



Reflection

There are times when we feel like the disciples in today's Gospel – not sure when or if the Lord might return and not knowing what we are supposed to do as we wait. For me, this was during the pandemic, when I was not able to enter a church for nearly a year in order to prevent the spread of COVID. I related to the disciples, not knowing what to do on the edge of such a precipice, without my routine connection to the Lord.

When reading how Jesus appeared to the disciples after the Resurrection, I reflect on times when I did not initially recognize Jesus' presence in my own life, especially during the early days and months of the pandemic. I am reminded that it is not always through his presence in the flesh, but rather the compassionate action of others, that we see Jesus in our lives even today.

Today's Gospel is not just about the challenges or recognizing the Lord. It is also about how Jesus approaches Peter, reminding him that he is forgiven and still invited to follow. This shows us that it is not enough to see Jesus through the actions of others; we must respond to Jesus' invitation and lead by our own actions, so that those whom we meet may also see the Lord.

Julianna Deutscher; Edmonton, AB

First Reading: Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41

Responsorial Psalm:

*I will extol you, Lord,
for you have raised me up.*

Second Reading: Revelation 5.11-14

Gospel: John 21.1-19

Second Collection

April 30/May 1 – Share Life
May 21/22 – Pope's Pastoral Works
May 28/29 – Building Fund
Thank you for your generosity.

– THIS WEEKEND –

Meeting for Parents of First Communion Children

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

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Gabriel Jan Maslanka,
son of Karolina & Boguslaw

Gabriella Romy Balana Czan,
daughter of Rommie-Faye & Michal

Marcel Eugeniusz Wybraniak,
son of Ewelina & Rafal

Romulo Santiago Balana Jimenez,
son of Kathleen & Juan

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

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, May 5th
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, May 6th
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.
Confession starts at 6 p.m.

First Saturday of the month, May 7th
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

Constitution Day

The Canadian Polish Congress in Mississauga is organizing the commemorations of the 231st anniversary of the enactment of the Polish Constitution this **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!

On **Sunday, May 8 at 12 noon**, Polish Canadian Congress is organizing a Constitution Day Parade in Toronto. More information can be found at www.kpk.org or their Facebook page.

– IN MAY –

Solemnity of Our Lady Queen of Poland

On **May 3**, the Catholic Church in Poland celebrates the solemnity of Our Lady Queen of Poland. This day is closely tied to a number of important events in the history of Poland: the defense of Jasna Góra against the Swedes in 1655, the ascension to the throne by Jan Kazimierz and his subsequent entrusting of the kingdom to the protection of the Virgin Mary, and also the adoption of the Constitution of May 3, 1791. The solemnity was established at the request of the Polish bishops after Poland regained its independence at the end of World War I. It highlights the country's great faith in God's protection that Poles have experienced and continue to experience through Mary's intercession. The worship of Mary as the Queen of Poland is very old. An example of it is *Bogurodzica*, the oldest Polish religious song. It played the role of the country's national anthem for many centuries.

On Tuesday, May 3, the 7 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in Polish.

Kolbe Seniors Club

Holy Mass in the intention of members of the Kolbe Seniors Club will take place on **Tuesday, May 3 at 10 a.m.**, followed by a meeting at John Paul II Cultural Centre.

Month of Mary – May Devotions



The month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Join us as we pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Litany) daily at 6:30 p.m.

Fatima Devotions – May 13

Join us for Fatima Devotions on the 13th day of the month, from May to October. After the evening Mass, we will walk in procession to the Rosary Garden. Please bring a candle.

– COMING UP –

Change of Mass Schedule

Please note that on **Saturday, May 7** and **Saturday, May 14**, the English Mass will be celebrated at **4 p.m.** (not 5 p.m.). During these two Masses, children from our parish will receive their First Holy Communion. You should expect bigger crowds than usual.

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: this Sunday, May 1, in the parish hall, in the parish office during office hours, 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 25th 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:

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

Malvina Roma Kozak,
daughter of Elzbieta & Roman
& **Tyler Noel McGuffin,**
son of Sherri-Ann & Leon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

– OTHER NEWS –

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

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

"ShareLife is the way the rubber hits the road. This is how we validate the legitimacy and integrity of our Christian life: not by the words we speak, but by the love we share, in practical ways. That's what we do with ShareLife."

– Cardinal Thomas Collins

Please give generously during the ShareLife Sunday collection or at sharelife.org.

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 this **Sunday, May 1** at John Paul II Cultural Centre. All are welcome. More info at: <https://centrumtabletennis.com/>

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

May 2nd

8⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia Talarek (5th anniv.)
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for gifts of the Holy Spirit for the Szaran family
✠ Parents Maria & Antoni Giergont, Stanislaw Kuzma, Andrzej Olszewski, Andrzej Garczarek

TUESDAY

May 3rd

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's continued care and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Elzbieta & Tadeusz
10⁰⁰ ○ Members of the Kolbe Seniors Club
19⁰⁰ ✠ Barbara (1st anniv.) and family members – sister
✠ John & Tennie Bielawski, Stan Modrowski – family

WEDNESDAY

May 4th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Katarzyna & Wladyslaw Janczura – son and family
✠ Katarzyna & Bronislaw Sitarz – Halina Labinska
19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY

May 5th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Teresa & Ryszard Pypno – Teresa & Stefan Szczurek
✠ Zenon Panasiewicz
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for all Priests and Religious – Gold Rose Apostolate

FRIDAY

May 6th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw & Piotr Jurczak – family
10⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw, Wladyslaw, and Stanislaw Debinski
19⁰⁰ ✠ Emilia & Michal Serwin – son and family

SATURDAY

May 7th

8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
16⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for Matthew on his 18th birthday
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw & Boleslaw Stachal and members of the Stachal and Baran families – daughter and family

SUNDAY

May 8th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Baran and members of the Baran family – wife
9³⁰ ✠ Eugeniusz Hul & Eugenia Hul (7th anniv.) – sister and family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ○ For God's continued blessing and grace for Bozena & Andrzej on their 25th wedding anniversary
14³⁰ ✠ Witold Klimowicz – family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Malgorzata Motyka – husband and sons

Holy Rosary will be led by Rose #28.