

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In silent adoration of the infant Jesus by the Magi is one of the purest prayers in the New Testament. These men put aside everything in their lives to travel across the desert to kneel down and pay homage to Jesus. They bring him precious gifts and ask nothing for themselves.

In contrast stands the disruptive Canaanite woman in today's Gospel who comes to Jesus shouting and demanding that he cast out the demon which oppresses her daughter. Jesus says nothing. "He did not answer her at all."

The woman's tune changes upon hearing Jesus say that he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel. She kneels before him and says a prayer of abandonment: "Lord, help me." Now she no longer demands favours from a wonder-worker Jesus, but places herself at his feet. It is a moment of vulnerability and conversion.

What does this mean for us? Like the foreign woman and the foreign wise men, we can come to Jesus, not to make him hop to our agenda, but rather to bow before him. We are puny; Jesus is awesome. Praise and worship are the stance of faith. Our right relationship with Jesus is to pay him homage and to humbly beg, "Jesus, help me."

Glen Argan
Edmonton, AB

First Reading: Isaiah 56.1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm:

*Let the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you!*

Reading: Romans 11.13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15.21-28

Holy Rosary is being led by Rose #22.

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

Personnel Changes

After nine years of guiding St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, **Fr. Janusz Blażejak OMI** is moving on to his next assignment as pastor at St. Casimir's Parish in Toronto. In addition, **Fr. Pawel Pilarczyk OMI** will be leaving our parish to strengthen his English skills at an anglophone parish in Prince George, BC. **The official farewell of Fr. Janusz and Fr. Pawel will take place next Sunday, August 23rd at the 11 o'clock Mass.**

Our new parish pastor will be **Fr. Jacek Nosowicz OMI**, and stepping in for Fr. Pawel will be **Fr. Piotr Dudek OMI**.

Also, after six years of serving our parish, **Sister Karolina Szymkowiak MChR** is moving on to her next assignment at St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish, while **Fr. Ludwik Stryczek OMI** will assist at St. Casimir's Parish in Toronto. **Their official farewells will take place on Sunday, August 30th at the 11 o'clock Mass.**

If anyone would like to make a donation for Fr. Ludwik's mission in Cameroon, you are welcome to hand the offering to him in person.

Welcome Fr. Jacek and Fr. Piotr!



Fr. Jacek Nosowicz OMI was born on October 24, 1963. After finishing electrical studies in Torun, he worked in telecommunications for three years. In 1984 his life took a turn in a different direction and he entered the

Oblate pre-novitiate in Markowice and later went on to the novitiate at Święty Krzyż. Afterwards, he went on to study theology and philosophy in Odra and was ordained in 1992. Fr. Jacek worked in Poland for a year and then in Cameroon for seven years. Since coming to Canada in 2003, Fr. Jacek has served at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, St. Casimir's Parish in Toronto, St. Casimir's Parish in Vancouver, and Holy Ghost Church in Winnipeg.



Fr. Piotr Dudek OMI was born on June 24, 1971 in Zduńska Wola – the birthplace of our parish patron, Saint Maximilian Kolbe. In 1990, after graduating from high school with majors in biology and chemistry, he

began the Oblate novitiate at Święty Krzyż and a year later studied at the Oblate Seminary in Odra. As a deacon, he completed his pastoral internship in Ukraine, where he was ordained by the Apostolic Nuncio. After nine years of working in Ukraine, and two years working in the USA, Fr. Piotr came to Canada. He likes to read and travel.

Welcome Sister Halina!



Sister Halina Pierożak is a member of the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King for Polonia. She majored in Theology and graduated from the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań in 2003. Sister Halina worked as a catechist in

several schools in Poland, Greece, and England. We are very happy to welcome Sister Halina to our parish.

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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Oliver Mario Blocki
son of Andrea & David

Lukas Xavier Cisterna
son of Joanna & Eric

Ethan Edward Manczak
son of Atourina & Gerard

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

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

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

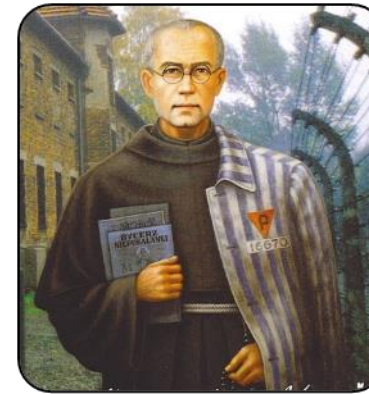
Preetkamal Khattrra, daughter of Surinder and Majit & **Mariusz Ilnicki**, son of Boguslawa and Jerzy

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.

Our Parish Patron St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe



Saint Maximilian was born in Poland. As a Franciscan, he worked to spread the gospel in his native Poland as well as in Japan. He had a great devotion to Our Lady. During the Nazi occupation of Poland, he helped thousands of refugees, including Polish Jews. He was arrested by the Gestapo in 1941 and imprisoned at Auschwitz. Three months after Maximilian's arrival, a prisoner escaped. In retaliation, 10 men were chosen at random to die. One was a young father. Maximilian offered to take his place.

Born: January 8, 1894 in Zduńska Wola
Died: August 14, 1941 in Auschwitz-Birkenau
Beatified: October 17, 1971 by Pope Paul VI
Canonized: October 10, 1982 by Pope John Paul II
Feast day: August 14

Patron saint of families, prisoners, journalists, political prisoners, drug addicts and the pro-life movement

25th Anniversary of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel

August 14, 2020



Our chapel is open, but masks are mandatory. Come spend an hour in prayer in the presence of the Holy Eucharist where Jesus Christ is truly present in His body, blood, soul and divinity.

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host."
– Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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** – information will be provided in September.
- **Confirmation** – information will be provided in September.
- **Baptisms** – take place outside of Mass on weekdays and 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.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, August 17th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria & Michal Swiatek – children
19⁰⁰ ✠ Maria & Wladyslaw Labaszczuk – Hugill family

TUESDAY, August 18th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz & Jadwiga – sister
19⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Jankowski – son and daughter

WEDNESDAY, August 19th

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Anna & Marcin Sikora on their 25th wedding anniversary and Anna's birthday – parents
19⁰⁰ *Group Intentions*

THURSDAY, August 20th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Franciszka Jaganow & Elzbieta Dziemianczuk – family
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's grace and protection for Katarzyna & Zbigniew Strama and Rina & Lukasz Kolpak on their 15th wedding anniversaries

FRIDAY, August 21st

8⁰⁰ ✠ Edward Kasak (54th anniv.) – wife
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's continued blessing on the 27th wedding anniversary

SATURDAY, August 22nd

8⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef Taborowski – Maria Pigiel
17⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and grace for Natalia Jakubicki on her 24th birthday – parents
19⁰⁰ ✠ Iwona & Ryszard Desperak – Godson

SUNDAY, August 23rd

8⁰⁰ ✠ Wieslaw Schab (3rd anniv.) – wife
9³⁰ ✠ Teresa & Leonard Sr. Attard and Charlie Attard – son/brother Leonard and Jadwiga
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
Farewell Mass for Fr. Janusz and Fr. Pawel
13⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef Podczerwinski (10th anniv.) and deceased members of the Podczerwinski and Antolak families
14³⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Anna & Antoni Pasiak on their 45th wedding anniversary
19⁰⁰ ✠ Walerian Kedzia – Krystyna and Adam

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!**