

## Reflection

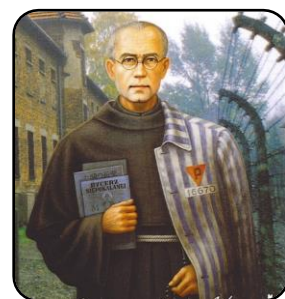
Mary's prayer in today's Gospel passage is both humble and confident. Following her cousin Elizabeth's proclamation of Mary as blessed among women, Mary replies with hymn of praise to God: her Magnificat.

Mary says, "My soul magnifies the Lord" and firmly sets her confidence in God. Though birthing God for the world must have seemed utterly impossible to Mary, she trusts that God will fulfill his plans with her. Her ongoing faith-filled response to God's call, uniquely miraculous and difficult as it is, should inspire us to trust in God with such radical confidence ourselves – not a confidence that overinflates our sense of self, elevating ourselves above others, but one that is rooted in God's care and mercy. This value placed on humble confidence is echoed later: God "has brought down the powerful...and lifted up the lowly." Though Jesus has not yet been born, Mary recognizes that God is already present in the midst of his people in a new way in her pregnant body, to which John responds with joy while still in Elizabeth's womb.

Mary carries Jesus in her womb; we carry him with our lives. May we see that God invites us to embrace the humble confidence of Mary in our own lives, recognizing that God is already at work in us to bring mercy into the world.

*Kelly Bourke; Regina, SK*

**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 Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at each Mass.**

**First Reading:** Revelation 11.19a; 12.1-6a, 10ab

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*At your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15.20-26

**Gospel:** Luke 1.39-56

**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.

## The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

**Andrew Swiderski**  
son of Anna & Bryan

**Jacob Michael Olizarczyk**  
son of Justyna & Michal

**Luna Kaczmarek**  
daughter of Sylvia & Michal

**Matthew Alexander Lekarczyk**  
son of Katarzyna & Daniel

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

## The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

**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 & Wladyslaw

**Beata Dziedzic,**  
daughter of Maria & Boguslaw  
& **Angelo Sicilia,**  
son of Angela & Vince

**Paulina Milkowska,**  
daughter of Maria & Jacek  
& **Jose Ferreira,**  
son of Graciosa & Jose

**Anna Papis,**  
daughter of Beata & Piotr  
& **Michael Pilotti,**  
son of Rosanna & Romeo

who are preparing for Holy Matrimony.

## Confession

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

## Polish Donuts are Back!

Knights of Columbus will be selling pączki on Sunday, at the back of the parking lot, near the garage. Enjoy!

## 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.**

## 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.

## 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.

## Scholarship Applications The Canadian Polish Millennium Fund

The Canadian Polish Millennium Fund is offering grants to students of Polish descent who have completed their first year of studies and are currently enrolled in a program of study at a Canadian post-secondary educational institution. The deadline for submission is **September 15, 2021**. Application forms can be obtained from [www.millenniumfund.ca](http://www.millenniumfund.ca) and once complete, can be dropped off at the parish or mailed to:

Canadian Polish Millennium Fund  
Fundusz Wieczysty Milenium  
3055 Lakeshore Blvd. W.  
Toronto, Ontario M8V 1K6

For further information, please contact the organizers at:  
[www.millenniumfund.ca](http://www.millenniumfund.ca)  
[cpmf@millenniumfund.ca](mailto:cpmf@millenniumfund.ca) / [cpmf@kpk.org](mailto:cpmf@kpk.org)  
(416) 532-1921

## Bulletin Advertisements

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## COVID-19 and Our Parish

We are happy to announce that our church is once again open for in-person celebrations. All Masses are held indoors.

- 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.

**OBLATE WORLD MISSIONS**  
Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate - MAMI

## Coffee from Madagascar

Friends of the Missions (MAMI) in collaboration with Oblate Youth Canada invite you to support Malagasy families by purchasing **coffee (\$12) from mission countries**. There is a wide range of flavours available, and all proceeds help provide tuition, school supplies, daily meals, and medicine for children and their families in Madagascar. To make a purchase, please call the parish office at (905) 848-2420. Thank you for your support.

## MONDAY, August 16<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Walerian Kedzia (16<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – Krystyna and Adam  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Wladyslaw and Emil Krupka – Zofia with family

## TUESDAY, August 17<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jadwiga & Tadeusz  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's continued blessing for Dorota & Sean on heir 4<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

## WEDNESDAY, August 18<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jolanta Pycella-Matyssek  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Group Intentions

## THURSDAY, August 19<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Maria Niemoczynski – family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jozef Taborowski – Maria Pigiel

## FRIDAY, August 20<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Maria & Michal Swiatek – children  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Maria & Jozef Glowonia and deceased family members

## SATURDAY, August 21<sup>st</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For Mother Mary's protection for the Malek & Wnuk families  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jan Jankowski – daughter and son  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For Mother Mary's protection and for health for Marianna Tworz on her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday – family

## SUNDAY, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Wieslaw Schab (4<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – wife  
9<sup>30</sup> ✠ Teresa & Leonard Sr. And Charlie Attard – Leonard Jr. with wife  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's continued grace for Maria & Jan Wisniowski, their children, and grandchildren  
14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Jadwiga & Marian Towarek and Kazimierz Daniel – family  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's continued blessing for Ewa & Andrzej on their wedding anniversary

## 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.