

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's Gospel challenges us to think about what we bring to life's table. It's time to take stock: *What are my gifts? How will I contribute? If life is a potluck, what will I bring?*

This may be difficult for some of us. Instead of seeing what we do have, we obsess over the many ingredients we lack. We peer inside, dismayed to realize: *I'm not inspiring, like Cheryl. I'm not creative, like Graham. I can't lead, like Sean.*

Don't bother, doubt says when we think we can make something of our gifts, *it'll never be enough. Besides, someone more capable is probably bringing it already.* We convince ourselves that we have nothing worth sharing and so we don't contribute. Like that talent-burying servant, we are talked out of trying by fear and laziness. We hoard and bury; we close ourselves off. In doing so, we mooch from life's table. By taking and failing to give, we feast on the gifts of others yet leave them hungry for what we hoard. Perhaps that is why the master was so upset.

God has equipped us with exact ingredients. Don't let them expire. Today, take stock and thank God for your gifts. Ask for his help to get cooking with them because the world craves what only you can bring to the table.

Caroline Pignat;
Kanata, ON

First Reading: Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31

Responsorial Psalm:
Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30

Holy Rosary

This week, Holy Rosary will be led by Rose #31. Join us for prayer daily at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Collection

Sunday collection may be placed in a basket as you leave the Sunday Mass or deposited into any of the collection boxes placed at the front of the church or by the church door.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Jaxon Maciaszczyk,
son of Sara & Dariusz

Lucas Andre Slusarczyk
and **Olivia Grace Slusarczyk,**
children of Victoria & Michael

Noah Maximus Gniado,
son of Elyse & Michal

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

The Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners who wish to marry in the Roman Catholic Church must contact the parish office to open a wedding file and obtain all necessary information. This must be done one year prior to the anticipated date of the wedding. In addition, all couples must take a pre-marital course and provide recently obtained baptism certificates from the church where they were baptized.

Confession

Sacrament of reconciliation is available from **Monday to Saturday at 7:30 a.m.** and from **Monday to Friday at 6 p.m.** in the accessible confessional next to the elevator and in the sacristy. Face masks are mandatory.

Parish Office

Parish office is currently closed to the public. Please call (905) 848-2420 for inquiries or to schedule an appointment. Continue to check our parish website www.kolbe.ca and MyParish App for the latest information concerning our parish.

Mass Intentions

There are no more individual Mass intentions available for the year 2021.

Group intentions

(for Wednesday evening Mass) can be submitted by phone.

Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

If you can devote one hour a week to the adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, please contact the new coordinator: Malgorzata Podolak at (647) 888-7487 or by email at margaret.podolak@gmail.com Please wear a face mask while praying in the chapel!

Offertory Envelopes for 2021

Offertory envelopes for 2021 are available in the parish hall. To avoid large crowds and maintain social distance, we encourage parishioners to pick up their envelope set on a weekday. The church and the parish hall are open from 7 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock at night. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

COVID-19 and Our Parish

As of right now, places of worship in the Peel Region may still operate at 30% capacity. However, in order to remain open, we must adhere to all health and safety regulations.

- According to the new rules, everyone must wear a mask. Those who refuse to wear a mask cannot be admitted to church.
- We sit in designated spots and only with people who live in the same household.
- When receiving Holy Communion, everyone must wear a mask, receive Communion on the hand, step aside, remove the mask, and receive Communion right away while still in the presence of the priest.
- Congregational singing is not permitted at this time.

Once again, we call for understanding and a serious approach to all government norms and recommendations.

We ask that those who are able to come for the 9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Masses on Sunday choose these Mass times rather than the more popular 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Masses. We cannot allow the church to reach its capacity.

The situation is serious, and we should expect regular inspections from the Region of Peel. Therefore, we ask for increased responsibility for ourselves and the entire parish. We absolutely do not gather in groups in the parking lot, neither before nor after Mass since social distancing rules apply there, too. It is up to us how long the churches will remain open.

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.

Marriage and Family Counselling

Free marriage and family counselling is available at our parish. If your family needs guidance, please call (647) 677-1142 and leave your name and phone number. A qualified counsellor will call you to schedule a meeting.

2021 Calendars

Religious calendars highlighting the life and missionary work of Brother Antoni Kowalczyk are available for purchase at the parish office at \$5 each. Exact change, please.

Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on Plenary Indulgences for the deceased faithful in the current pandemic

This year, in the current circumstances due to the "Covid-19" pandemic, the Plenary Indulgences for the deceased faithful will be extended throughout the entire month of November, with adaptation of works and conditions to guarantee the safety of the faithful.

The Apostolic Penitentiary, on the special mandate of His Holiness Pope Francis, willingly establishes and decides that this year, in order to avoid gatherings where they are forbidden:

a. the Plenary Indulgence for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased, even if only mentally, normally established only on the individual days from 1 to 8 November, may be transferred to other days of the same month, until its end. These days, freely chosen by the individual believers, may also be separate from each other;

b. the Plenary Indulgence of 2 November, established on the occasion of the Commemoration of all the deceased faithful for those who piously visit a church or oratory and recite the "Our Father" and the "Creed" there, may be transferred not only to the Sunday before or after or on the day of the Solemnity of All Saints, but also to another day of the month of November, freely chosen by the individual faithful.

