



Reflection

The words proclaimed today in the Gospel are extremely important to our faith and tradition as Catholics. After he feeds the crowd and walks on water, Jesus tells his disciples that unless they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will not have life.

In the face of this seemingly gruesome teaching, many disciples decide to walk away. When the twelve are given the opportunity to leave, Peter's response is one of faith. Instead of backing away from the difficult teaching given by Jesus, he responds with absolute trust, remembering that the one who speaks these words is the Holy One of God.

Sometimes we do not understand what God is telling us, or why we are going through a difficult situation. Sometimes the truth is inconvenient or too difficult to digest and we are tempted to walk away from God.

We are invited today to have a faith like Peter's – to trust in God, no matter how mysterious his ways. In fact, the communication we are about to share is an act of faith: we believe in the true presence of Jesus in the bread and wine. As we go back into the world after taking part in the Eucharist today, let us remember that we are carrying the life of God within us. May his life shine brightly through us!

Myriam Dupuis;
Etobicoke, ON

First Reading:

Joshua 24.1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 4.32 – 5.1-2, 21-32

Gospel:

John 6.53, 60-69

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Christian Alexander Zielinski
son of Aleksandra & Damian

Maksym Dybas
son of Paulina & Jaroslaw

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who are registered members of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and would like to baptize their child must contact the parish office at least 6 weeks before the anticipated date of baptism. Nowadays, baptisms take place on Saturday mornings, outside of Mass.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for

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.

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.

Confession

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

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.

Memorials and Feasts

August 23 • Saint Rose of Lima: Saint Rose of Lima is the first canonized saint of the New World.

August 24 • Saint Bartholomew: The Gospel of Matthew, Mark, and Luke and the Acts of the Apostles count Bartholomew as one of the 12 apostles.

August 25 • Saint Louis: Saint Louis was a man of justice and mercy, of peace and great piety. Saint Joseph Calasanz: Saint Joseph Calasanz was canonized in 1767 and is a patron of schools serving the needs of poor children.

August 27 • Saint Monika: All we know about Saint Monika – St. Augustine's mother – comes from Saint Augustine's *Confessions*.

August 28 • Saint Augustine: Saint Augustine is one of the greatest Fathers of the Church, known as a Doctor of Grace.

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.



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.

Happening at
the John Paul II
Polish Cultural Centre
www.jp2pcc.ca



PĄCZKI (donuts) are available for purchase
after all Sunday Masses.

JUBILEE BOOK FAIR runs this Sunday
from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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 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
cpmf@millenniumfund.ca / cpmf@kpk.org
(416) 532-1921

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.

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 Website

www.kolbe.ca

MONDAY, August 23rd

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing, Mother Mary's protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Anna on her birthday – friends
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and Mother Mary's guidance for Christian on his 33rd birthday – parents

TUESDAY, August 24th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Leokadia Swiercz
19⁰⁰ ✠ Maria & Jerzy Taborowski – daughter-in-law with family

WEDNESDAY, August 25th

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for the protection of Our Lady of Czestochowa for Christine on her birthday
19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, August 26th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Robert Wroblewski (5th anniv.)
19⁰⁰ ✠ Julian & Franciszka Staronski – daughter

FRIDAY, August 27th

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's continued blessing for Bogdan on his birthday
19⁰⁰ ✠ Brothers Lucjan, Wacław, and Antoni Nowotnik, sister Alina Skolimowska, and Celina Glonska – family

SATURDAY, August 28th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Katarzyna Sadowska – family
17⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and God's continued blessing o the 1st wedding anniversary of Klaudia & Marek and Oliwia & Grzegorz – parents
19⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased members of the Szabuniewicz and Sosnowski families

SUNDAY, August 29th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimiera Niedzialkowska (12th anniv.) – daughter with family
9³⁰ ✠ Deceased members of the Janusz family – son with family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Jakub Glowinski – family
14³⁰ ✠ Wladyslawa & Edward Chojnacki and Eleonora Chwastek – daughter with family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stefania & Michal Dolzycki and Maria Przystar – Zofia with sons

