with the heart, we have no idea in which places the word and its beauty will take hold. May the word take hold wildly and freely in this fractured world so that something extraordinary blooms...by grace, rather than logic or probability.

*Sr. Kimberly M. King, RSCJ  
Halifax, NS*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 55.10-11

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*The seed that fell on good soil  
produced a hundredfold.*

**Second Reading:** Romans 8.18-23

**Gospel:** Matthew 13.1-23

**Holy Rosary** is being led by Rose #17.

## 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**

## 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 churches and our own parish. We ask that all those coming to church bring a mask or face covering and wear it upon entering the church.

We recognize that this may be an inconvenience yet we know that we are all committed to caring for our neighbour and those around us. While a number of restrictions have been lifted in recent days, we are still in the middle of a pandemic and need to take the appropriate steps to minimize any potential spread of Covid-19. So while the Archdiocese of Toronto had highly recommended wearing a mask while in church and I know that most of you have been doing so, it is now a by-law that we must follow.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation as we do all that we can to take care of one another and keep our community safe and healthy.

## First Communion

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

**Kamila Jablonska  
Maximilian Nieznalski  
Daniel Zdrada  
Jakub Zdrada**

May God bless you all!

Our sincere **Thank You** to **Anna Krzyczewski** and **Sister Karolina** for sewing and creating beautiful decorations for the First Communion celebrations. Thank you for sharing your talents with our parish and making the children's day extra special.

## The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

**Emilian Lis Chodkiewicz,**  
son of Beata & Mark

**Maya Di Giovanni,**  
daughter of Joanna & Jimmy

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



**Dear Father Janusz!**

On your special day and always...

May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.  
**Happy Birthday!**



## An update from Canadian Martyrs' Shrine in Midland

It has been decided that Martyrs' Shrine will not be opening its Church, or its Grounds, until 1 May 2021. Instead, efforts and resources, this season, will be focused on providing prayer, pastoral care, and ministry, through new digital mediums on our website. This decision represents the first time, in Martyrs' Shrine's nearly 100-year history, that it has not been open to pilgrims, and is a temporary measure representative of the magnitude of the global pandemic.

It is our belief that the scope of prayers made through the intercession of St. Jean de Brébeuf and his companions reach far beyond the gates of Martyrs' Shrine. Though pilgrims will not be able to be physically on-site, we will ensure they can remain connected to Martyrs' Shrine in other ways. The Jesuit Fathers who serve the apostolate are increasing their Ministry of Prayer by accepting petitions, requests, and Mass intentions, to be prayed for next to the relics of our Martyrs, through our website, and will continue to serve in a variety of out-reach ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and beyond.

Together, we pray for the healing of our world, and all who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://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.**



## ShareLife: Revering Life at All Stages

Reverence for life has been a core principle of ShareLife since our founding in 1976. We recognize the sacredness of life from conception to natural death. We are also committed to Catholic Social Teaching that upholds the dignity of poor and marginalized people, affirming that everyone is created in the image of God. Our agencies apply these values in everything they do.

The ShareLife parish campaign ends on July 31.

**Please make a sacrificial gift  
through your parish or [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org)**

**Dear Friends of  
the John Paul II  
Polish Cultural Centre**  
[www.jp2pcc.ca](http://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 willing to help with renovations, and all people of good will.

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.

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## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, July 13<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Parents: Henryka & Wladyslaw Blazejak  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Barbara Kocjan and her parents: Helena & Zygmunt Lewowski – husband

### TUESDAY, July 14<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Helena & Stanislaw Lukasik (anniv.) – daughter Alicja  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Marek Krol & Anna and Wawrzyniec Krol – family

### WEDNESDAY, July 15<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanislaw Cebula (13<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – wife with children  
19<sup>00</sup> *Group Intentions*

### THURSDAY, July 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Janina Kopiec (anniv.) – sister Alicja  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for Fr. Janusz Blazejak on the occasion of his birthday  
✠ Edward Kida (5<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – wife and children with family

### FRIDAY, July 17<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and health for Franciszka Basta – daughter with family  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for Jakub on his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday – parents, brother, and grandparents

### SATURDAY, July 18<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanislaw Basak (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.) – son Jan with family  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Kazimierz & Olga Kowalczyk – daughter with family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Kazimiera, Kazimierz, Marcin Budziak and deceased members of the Budziak family – Irena with family

### SUNDAY, July 19<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Marian Leonczuk – wife Danuta  
9<sup>30</sup> ○ For God's blessing for Justyna & Andrew on their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary – mother  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
12<sup>00</sup> *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Divine Mercy Chaplet*  
13<sup>00</sup> ✠ Aleksandra Dzielska & Anna Blachuta – Niemiec family  
14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Edward & Stanislaw Brozda & Czeslaw Wierzbicki – children and grandchildren  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Aleksander Jablonski – daughter with family



**Thank you to our wonderful parishioners who supported us with their delicious and nutritious homemade goodies, as well as other gifts: disinfectants, bottled water, fresh-cut flowers for the church, money for church decorations, a kind word, and a lot of spiritual and moral support. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. God bless!**