



## Reflection

When I was young, I was an assistant to a great manager. Bert was a terrific teacher and role model. Eventually he quit to go to a bigger company. I was in my 20s and the owners were reluctant to promote me immediately, but they did give me the job on an “acting” basis. At first I was a mix of pride and insecurity – confident in the procedures that Bert established, but secretly aware of my own shortcomings.

The feast of the Ascension of the Lord is a template for changes that leave us behind when someone we admire leaves. Imagine how the disciples felt after sharing in Jesus’ life, death and resurrection, and then, as Ephesians records, “he ascended.” Not only has their teacher left them – he has disappeared from their world. Now they are truly alone.

In reality, they are not alone and will never again be alone, because Jesus left them with more than a set of procedures, more than a plan. They have, in the life they lived with him and in the inspired Scriptures they will write, a complete plan for the salvation of humankind. That is the true meaning of the Ascension – Jesus Christ left behind nothing less than the keys to the kingdom of heaven where he has ascended to receive us.

*Patrick M. Doyle;  
Carleton Place, ON*

## Ascension of the Lord

On the fortieth day after the Resurrection, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. This event took place on the Mount of Olives. Ascension is the day of Christ's royal enthronement, a triumph that God the Father is preparing for his Son; it is an assurance of the second coming of Christ: “This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven” (Acts 1:11). Christ will return as the ultimate triumph of good: he will return to give his Father everything, to gather everyone and everything in the universal Church of God. He will come to repeat the ingress of all redeemed humanity to the house of the Father, the Father of all creation, the Father from whom everything comes.

Ascension is not only the final and solemn exaltation of Jesus of Nazareth, but also the presage and guarantee of exaltation of human nature to glory. Today our Christian faith and hope are strengthened because we are invited not only to consider our own weakness and poverty, but also this greater transformation that Christ accomplishes in us when we are united with Him through grace and the sacraments.

## The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

**Henryk Monicki,**  
son of Anna & Dawid

**Lucja Matuszewski,**  
daughter of Malgorzata & Blazej

We welcome Henryk and Lucja  
to our Church community  
and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

## Holy Communion on Sunday

Holy Communion will be distributed in the Good Shepherd Catechetical Centre on **Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Maximum 10 people in the building, including the priest. Face masks are mandatory.

## Confession

**Sacrament of reconciliation is available by registration only:**

○ Monday to Saturday at 7:30 a.m.,

○ Monday to Friday at 6 pm and 6:30 pm,

You must register on the parish website or by calling the parish office. Confession takes place in the Good Shepherd Catechetical Centre. Face masks are mandatory.

**First Reading:** Acts 1,1-11

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.*

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1.17-23 or  
Ephesians 4.1-13

**Gospel:** Mark 16.15-20

## Month of Mary – May Devotions



The month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Join us as we pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Litany) daily at 6:30 p.m.

## Adoremus

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and joyful praise. This is a virtual event. Join us through the parish TV.

## Rosary Intention for May

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

## First Holy Communion and Confirmation

The sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation had to be postponed due to the current lockdown that is in effect in Ontario. We hope to go ahead with the sacraments once the lockdown is lifted.

## Mass Intentions

Please note that there are no individual Mass intentions available at our parish. However, Wednesday evening Mass is offered for multiple intentions. These may be requested by calling the parish office.

## Parish Office

**Parish office is closed to the public, but you may always call and leave a message. Remember to include your name and phone number.**

## Hospital Visits

Please note that a hospital chaplain – a Roman Catholic priest – is available 24 hours a day. To arrange a visit from a priest, please ask a nurse to call the priest on duty. Parish priests are currently not allowed to visit hospitals.

## Important Reminders

- Please do not use envelopes from 2020 or from previous years. If you wish to use them, you must write your name and address on the envelope.
- Offertory envelopes for 2021 are available for pick-up in the parish hall. Those who still wish to receive a set of offertory envelopes are asked to contact the parish office.
- All donations made for parish upkeep, renovations, retreats, and any Archdiocese of Toronto collections are tax deductible. This does not apply to offerings made for Mass intentions.

## Parish Financial Report

Parish financial report for 2020 is available in the main hall of the church. Please take one.



