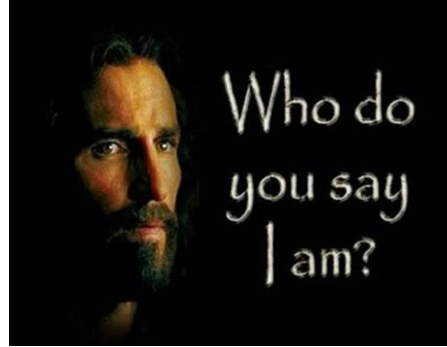


21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



My attention is riveted by today's Gospel and Jesus' poignant questions to his disciples: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" and "Who do you say that I am?" Peter's quick reply to the latter was, "You are Christ." Did he know that he was saying? I'm not sure. In the same situation, I would have been at a loss for an answer. Now, 2,000 years later, I ponder that second question and I can come up with varied answers. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd... I am the gate... I am the light... I am the true vine."

A retreat I attended some months ago was based on this scripture passage and provided me with a new perspective. We spent our time for meditation and prayer focusing on reverse questioning: Who am I? How do I see myself? How does Jesus see me? How do I want Jesus to see me?

Reflecting on my relationship with Jesus offered me new insights and a heartfelt desire to follow him more closely. I often take for granted the fact that he is a constant in my life – always present to me whether or not I acknowledge him. Today's Psalm proclaims, "I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart... your steadfast love endures forever." How blessed are we!

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Work completed in St. Maximilian Kolbe Church between 2011 and 2020

Thanks to your generous financial contribution to the Church Renovation Fund, the hard work of our Pastor, Fr. Janusz Blazejak, as well as time and talent of many of our parishioners, the following work was done at our parish in the last nine years:

2011 • Renovation of parish offices • General renovation of three bathrooms in the church • Repair of door locks and system standardization

2012 • Renovation of the rectory basement • Installation of 45 new windows in parish offices, parish rooms, and rectory • Renovation of the parish hall corridor; replacement of ceilings and lights • Blessing of the Divine Mercy statue

2013 • Addition of an accessible confessional in the church hallway • Installation of accessible bathrooms in the parish hallway • Installation of an elevator • Installation of energy-saving lighting system in the parish hall • New parquet floor in the parish hall • Commencement of the construction of the Catechetical Center

2014 • Installation and blessing of the John Paul II statue • Installation and blessing of the Oblate Cross • Renovation of Br. Anthony Room • New telephone system in the parish office • Flat roof replacement • Addition of the Relics Altar • Completion of the construction of the Catechetical Center • Renovation of the church tower • Statue of the Holy Family by the entrance to the Catechetical Centre • The Good Shepherd sand glass window by the entrance to the new Catechetical Centre

2015 • Installation of a security system in the church • Redesign of the Family Clinic and Archive Room • Renovation of the conference room in the parish office

2016 • Complete renovation of the parish kitchen • Modernization of the sanctuary: removal of loudspeakers from above the altar; new carpeting, new chair upholstery, new altar made of the altar used by St. John Paul II during World Youth Day in 2002, new tabernacle, baptismal font, and pulpit • New sound system in the church • Expansion of the church entrance beside the Mission Cross • New photocopier in the parish office

2017 • New sound system in the parish hall • Blessing of the new entrance to the church, the statue of the Holy Family, and the statue of Our Lady of Fatima • Installation of new windows in the parish hall • New asphalt in the parking lot

2018 • New lighting in the church • Replacement of two air conditioning units

2019 • Rectory kitchen upgrade • Renovation of the Way of the Cross stations in the Rosary Garden • New carpet in the parish hall and renovation of the parish hall • Installation of a heated entrance to the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration and the parish hall

2020 • New upholstery on kneelers • Removal of old carpet and laying of new tiles on church stairs • **In the upcoming days, we will be installing new lighting on the church cross and a new electronic billboard in front of the church, which will display upcoming church events.**

Personnel Changes

After nine years of guiding St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, **Fr. Janusz Blazejak OMI** is moving on to his next assignment as pastor at St. Casimir's Parish in Toronto. In addition, **Fr. Pawel Pilarczyk OMI** is 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 this 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 next 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.

