



Reflection

God’s love for us is unlimited. Easter is the ultimate demonstration of that. So why do we sometimes limit what we can receive from God?

In Grade 8, my favourite sport was basketball and I was happily surprised to make the school team. I didn’t enjoy the experience, though, because I felt I didn’t know what I was doing and would be found out at any moment. Similarly, in today’s Gospel, Thomas closed himself off to God’s gifts.

When Jesus appeared to the disciples, they were afraid and uncertain. He brought them the comfort and sense of purpose they needed. Thomas was not present for this encounter, but he too was probably afraid and longed for reassurance. He had seen Jesus perform miracles and knew that Jesus was capable of rising from the dead. The disciples’ words could have been enough for Thomas to receive the peace and purpose that Jesus wanted to give him. Instead, he chose to remain in fear and doubt for a whole week longer than everyone else.

Jesus didn’t give up on Thomas. He came back just for him. This time, Thomas responded eagerly and open-heartedly. Let us have an eager and open faith and guard against fear and doubt so that we can enjoy the limitless gifts God has for us.

Kate Larson; Nepean, ON

**First Reading:** Acts 5.12-16  
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.*  
**Second Reading:**  
Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19  
**Gospel:** John 20.19-31

**Second Collection**  
April 23/24 – Building Fund  
April 30/May 1 – Share Life  
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– THIS WEEKEND –

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, on the first Sunday after Easter, the Catholic Church celebrates **Divine Mercy Sunday**, a feast day established by St. John Paul II. The cult of Divine Mercy is associated with the apparitions experienced by St. Faustina Kowalska, to whom Jesus appeared in 1935, recommending that she spread the message of God’s Mercy to the whole world. On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002, during a pilgrimage to Poland, John Paul II entrusted the whole world to God’s Mercy and blessed the Shrine in Kraków Łagiewniki.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

God’s grace and blessing to the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries:

- 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Beata & Jan Nicki**
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Malgorzata & Janusz Stoch**
- 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Barbara & Kazimierz Radzki**
- 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Elzbieta & Edward Sowa**
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Ursula & Andrew Makula**
- 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**Janina & Tadeusz Ambrozy**

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

- Adam Lech,**  
son of Anna & Sebastian
- Carter Jordan,**  
son of Magdalena & Daniel

- Dominic Casciaro,**  
son of Renata & Leonardo

- Filip Rogala,**  
son of Monika & Mateusz

- Kasper Paszkiewicz,**  
son of Monika & Gerard

- Kevin Avery Metti,**  
son of Victoria & Jan

- Noah Christopher Grzelak,**  
son of Natalie & Paul

- Thymon Adrian Mroz,**  
son of Agnieszka & Tomasz

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

– COMING UP –

Radio Maria Banquet

Easter Banquet in support of Radio Maria will be held this **Sunday, April 24** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. and banquet will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets at \$60 are available from:  
Joanna Szydlowska (905) 819-1040  
Joanna Strzerek (905) 845-3553

Day of Retreat

The Order of Discalced Carmelites and Fr. Bogdan Osiecki OMI are organizing a day of retreat on **Saturday, April 30** at St. Eugene Parish in Brampton. The program begins with Holy Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a talk, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and refreshments. The retreat will conclude at 12 noon. All are welcome to attend.

Constitution Day

The Canadian Polish Congress in Mississauga is organizing the commemorations of the 231<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the enactment of the Polish Constitution on **Sunday, May 1**. The festivities will commence at 11 a.m. with Holy Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Afterwards, a short ceremony will take place at the Polish Patriots’ monument square adjacent to the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre and will include raising of the Canadian and Polish national flags, the singing of the two National Anthems and short speeches. All are welcome!

Meeting for Parents of First Communion Children

Final meeting for parents of children who will receive First Holy Communion in May will take place on **Sunday, May 1 at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. This is an important organizational meeting. Attendance is absolutely mandatory.

March for Life in Ottawa

Kolbe Pro Life is organizing a one-day trip to Ottawa for the National March for Life on **Thursday, May 12**. Departure early in the morning from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Cost: \$30 per person. Registration: in the parish office during office hours, on May 1 in the parish hall, or by email at skalpel721@gmail.com. For details, please see the poster located in the church.

