

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's Gospel touches on one of the seven spiritual works of mercy: admonishing sinners. For some this has a negative connotation, as it brings to mind the judgmental hypocrisy of which Christians have all too often been guilty. Few things sour people's view of the Church more than this. Therefore, let us take the time to understand Jesus' words today.

On one hand, our Lord is very clear that we must not judge others. Yet today he provides guidelines on how to correct one another. How can we correct our brothers and sisters without being judgmental?

There is a tremendous difference between Christian correction and rash judgment. Being judgmental seeks and takes pleasure in the faults of others. Although Christians can and do slip into this, it is a very unchristian thing.

The Christian admonishment of sinners comes from a place of love. Love motivates us to desire the sanctification of others. Therefore, when people behave inappropriately or sinfully, charity may call on us to address it with them in a compassionate way. The goal is not to put them down, but to help them grow.

May the Holy Spirit rid our hearts of all forms of rash judgment. When necessary, may God also give us the compassion and fortitude to mercifully admonish sinners.

Connor Brownrigg; Ottawa, ON

First Reading: Ezekiel 33.7-9

Responsorial Psalm:

O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!

Reading: Romans 13.8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20

Holy Rosary is being led by Rose #26.

2021 Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for 2021 will be accepted on Wednesday, September 23rd from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the parish hall.

Welcome Fr. Jacek!



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 Obra 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.

Welcome Fr. Piotr!



Fr. Piotr Dudek OMI was born 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 Obra. 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.

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 specific Communion date.**

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.

A Word from Sister Karolina

“Lord, I desire to do your will with great joy.” – this is an excerpt from Psalm 40 that I included on a holy card on the day of my religious vows. It was my joy to serve in this Polish community. It was my joy to experience your patriotism – your love for your homeland so far from Poland. It was my joy to grow with you in faith and love, spending time before the Blessed Sacrament. It was my joy to share the talents God gave me with the little children, the young people, families, the ill and homebound, the lonely, and among the various church communities.

I thank God that He allowed me to spend my first immigrant years here among you.

I thank the Pastor for extending his invitation to the Missionary Sisters to serve in this parish and for his kindness towards our entire community.

I thank the Oblate Fathers with whom I have served these last six years. They made this parish my second home.

I thank the Employees for their dedicated service and the wonderful atmosphere we created “backstage.”

I thank the Organists for their teamwork and opportunity to sing for the glory of God.

Thank you all, dear friends, for every gesture of kindness, every prayer, and every sacrifice offered in my intention.

Our founder, Fr. Ignacy Posadzy, used to say: *“Go and light the world with your love.”* I trust you have experienced this love. I apologize to all those who have been hurt in any way by my words or behavior.

Please pray for the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King, for vocations to religious life in our congregation, and please welcome Sister Halina with the same love you welcomed me.

The parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe will always have a special place in my heart and in my prayers. Love the Immaculate Mary!

Sr. Karolina Szymkowiak MChR

Parish Groups

Parish groups who wish to resume their meetings must call the parish office as soon as possible and sign a rental agreement and waiver. Please note that maximum 50 persons are permitted to attend a meeting, provided social distance of 2 metres between individuals can be observed. Also, each group should designate leaders who will disinfect the room at the end of each meeting.

Holy Land and ShareLife Collection

Second collection for Holy Land and ShareLife did not take place as scheduled. However, if you would like to make a donation in support of **Holy Land or ShareLife**, please do so next weekend, on **September 12/13**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Aleksander Capala
son of Joanna & Arkadiusz

Logan Daniel Dworakowski
son of Wendy & Daniel

Santiago Kwiatkowski
son of Stefania

Aurelia Marzena Serwin Lopes
daughter of Marzena & Joshua

Michael Anthony McVean
son of Malgorzata & Jeff

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

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

Caroline Bujnowski, daughter of Anna & Henry & **Jaroslaw Krajniak**, son of Maria & Andrzej

Gloria Iris Neago, daughter of Claudia & Ovidiu & **Jakub Sawicki**, son of Teresa & Tadeusz

Brooke Sayewich, daughter of Nancy & Paul & **Jakub Binkiewicz**, son of Teresa & Mirosław

who are preparing for Holy Matrimony.

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.

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!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS Canadian Polish Millennium Fund

This scholarship is available to students of Polish origin and descent who attend Canadian post-secondary educational institutions. Complete application package should be mailed by regular mail no later than September 15th. Contact information and application forms are available at: www.millenniumfund.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, September 7th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Elzbieta Lazuchiewicz and Maria Stasiak
19⁰⁰ ✠ Zdzislaw Piwowarczyk
✠ Tadeusz and Andrzej Kaczmarczyk – Genowefa with family

TUESDAY, September 8th

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8⁰⁰ ✠ Wieslawa Czarnota – Hirsch family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Boguslaw Ulecki (25th anniv.) – son and daughter with families
✠ Janina Jedrzejczyk – daughter with family

WEDNESDAY, September 9th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw & Wanda Kociuba – sister with family
✠ Ludmila Malacina
19⁰⁰ *Group Intentions*

THURSDAY, September 10th

8⁰⁰ For God's blessing and health for Lidia
19⁰⁰ ✠ Marianna & Jozef
○ For God's continued blessing for children and grandchildren – mother and grandmother

FRIDAY, September 11th

8⁰⁰ ○ For the gifts of the Holy Spirit for Jennifer on her birthday
19⁰⁰ ✠ Members of the Taborowski, Pigiel, and Guzda families – family
○ For the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Mother Mary's protection for grandchildren in the new school year – grandparents

SATURDAY, September 12th

The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw & Michal Kular, and Irena Grzeda – son with family
17⁰⁰ ✠ Fr. Stanislaw Bak OMI – Bak family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Piotr Pyrek – family

SUNDAY, September 13th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Sabina Cwalinska – husband and children
9³⁰ ✠ Jozef Taborowski (14th anniv.) – wife, children, and grandchildren
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
○ For students and teachers at Polish Schools
13⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Guzdek (26th anniv.)
14³⁰ ✠ Janina Wendel, Maria & Wiktor Weglowski, Helena & Jan Wendel – sister
19⁰⁰ ✠ Leokadia Swiercz

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. The school is accepting application for the 2020/2021 school year for students entering Kindergarten (JK/SK) and Grade 1. For more information, please visit www.quovadisschool.ca