The elderly, the sick and all those who for serious reasons cannot leave their homes, for example because of restrictions imposed by the competent authority in this time of the pandemic, in order to prevent numerous faithful from crowding into the holy places, will be able to obtain the Plenary Indulgence as long as they join spiritually with all the other faithful, completely detached from sin and with the intention of complying as soon as possible with the three usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, recite pious prayers for the deceased, for example, Lauds and Vespers of the Office of the Dead, the Marian Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, other prayers for the deceased dearest to the faithful, or occupy themselves in considered reading of one of the Gospel passages proposed by the liturgy of the deceased, or perform a work of mercy by offering to God the sorrows and hardships of their own lives.

This Decree is valid throughout the entire month of November, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary.

Given in Rome, from the seat of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on 22 October 2020, memorial of Saint John Paul II.

Maurus Card. Piacenza
Paenitentiaris Maior
23.10.2020

Our Lady of the Gate of Dawn, Mother of Mercy

In 1363, Grand Duke Algirdas of Lithuania conquered Kherson (now in Ukraine), and brought back its holy icon of the Mother of God as a present for his wife, Luliania, who installed it in the new Trinity Monastery in Vilnius. After the Tatar attack in 1503, the people of the Lithuanian capital surrounded the city with a wall.

On the eastern gate known as the Gate of Dawn (in Lithuanian) or Ostra Brama (in Polish), an icon of the Savior looked out toward the enemy homelands of Russia and Mongolia, and inside, the Virgin from Kherson looked in toward the people of Vilnius.

In 1626, an adjacent Carmelite monastery took responsibility for maintaining the Virgin's image and conducting services in her honor. During the 1655-61 war with Russia, citizens prayed before Our Lady's image to plead for help, and many saw the same image in the sky over the city. After the Polish-Lithuanian victory in 1661, a chapel was built on the gate for the Virgin's icon, which the jewelers of Vilnius sheathed in gold and silver.

In 1927, the Catholic Church crowned the icon "Mother of Mercy." Catholics in Lithuania and surrounding countries celebrate the Black Madonna of Vilnius on November 16. The Orthodox commemorate the Ostrabramskaya on January 8.

Prayer to Our Lady of the Gates of Dawn

O my Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, I offer myself entirely to Thy grace and to Thy overwhelming mercy today and forever, but mostly at the hour of my death do I dedicate myself to thee. To thee do I dedicate my body and soul, all my happiness and hope, all my sorrows and sufferings! I offer my life and the end of my life to Thy holy hands so that through Thy merits all my deeds and acts go according to Thy holy will and according to the will of Thy sweetest Son! Amen.

Kolbe Youth

Youth meetings have begun!
High school students: Thursdays at 8:15 p.m.
College/University students: Fridays at 8:15 p.m.

Volunteers Needed

We're still looking for volunteers to act as greeters before Sunday Mass. If you would like to help out once a month, please call the parish office at (905) 848-2420.

Dictionaries

John Paul II Cultural Centre is collecting various dictionaries: Polish-English, English-Polish, idioms, synonyms, etc. If you have such books in good condition, please drop them off at the Cultural Centre. All dictionaries will be donated to St. Ignatius Loyola Elementary School in Łódź, Poland. For more information please e-mail gm@jp2pcc.ca or call (416) 270-9175.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 16th

Our Lady of the Gate of Dawn, Mother of Mercy

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Mieczyslaw Ciesla (1st anniv.) – wife with family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Jerzy & Karol Rogowski and Jan & Helena Gryglik – family
✠ Deceased members of the Jachymiak & Zoltek families

TUESDAY, November 17th

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Teresa Bulat – Zofia with family
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Maxim Mieczkowski on his 13th birthday – grandmother
✠ Natalia, Stefan, and Stanislaw Michalec – Krystyna with family

WEDNESDAY, November 18th

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Beata Serwin on her birthday – husband with family
✠ Tadeusz Antonik (5th anniv.) – family
19⁰⁰ Group intentions

THURSDAY, November 19th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz Bialy – son with family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Leszek Piatkowski, deceased sisters and parents – Janina
✠ Deceased members of the Lewczuk, Chyjek, Baran, and Kozak families

FRIDAY, November 20th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna & Wojciech Plewa and Piotr Sas – granddaughter and sister with family
19⁰⁰ ✠ John Ziolkowski (14th anniv.) – Lucy Dworak and family
✠ Antoni Kania (11th anniv.) – wife

SATURDAY, November 21st

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased members of the Ostrowski and Tofilo families – family
17⁰⁰ ✠ Grazyna Fronczak
19⁰⁰ ✠ Edward Kuziora – daughter Wieslawa

SUNDAY, November 22nd

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King for Polonia on their feast day
9³⁰ ✠ Szczepan Balon (anniv.)
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Janina Dobosz (12th anniv.)
14³⁰ ✠ Apolonia & Marian Borowczyk – daughter with family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef Chmielewski (10th anniv.) – Barbara

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.