



Reflection

Humans must constantly strive to know, serve, and love God. This is never easy, for it is difficult to accept one's lot in life. As we see in today's readings, people of faith often complain about being abandoned by God, as when in the first reading, Moses leads the hungry people out of Egypt. But God provides manna and eventually safe passage.

What does the Lord ask in return? We must learn to surrender and trust in his divine mercy. In our frenetic world it is too easy for us to forget to pray and foster a relationship with Christ. When hardship strikes, we can turn inward and be resentful towards God instead of reaching out to him. We can become alienated and distanced from God because our hearts have hardened.

The bread from heaven we receive today is the grace that flows from meditating on the Word. But with patience and faith in Christ, we can eventually centre ourselves so that our words, thoughts, and actions are based on our innate experience of God.

Only Christ can help us shed our old selves, the unbelieving aspect of our being, and take on a new self – one that trusts Jesus to soften our hearts and to accept that he is with us no matter what our life's circumstances.

Michael Finoro; Guelph, ON

First Reading: Exodus 16.2-4, 12-15, 31a

Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord gave them the bread of heaven.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4.17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6.24-35

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Transfiguration of the Lord

The Feast of the Transfiguration has been observed by the universal Church since the 15th century. The experience on Mount Tabor is one where Jesus reveals his divinity and invites us all into a similar mystical encounter. The path up that mountain proceeds through prayer, and on this feast, we are encouraged to read and reflect upon the biblical account of the Transfiguration.

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, August 5th
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, August 6th
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses

First Saturday of the month, August 7th
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

Confession

Sacrament of reconciliation is available 30 minutes before each Mass. Face masks are mandatory.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Emily Olivia Ambrozy
daughter of Meaghan & Patrick

Oliver Ludwik Malachowski
son of Sylwia & Andrzej

Zosia Anna Gaj
daughter of Joanna & Robert

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

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

Jessica Kozlowski,
daughter of Katarzyna and Ireneusz
& **Jacob Bleau,**
son of Patricia and Paul

Carolina Chorzepa,
daughter of Wieslawa and Slawomir
& **Michael Szweczyk,**
son of Krystyna and Wieslaw

Renata Niemiec,
daughter of Zofia and Krzysztof
& **James Cabral,**
son Elizabeth and Paul

Jessica Pliszka,
daughter of Anna and Marek
& **Marcio Blanc,**
son of Margareth and Marcio

Caroline Inicki,
daughter of Halina and Jan
& **Derek Kleinsteuber,**
son of Roselyn and Neil

who are preparing for Holy Matrimony.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples wishing to be married at St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Church must contact the parish office at least one year prior to the anticipated date of the wedding in order to open a wedding file and obtain a list of required documents. In addition, marriage preparation course is mandatory for all couples intending to be married in the Roman Catholic Church. Please keep in mind that our priests can only marry those who are registered members of our parish and reside within the geographical boundaries of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Walking Pilgrimage

In lieu of the traditional annual walking pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine, you are invited to a one-day Walking Pilgrimage in the footsteps of the Canadian Martyrs on Aug. 13th or Aug. 14th. For more information and to register, please visit www.pielgrzymka.ca. This event is primarily self-led and ends with Mass celebrated in Polish.



Canadian Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario remains closed. There will be no annual Polonia pilgrimage to Midland this year.



Parish Office phones will be off on Monday, August 2nd. Have a Safe Long Weekend!

COVID-19 and Our Parish

We are happy to announce that our church is once again open for in-person celebrations. Please note the following guidelines:

All Masses are held indoors, except for the 11 o'clock high Mass on Sunday, which is celebrated on the church parking lot, with no limit of people in attendance. If you are coming for the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, please park near the Rosary Garden.

- For sacramental celebrations, in Step 3, there is no capacity limit for places of worship. However, physical distancing of 2 metres is still required between parishioners attending Mass who are not from the same household.

- **Livestreaming** of services and dispensation from physical participation in the Sunday Eucharist continues. The elderly, those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions should be encouraged to exercise extreme caution about any outings, including attendance at church.

- **Funerals** take place from Monday to Friday in the morning.

- **Baptisms** take place outside of Mass, on Saturday mornings.

- **Meetings** in parish halls or other indoor spaces are permitted in Step 3. Attendance may not exceed 50% of meeting space capacity. Participants must be masked and physically distanced. In addition, a sign-in sheet for meetings should be provided for the purposes of contact tracking. Meals and food services at meetings is discouraged at this time.

- **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.

- Local municipal by-laws remain in place – mask use indoor should continue at this time, even for those who are fully vaccinated.

August: Abstinence from Alcohol

„Voluntary abstinence from alcohol, undertaken by adults in August, is a powerful testimony to the concern for sobriety of our friends, family, and community. It is also a valuable example for children, showing them that one can enjoy life without substance abuse.”

Bp. Tadeusz Bronakowski
Polish Bishops' Conference

If you're willing to refrain from consuming alcohol in August, consider signing your name in a special book located beside the Relics Altar.

Memorials and Feasts

August 2nd • Saint Eusebius of Vercelli played a role in battling the Arian controversy, which denied the divinity of Jesus.

August 4th • Saint John Mary Vianney: Known as the Cure of Ars, Saint John Vianney is a patron of parish priests.

August 5th • Blessed Frederic Janssoone: He helped develop Notre-Dame-du-Cap at Cap-de-la-Madeleine.

August 6th • The Transfiguration of the Lord: This feast has been observed on this day by the universal Church since the 15th century.

August 7th • Saint Sixtus II and Companions: He and several of his deacons were put to death in a catacomb where they celebrated Mass. **Saint Cajetan:** In 1524, Saint Cajetan formed a society of clerks regular called the Theatines.

Offertory Envelopes 2022

In August, we have to place an order for offertory envelopes for the year 2022. We kindly ask families who have not picked up their set this year, but would like to use the envelopes next year, to contact the parish office.

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.

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.

MONDAY, August 2nd

8⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia, Jan, Jerzy Jakubik – daughter and granddaughter
19⁰⁰ ✠ Zdzislaw Stopa (9th anniv.) – wife and children

TUESDAY, August 3rd

8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna & Stanislaw Wegrzynowski – son with family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Malgorzata, Janusz, Tomasz Bielawski – Ruta family

WEDNESDAY, August 4th

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's continued grace and Mother Mary's protection for Jozefa & Stanislaw on their 46th wedding anniversary, and for Katarzyna & Mariusz on their birthdays
19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, August 5th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Marianna, Stanislaw, Jan, Wanda Gasienica – daughter Wladyslawa
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for all priests and religious – Gold Rose Apostolate

FRIDAY, August 6th

Transfiguration of the Lord

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Agnieszka
10⁰⁰ ✠ Lidia Labenda – husband and children
19⁰⁰ ○ For Katarzyna & Zbigniew Strama on their 16th wedding anniv., for children Gabriella & Weronika, and Lukasz and Rina Kolpak with family

SATURDAY, August 7th

8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
17⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Maria & Jozef Jemiolo
19⁰⁰ ✠ Janina & Tadeusz Boryczko – grandchildren

SUNDAY, August 8th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Zenon Boreczek – son with family
9³⁰ ✠ Maria & Jan Cisek – son with family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia Makowska (1st anniv.) & Eugeniusz Jurski – daughters with families
14³⁰ ✠ Jozef & Janina Krawczyk
19⁰⁰ ✠ Malgorzata Orlinski – Anna & Sebastian with family

Rosary Intention for August

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Parish Office

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