Jubilee Celebration

Sister Halina Pierożak MChR is celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of religious life. Holy Mass in the intention of Sister Halina will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 28 at 7 p.m.** Parishioners wishing to take part in a banquet (hot dinner) are asked to contact the parish office.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for the following couples as they prepare for Holy Matrimony:

- Dominika Seczyk,**  
daughter of Joanna & Leszek  
& **Sebastian Valle,**  
son Anna & Jose

- Victoria Campana,**  
daughter of Ida & Peter  
& **Brad Craddock,**  
son of Mary & Jacob

- Prianka Kaur,**  
daughter of Surjit & Dharminder  
& **Kamil Kaganek,**  
son of Magdalena & Mariusz

- Alexandra Polkowska,**  
daughter of Lidia & Marek  
& **Philip Fudalej,**  
son of Malgorzata & Kazimierz

Faithful Departed



The following parishioners passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

- ✠ Jessica Dunajski, 28
- ✠ Artur Chorostkowski, 39
- ✠ Ewa Wielopolski, 61
- ✠ Bogdan Salamowicz, 63
- ✠ Marek Nadzieja, 66
- ✠ Edward Organka, 71
- ✠ Feliks Ruminski, 85
- ✠ Emilia Jasinski, 86
- ✠ Marian Klich, 95
- ✠ Joan Rynkun, 98

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped out and took part in the Triduum. Special thank you to Sister Halina Pierożak and Mrs. Beata Wiekiera for their time and talent in decorating the church for Easter.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession takes place 30 minutes before each Mass. No registration is required.

**Holy Rosary will be led by Rose #27.**

Our Church is Open

On March 1, 2022, capacity limits and physical distancing requirements were lifted for places of worship in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Cardinal Collins writes: “The Eucharist remains the source and summit of our life in Christ. For Christians, participation in the Sunday Eucharist is the central experience of the week, and that is the foundation for the obligation of every Catholic to be personally present at Mass every Sunday. Of course, if there is a legitimate reason (such as being sick) this obligation does not apply.”



ShareLife Sunday is next weekend

When you support ShareLife, you support agencies like Mary Centre. Here’s how your support makes a difference for the work of this agency:

“Thank you to all who donate to ShareLife. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people in their efforts in building a good life, and also providing a safe place for people with a developmental disability to stay so that their families/caregivers and themselves can get some needed respite.”

**Thank you for supporting ShareLife!**

Intentions for Wednesday Mass

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

Paris Office Hours

- Monday: closed
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. – 12 noon
- Sunday: closed
- Lunch break: 12 noon – 1 p.m.*

Table Tennis Tournament

Table Tennis Club is organizing a tournament on **Sunday, May 1** at John Paul II Cultural Centre. All are welcome. More info at: <https://centrumtabletennis.com/>

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

April 25<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God’s grace, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and Mother Mary’s protection for Marta & Michal on their birthdays – parents
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Wladyslaw, Mirosław, and members of the Barszcz family – family
- In thanksgiving for Maria & Tomasz Koziel on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their wedding – sister with husband

TUESDAY

April 26<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For healthy delivery and God’s grace for daughter Bernadeta
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Aleksander Czerepak – children and grandchildren
- ✠ Slawomir Kostecki

WEDNESDAY

April 27<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Mieczyslaw Warzocha (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.) – daughter and family
- ✠ Anna Juszczyńska-Abramowska and deceased family members – daughter and family
- 19<sup>00</sup> ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY

April 28<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Parents Maria & Szymon Kurant
- 19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Sean Skorupski on his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday and for Justin and Kaylin – grandparents
- ✠ Zenon Koczwarą – wife
- For Friends of the Missions (MAMI)

FRIDAY

April 29<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Feliksa & Jozef Blaszczyk – family
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Marek Krol, Olga & Kazimierz Borek, Tadeusz Borek, Bożena Kosiorek, Leokadia Makara – family
- ✠ Husband Jerzy Michalowski, parents Pelagia & Zbigniew Michalowski, and members of the Sybis and Kardynal families

SATURDAY

April 30<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Piotr Niemiec – son and family
- 17<sup>00</sup> ○ For healing and better health for Harold & Stephanie Jenkin – Christopher
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanislaw Slowiak

SUNDAY

May 1<sup>st</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ For members of the Rosary Family
- 9<sup>30</sup> ✠ Wladyslaw & Anna Ozga – daughters and family
- 11<sup>00</sup> ○ Special intention on the occasion of the 231<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the declaration of the Constitution of 3 May, 1791
- 13<sup>00</sup> ✠ Lukasz Dracz (4<sup>th</sup> anniv.), Krzysztof and Franciszek Komsa, and members of the Komsa, Makiej and Dracz families
- 14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Daniela & Witold Struzek – daughters and family
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Dennis Iles (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – wife and daughter