Thank you to all who have contributed to this year's charity appeal in the Archdiocese of Toronto known as ShareLife. Your contribution helps fund ShareLife agencies which provide services in an environment rooted in Catholic values. If you are able to contribute to this cause, you may do so at any time using special envelopes in your offertory set, or on ShareLife Sundays: **June 19/20, and October 2/3.**

## Change of Address

If your address or telephone number has changed, please call the parish office.

## 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.

## 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 a list of required documents. This must be done one year prior to the anticipated date of the wedding. In addition, marriage preparation course is mandatory for all couples intending to be married in the Roman Catholic Church.

## Parish Website

[www.kolbe.ca](http://www.kolbe.ca)

## COVID-19 and Our Parish

• All public Masses are temporarily cancelled. All Masses are celebrated privately by the parish priests and the faithful are encouraged to take part in Mass through the parish TV.

• Parishes throughout the region of Peel must restrict attendance inside the church building to 10 people. Our church is open for private prayer and the hours are posted on the church door. As you enter the church foyer, you'll notice a binder with a large number indicating the number of people presently in the church. If the number is less than 10, turn the page and go in. If the number is already at 10, please wait for someone to leave the church. As you leave the church, turn the page back. This way we'll be able to keep track of the number of individuals inside the church building. Thank you for your cooperation.

• Weddings and funerals are restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry. Baptisms take place outside of Mass and are also restricted to 10 persons.

• No meetings are taking place in parish halls or other church spaces at this time. The only exception are essential services, e.g., A.A.

• All most up-to-date information is always communicated at the end of Mass. Please listen carefully.

• When leaving a message on the parish answering machine, remember to include your name and phone number.

## Latest News

**Up-to-date information concerning our parish is always communicated at the end of each Sunday Mass. Please listen carefully.**

## Memorials and Feasts

**May 18<sup>th</sup> • Saint John I** – John I was pope in the 6<sup>th</sup> century and acted as a mediator between Rome and Constantinople.

**May 20<sup>th</sup> • Saint Bernardine of Siena** – Commissioned to preach, Bernardine won converts all over northern and central Italy.

**May 21<sup>st</sup> • Saint Eugène de Mazenod** – Charles Joseph Eugène de Mazenod founded a missionary institute of priests and lay brothers, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> • Saint Rita of Cascia** – Rita lived in a convent for 40 years in prayer, contemplation and service to the poor.

## MONDAY, May 17<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Florian & Irena  
18<sup>30</sup> *May Devotion*  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for Stanislaw and Justyna on their birthdays  
○ For God's blessing for Paulina, Hiorad, Valentina Asnafi, and Artur & Kathryn Gaca

## TUESDAY, May 18<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Maria & Michal Swiatek  
18<sup>30</sup> *May Devotion*  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanislaw & Maria, brother Stanislaw Raczynowski, Miroslaw Kraska  
✠ Zofia & Zdzislaw Labenda and Jolanta & Stanislaw Malendowicz

## WEDNESDAY, May 19<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and protection for grandchildren  
○ For God's continued blessing, protection of Mother Mary, and health for Czeslawa & Stanislaw Janik on their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary  
18<sup>30</sup> *May Devotion*  
19<sup>00</sup> Group Intentions

## THURSDAY, May 20<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing, Mother Mary's protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Kamil and Daniel Siwicki  
18<sup>30</sup> *May Devotion*  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for Katarzyna on her birthday and for Mother Mary's continued protection and health  
✠ Maria, Bronislaw, and Bogumila Chwalek

## FRIDAY, May 21<sup>st</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for the Kurka and Solarz families  
18<sup>30</sup> *May Devotion*  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Krzysztof and Franciszek Komsa and deceased members of the Komsa and Makiej families  
✠ Wanda, Jozefa, Otolia, Franciszek, Jozef, Adam Ratowski and Leokadia & Eugeniusz Kanigowski

## SATURDAY, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Fryderyk Wisniowski  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jozef Kowanski (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.)  
18<sup>30</sup> *May Devotion*  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's continued blessing, protection of Mother Mary, and health for children and grandchildren

## SUNDAY, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's continued blessing and Mother Mary's protection for Marin on his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, and for Krystyna & Marcin on their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
9<sup>30</sup> ○ For God's continued blessing and health for Andrzej on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for faith, hope, love, and grace of the Holy Spirit for the Rogala family  
18<sup>30</sup> *May Devotion*  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Helena & Jozef Gogol, Elzbieta Borkowska, Stanislaw & Marian Kasprzyk