New By-Law Requires Mandatory Use of Masks at Church

Face masks or face coverings inside all public places are mandatory in the Region of Peel. 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

Aleksanda Rzepa

daughter of Natalia & Mateusz

Nolan Artur Szpila

son of Aleksandra & Artur

Weronika Gabriela Lipiec

daughter of Agnieszka & Lukasz

Kajetan Frederick Wisniewski

son of Patsy & Pawel

We welcome all 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.

Parish Bulletin Advertisements

If you are interested in advertising your business in our parish bulletin beginning in October 2020, please contact the parish office: (905) 848-2420.

First Holy Communion

As of August 15th, 44 children have received their First Holy Communion on individual basis. The remaining 74 children will receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist next month according to the following schedule:

• **September 19** – children who attended classes in English • **September 20 and 26** – children who are wearing dresses and suits • **September 27** – children who are wearing albs

Since we still need to follow numerous safety guidelines, there will be a limit on how many guests – aside from immediate family – will be able to attend the ceremony. Parents must call the parish office to sign their child up for a particular Communion date.

Quo Vadis Elementary School

Quo Vadis Elementary School is a one-of-a-kind private Catholic day school that will offer a fully bilingual Polish-English academic program. In 2020/21, we will be offering academic programs for Kindergarten (JK/SK) and Grade 1. Additional grades up to Grade 6 will be added in future years. Quo Vadis is committed to providing a well-balanced education at a high academic level combined with the teaching of Polish language and culture, and Catholic values in an environment that will help and encourage each student to develop to his or her full potential. www.quovadisschool.ca

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 see bulletin announcement on left

• **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 24th

8⁰⁰ ☩ Leokadia Swiercz

19⁰⁰ ☩ Wladyslaw Krupka and Emil Krupka – Zofia with family

TUESDAY, August 25th

8⁰⁰ ☩ Robert Wroblewski (4th anniv) – parents and family

19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and grace for Kristin Mieczkowski

WEDNESDAY, August 26th

Our Lady of Częstochowa

8⁰⁰ ☩ Danuta Rudnik – Slecza family

19⁰⁰ *Group Intentions*

THURSDAY, August 27th

8⁰⁰ ☩ Katarzyna Sadowska – parents

19⁰⁰ ☩ Jan, Andrzej and Jozef Skobel – sister

FRIDAY, August 28th

8⁰⁰ ☩ Eugeniusz Wieliczko – wife and daughter with husband

19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for Dominik on his 40th birthday and for his family – parents

SATURDAY, August 29th

8⁰⁰ ☩ Deceased members of the Szabuniewicz and Sosnowski families

17⁰⁰ ☩ Sebastian Jakubisiak (8th anniv.) – parents, siblings, and family

19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing, Mother Mary's protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Beata, Sylwester, Alexander, and Jessie

SUNDAY, August 30th

8⁰⁰ ☩ Helena & Stanislaw Romasz – son with family

9³⁰ ☩ Maria & Jerzy Taborowski – children and grandchildren

11⁰⁰ ○ For couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries

Farewell Mass for Fr. Ludwik and S. Karolina

13⁰⁰ ☩ Stanislaw Szabla and deceased members of the Chabinka family

14³⁰ ☩ Piotr Karluk (20th anniv.) – son with family

19⁰⁰ ☩ Edward Kuziora – wife

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!**

First Reading: Isaiah 22.15, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm:

*Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.*

Reading: Romans 11.33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20

Holy Rosary is being led by Rose #23.

Next Sunday's **Second Collection** is for the Church Renovation Fund. Thank you for your generous support.