



Reflection

We live in an unpredictable world. We can never know how things will turn out or how people will react to our words. We can't be sure what tomorrow will be and because of painful experiences we've had amidst a world of flux, we can become afraid. We begin to fear losing control over our lives, to fear the criticism of others and to fear unexpected injury or loss.

How should we respond to this fear? How ought we as Christians encounter the unknown future? Our temptation can be to maintain a sense of control. We do this in a thousand different ways; by seeking to manipulate others, by hoarding our goods for potential future need, by building barriers between ourselves and strangers or those who remind us of our vulnerability. But the truth is that we don't need to protect ourselves from the harshness of an unpredictable world.

Today God reminds us that we need not fear at all, because he is sovereign and he loves us. God chose freely to create all that exists out of love and he sustains us in existence out of that same love.

Love is the driving force of the universe. All we need to do is entrust ourselves to providence, to this current of grace. Today, Jesus gives us the simple solution to fear: "Abide in my love."

Gabrielle Johnson; Edmonton, AB

First Reading: Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations.

Second Reading: 1 John 4.7-10

Gospel: John 15.9-17



Prayer to the Mother of the Lord for all mothers

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mother's Day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you. Amen.

Holy Communion on Sunday

Holy Communion will be distributed in the Good Shepherd Catechetical Centre on **Sunday, May 9th** 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:

o Monday to Saturday at 7:30 a.m.,

o 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.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On **Wednesday, May 12th**, immediately after the evening Mass and Devotion, Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites one and all to take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation to Lord Jesus for sins against life and its dignity. Join us virtually through our Parish TV.

Adoremus

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and joyful praise. All are welcome.

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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

Did you know?

May 13th • Our Lady of Fatima is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary after she appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917.

May 14th • Matthias was chosen after the Resurrection to replace Judas.

Parish Website

www.kolbe.ca

MONDAY, May 10th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw, Jozef, Henryka Golec – brother with family
- 18³⁰ *May Devotion*
- 19⁰⁰ o In thanksgiving for Veronica on her birthday
- ✠ Stanislaw & Jozef Kowalski and Natalia & Stefan Michalec – Krystyna Michalec

TUESDAY, May 11th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw and members of the Kluz and Panasiuk families
- 18³⁰ *May Devotion*
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Eddy Niedziela
- ✠ Renata Winkiel, Irena Slawkowska, Eugeniusz Rook – son with family

WEDNESDAY, May 12th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Przyslupski – wife with family
- ✠ Zofia Talarek (4th anniv.) – daughter with family
- 18³⁰ *May Devotion*
- 19⁰⁰ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, May 13th Our Lady of Fatima

- 8⁰⁰ o For gifts of the Holy Spirit and Mother Mary's protection for Anna & Chris – parents and grandmother
- 18³⁰ *May Devotion*
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw & Boleslaw Stachal and members of the Baran and Stachal families – daughter with family
- ✠ Maria Szczepanek

FRIDAY, May 14th Saint Matthias

- 8⁰⁰ o For God's grace for Aleksandra on her birthday – mother
- 18³⁰ *May Devotion*
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Leszek Aleksandrowicz (1st anniv.) – wife and Polanski family
- ✠ Katarzyna Sitarz – daughter with family

SATURDAY, May 15th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia & Jan Skicki – Skicki family
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef & Halina Rzakowski – daughter Halina with family
- 18³⁰ *May Devotion*
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Jan & Zofia Worowski – daughter with family

SUNDAY, May 16th Ascension of the Lord

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Franciszka & Wladyslaw Maleszyk and brother Marian
- 9³⁰ ✠ Roman Vilkas – wife
- 11⁰⁰ o For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Baran and members of the Baran family
- ✠ Fr. Teofil Szendzielarz (24th anniv.)
- 18³⁰ *May Devotion*
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Mieczyslaw Stanuch (7th anniv.)