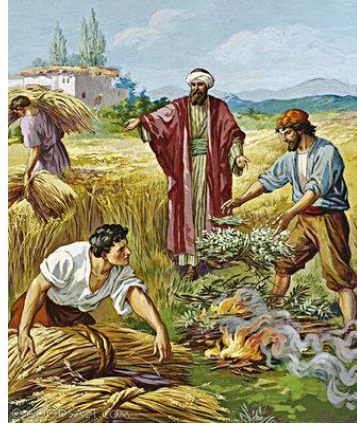


16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



One of the great laments of the psalms is, "O Lord, why do the wicked prosper?" All people – like children at play – have an instinctive desire for justice. And when we see injustice or wickedness seemingly rewarded by prosperity, we begin to question God's oversight of the world.

In response to this concern, there are two good reflections in today's Gospel parable of the weeds and the wheat. First, we may not understand why somebody sows weeds among the wheat, but we do experience the reality of the two growing together. Thus, the parable invites us to trust that God's justice, despite what we see, will ultimately be exercised. Meanwhile, there is something important about the wheat – good people – accepting the presence of the weeds and continuing to be faithful to being good despite the weeds.

Then, a second thought arises. Do we not all have within us both wheat and weeds? Why do they grow together within us? And what will happen to our weeds? Such a thought, I would hope, should help us not to judge others whom we easily demonize as "weeds," while overlooking our own faults. Perhaps we also need to accommodate ourselves, without giving in, to our own weeds. For the concluding phrase of the first reading gives us God's answer, filled with hope: "...because you [God] give repentance for sins."

*Fr. Mark Miller, C.Ss.R.
Toronto, ON*

First Reading: Wisdom 12.13, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Reading: Romans 8.26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13.24-43

Holy Rosary is being led by Rose #18.

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 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.

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 must be followed.

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:

Maximilian Nowak
Natalia Szulc
Amelia Wrona
Milena Wrona

May God bless you all!

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Dominic Jetnor Smakaj,
son of Veronica & Jetnor

Mia Ela Suyao,
daughter of Jeanette & Reginald

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

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.



Dear Sister Karolina!

As you celebrate your birthday today, it is our prayer that the Lord will shine His glorious light on you and guide your every step. Have a beautiful birthday filled with joy, sunshine, and lots of Kit Kats.

Happy Birthday!

After six years of serving our parish, **Sister Karolina Szymkowiak MChR** is moving on to her next assignment, this time at St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish in Brampton. In her place we will welcome **Sister Halina Pjerozak MChR**. Details to follow.



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. 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.



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!

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.



Living the Gospel

by supporting victims of domestic violence

When a woman endures domestic violence, she may require a number of services all at once – counselling, legal aid, children's aid services, and childminding. The Safe Centre of Peel brings these and other services together in one secure location, helping hundreds of individuals every year. ShareLife funding of Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, one of 10 onsite agencies, helps ensure adults and children receive compassionate care in their time of need.

The ShareLife campaign ends on July 31. Please make a sacrificial gift through your parish or sharelife.org

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.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, July 20th

8⁰⁰ ☩ Deceased members of the Wykowski & Cwalinski families
○ For God's continued grace for Natalia & Tomasz Frelek on their 1st wedding anniversary
19⁰⁰ ☩ Izabela & Henryk Skwarka – Janina

TUESDAY, July 21st

8⁰⁰ ☩ Stanislaw Demianczuk (11th anniv.) – daughter with family
19⁰⁰ ☩ Stanislaw & Jozefa Mucha and Jozef & Rozalia Zelek – Stefania
○ In thanksgiving for Barbara & Henryk Kwiecinski on their 50th wedding anniv.

WEDNESDAY, July 22nd

Sister Karolina's Birthday

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Sister Karolina on her birthday
19⁰⁰ *Group Intentions*

THURSDAY, July 23rd

8⁰⁰ ☩ Barbara Beyger – grandchildren
19⁰⁰ ☩ Deceased members of the Tworek & Szyszka families

FRIDAY, July 24th

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Stanislaw & Kazimierz Joniec on their 25th wedding anniversary
19⁰⁰ ☩ Parents Zofia & Czeslaw Pasiak and Janina & Stanislaw Nowotnik – children

SATURDAY, July 25th

St. James the Apostle

8⁰⁰ ☩ Ewelina, Remigiusz, and Zofia; Stanislaw Kochanski and deceased members of the Szorc family
17⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for children and grandchildren – parents
19⁰⁰ ☩ Krzysztof Kaczmarek – parents and family

SUNDAY, July 26th

Sts. Joachim and Anna

8⁰⁰ ☩ Andrzej Chrusciel (6th anniv.) – wife with children
9³⁰ ☩ Maria Obrochta – Krystyna Dix and family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Marek Jeziorski on his birthday
14³⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for Edyta & Jerzy on their 16th wedding anniversary
19⁰⁰ ☩ Jerzy Szczyka – wife and children

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.