



## Reflection

“The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” What if we thought of “my flesh,” no as Jesus’ flesh, but as ours-in-him? Are you willing to be consumed for the life of the world? Am I?

Across the centuries, believers have understood that sharing in the body and blood of Christ changed them. A theological giant such as St. John Chrysostom preached and wrote about this transformation: “I receive him to become him, to be Eucharist for others.”

It seems that today we often forget this profound truth: that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine are changed, and, by the same Spirit’s power and our sharing in holy Communion, we too are changed. In baptism we were incorporated into Christ; our sharing in holy communion renews this baptismal incorporation.

This transformation is for the sake of mission. Having shared in sacramental communion, we are sent forth, as Christ’s body, to be broken, poured out, consumed, as, for yet another week, we live self-emptying love: “My flesh, given for the life of the world.” We have said “Amen” to this demanding mission. Now our flesh, minds, and hearts are on the line, offered through, with, and in Christ as a feast for the world’s hungers.

Pray for the courage to live our “Amen.”

*Bernadette Gasslein; Edmonton, AB*

## August 14 Feast Day of our Parish Patron St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe



Saint Maximilian was born in Poland. As a Franciscan, he worked to spread the gospel in his native Poland as well as in Japan. He had a great devotion to Our Lady. During the Nazi occupation of Poland, he helped thousands of refugees, including Polish Jews. He was arrested by the Gestapo in 1941 and imprisoned at Auschwitz. Three months after Maximilian’s arrival, a prisoner escaped. In retaliation, 10 men were chosen at random to die. One was a young father. Maximilian offered to take his place.

**Born:** January 8, 1894 in Zduńska Wola

**Died:** August 14, 1941 in Auschwitz-Birkenau

**Beatified:** October 17, 1971 by Pope Paul VI

**Canonized:** October 10, 1982 by Pope John Paul II

**Feast Day:** August 14

Patron saint of families, prisoners, journalists, political prisoners, drug addicts, and the pro-life movement.

## August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Assumption of the Virgin Mary celebrates her being assumed – taken up body and soul – into heaven at the end of her earthly life. It began as a feast day in the Eastern Church after the Council of Ephesus (431) proclaimed Mary the Mother of God. By the 6<sup>th</sup> century, the feast celebrated Mary’s Dormition, her ‘falling asleep,’ meaning her death. The Western Church began to celebrate this feast around 650. **Blessing of flowers and herbs will take place on August 15<sup>th</sup> at each Mass.**

## The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

**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

**Nyna Huynh,**  
daughter of Khach Thi & Cong Van  
& **Marek Gdula,**  
son of Wiesława i Stanisław

**Alexandra Field,**  
daughter of Dorota & David  
& **Johnathon Callaghan,**  
son of Laura & John

**Joanna Bak,**  
daughter of Maria & Jerzy  
& **Martin Nowak,**  
son of Irena & Władysław

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. 13<sup>th</sup> or Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information and to register, please visit [www.pielgrzymka.ca](http://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.**

## 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.

## Bulletin Advertisements

Did you know that the advertising in our parish bulletin generates annual revenue towards our parish’s financial obligations? Thank you for patronizing our advertisers! If you would like to advertise your business, please contact the parish office.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> • Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross:** Although she was a convert to Catholicism, Edith Stein always acknowledged her Jewish heritage and saw the Cross as her destiny.

**August 10<sup>th</sup> • Saint Lawrence:** He was one of the most venerated Roman martyrs of the early Church.

**August 11<sup>th</sup> • Saint Clare:** She authored the first rule for religious life for women written by a woman.

**August 12<sup>th</sup> • Saint Jane Frances de Chantal:** With her spiritual advisor, Francis de Sales, Saint Jane Frances founded the Congregation of the Visitation for women.

**August 13<sup>th</sup> • Saints Pontian and Hippolytus:** Both men faced banishment and died as martyrs.

## 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.

## 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.

## MONDAY, August 9<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Krystyna Domiter – daughter with family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Karolina & Franciszek Kulesza – grandson

## TUESDAY, August 10<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Marianna Gwiazda – son with family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Katarzyna & Władysław Niedziela and Walenty Siuda

## WEDNESDAY, August 11<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Stanisław Łukasik (anniv.) – daughter Alicja  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Group Intentions

## THURSDAY, August 12<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Maria Kmiołek – children  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Mary Hudson and members of the Urbanek and Panek families

## FRIDAY, August 13<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> In thanksgiving for Julia Wroblewski on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Jozefa & Jan Przydatek and parents on both sides

## SATURDAY, August 14<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Iwona Dudek and Bronisława & Feliks Dudek – children with family  
17<sup>00</sup> ✚ Benito Cucci – family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Members of the Rakoczy and Skibinski families – family

## SUNDAY, August 15<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Krystyna Kocjan (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.) and parents Maria & Waclaw Czerenko – family  
9<sup>30</sup> In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God’s blessing for Helena & Jan  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ✚ Antoni Woloszczak (4<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – children with families  
14<sup>30</sup> For Jerzy & Joanna Cierpich on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Genowefa & Kazimierz Kuznicki (anniv.) – daughter

## 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.**

## Confession

Sacrament of reconciliation is available 30 minutes before each Mass, with some exceptions. Face masks are mandatory.

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19.4-8

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4.30 – 5.2

**Gospel:** John 6.41-51

**Parish Website**  
[www.kolbe.ca](http://www.kolbe.ca)