



## Reflection

More and more I become confused by the clutter of all the messages that bombard my senses. Everyone has an opinion, their point of view, their “two cents’ worth.” How am I to make sense of all that I hear, see, and experience? I am not alone in this dilemma, as Jesus’ disciples had question about his second coming and the end of the world.

The disciples are frightened when Jesus shares with them a preview of what will happen in our planet’s final days. I too can become gripped by dread as I imagine the catastrophic impact and the resulting suffering when this world is no more. What exactly will happen? When will this take place? During my lifetime?

Jesus’ proclamations are true and to be trusted. Our brother and Saviour is reminding us who he is, why he came to live among us, what he taught and why he died for us. With hope and trust, I want and need to focus at this Eucharist on Jesus nourishing me with his sacramental presence. On this World Day of the Poor, whatever my circumstances, may I live in faith the good news that the Lord is my Shepherd. May my faith be solid in knowing that no matter what, Jesus has my back.

Gerry Sobie  
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**First Reading:** Daniel 12.1-3

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Protect me, O God,  
for in you I take refuge.*

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10.11-14, 18

**Gospel:** Mark 13.24-32

## – CURRENT NEWS –

### 2021 World Day of the Poor

The Fifth World Day of the Poor is observed this Sunday, **November 14**.

In the message, entitled “*The poor you will always have with you*” (Mk 14:7), Pope Francis states: “The poor, always and everywhere, evangelize us, because they enable us to discover in new ways the true face of the Father. ‘They have much to teach us. Besides participating in the *sensus fidei*, they know the suffering Christ through their own sufferings. It is necessary that we all let ourselves be evangelized by them. The new evangelization is an invitation to recognize the salvific power of their lives and to place them at the centre of the Church’s journey. We are called to discover Christ in them, to lend them our voice in their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to understand them and to welcome the mysterious wisdom that God wants to communicate to us through them. Our commitment does not consist exclusively of activities or programs of promotion and assistance; what the Holy Spirit mobilizes is not an unruly activism, but above all an attentiveness that considers the other in a certain sense as one with ourselves. This loving attentiveness is the beginning of a true concern for their person which inspires me effectively to seek their good’ (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 198-199).”

Pope Francis established the World Day of Poor following the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in November 2016.

### 103<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Poland’s Independence

This **Sunday, November 14**, the Canadian Polish Congress in Mississauga is organizing the commemorations of the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Poland’s Independence and Remembrance Day. The festivities will commence with Mass at 11:00 a.m., followed by a short ceremony at the Polish Patriots’ Monument square adjacent to the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. All are welcome to attend.

### 2022 Calendars

2022 religious calendars highlighting selected Eucharistic miracles from around the world are available for purchase in the sacristy after each Mass. The cost is still \$5 per calendar.

## – SACRAMENTS –

### The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

**Noah Alexander Doroszko,**  
son of Aleksandra

Welcome, Noah, to our Church community!

### 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.

### Confession

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

### Group Mass Intentions

Wednesday evening Mass is celebrated in multiple intentions. These can be submitted by calling the parish office on weekdays before 5 p.m.



### Shepherds’ Trust

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. The Shepherds’ Trust supports our priests to help them live their retirement years with dignity.

This trust fund is a tangible way to care for those who cared for us and to give thanks for the blessings we have received through them. **Thank you for supporting the Shepherds’ Trust this Sunday.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### Kolbe Youth

Youth meetings have begun!

**High School students:**  
**Thursdays at 8:20 p.m.**

**College/University students:**  
**Fridays at 8:20 p.m.**

## – DON’T MISS –

### Commitment Mass

Attention parishioners: Commitment Mass for Confirmation candidates will take place next **Sunday, November 21 at 9:30 a.m.** If possible, please attend Mass at a different time, so as to leave enough room for the youth and their families. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Altar Servers

If you’re in grade 3 or up and would like to become an altar server, please pick up a registration form from the sacristy, fill it out, and hand it in to any one of our parish priests.

**A Message regarding  
the John Paul II  
Polish Cultural Centre**



When our parish church was completed about 30 years ago, its pastor Fr. Stanislaw Bak began to realize his next dream – the building of a Polish Cultural Centre. It was to be a place for everyone who cared about their roots and valued the language and culture of their forefathers. Thanks to the generosity of many – some are still among us – the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre was built.

Now, after lack of income due to Covid 19, the necessity of replacing the leaking roof, and loss of many tenants – particularly the Credit Union – the Centre finds itself in a very grave financial position. A line of credit necessary to pay for the roof and other needed repairs, and the lack of income to pay it off raises the question of how the Centre can survive.

Therefore, we must ask for help from all those who value the work of the Centre in preserving the Polish heritage for themselves and future generations. We desperately need this help. We can not let the Centre close, as has been the case for other similar Polish Centres throughout Ontario.

On two consecutive Sundays, November 21 and 28, we will be conducting a fundraising blitz at the Centre. Members of the Maximilian Kolbe Foundation will be at the Centre to answer your questions and accept donations. Income tax receipts will be issued for any contributions in excess of \$50.00.

## – OTHER NEWS –

Our church is 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 – the use of face masks inside all public places is still in effect, even for those who are fully vaccinated.**

### Rosary Intention for November

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

### Offertory Envelopes for 2022



Offertory envelopes for 2022 will be available soon. If you do not have a set but wish to have one, please contact the parish office.

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY, November 15<sup>th</sup> St. Albert the Great

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanislaw Nowak – son with family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanislaw Lewandowski (4<sup>th</sup> anniv.)  
✠ Marianna & Stanislaw Dybala

### TUESDAY, November 16<sup>th</sup> St. Margaret of Scotland / St. Gertrude

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Tomasz Ujda – mother  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Margaret & Joseph Budzinski – Helena & Ricky  
✠ Grandparents of the Kolodziejczak & Siuda families

### WEDNESDAY, November 17<sup>th</sup> St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Members of the Szkilnyk, Smolak, and Prochowski families  
○ In thanksgiving for Helena on her birthday and for God’s continued blessing and Mother Mary’s protection for her  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Group Intentions

### THURSDAY, November 18<sup>th</sup> The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul

8<sup>00</sup> ○ Special intention for God’s blessing, Mother Mary’s protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Aleksander Miodrag on his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday – parents  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Alojzy, Milan, and Jozef Wisniowski – son with family  
✠ Helena & Wladyslaw – son with family

### FRIDAY, November 19<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Tadeusz Bialy – son with family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Natalia & Henryk Milkowski  
✠ Olga Panasiewicz

### SATURDAY, November 20<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Michal Puzio – daughter with family  
17<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for Maxim on his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday and for God’s blessing and Mother Mary’s protection for him  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Zofia & Henryk Kaczmarczyk, Kazimiera & Zenon Kozlowski, and members of the Kaczmarczyk, Kucharski, Kozlowski, and Przybysz families

### SUNDAY, November 21<sup>st</sup>

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Janina Dobosz (13<sup>th</sup> anniv.)  
9<sup>30</sup> ✠ Maria & Daniel Pawluch – son with family  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for Adam on his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and for God’s blessing for his family  
14<sup>30</sup> ○ Special intention for God’s blessing for Anna & Stanislaw on their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary – daughters  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Mieczyslaw Ciesla (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.)