



Reflection

“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.” Jesus is whispering his yearning for us through the Gospel today. Do we hear him, follow him, and desire to be with him?

The call to be all for God is meant to grow day by day. The more we are faithful to his promptings to mature in grace, the more we become one with God. The more we thirst for God’s love, the more we are filled with the Holy Spirit. In the first reading, we see God empowers us and acts in us so that we may be an instrument of salvation for others. The joy of being redeemed and being filled with God’s presence is too much to share. We not only want others to have abundant life now but the blessed life in the next, as described in the second reading.

Walking with the Good Shepherd is walking in his grace, which will carry us through trial to triumph. Jesus has done that – he rose from the dead, conquering sin and death, so that we could be with the Father. “I give them eternal life, and they will never parish.” Our Shepherd is saying again today: Be with me, now and forever. Let us respond with joy: Yes, Lord. Here is my heart.

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First Reading: Acts 13.14, 43-52

Responsorial Psalm:

*We are his people:
the sheep of his pasture.*

Second Reading: Revelation 7.9, 14b-17

Gospel: John 10.27-30

Second Collection

May 21/22 – Pope’s Pastoral Works

May 28/29 – Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity.

– THIS WEEKEND –

Good Shepherd Sunday

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday is observed on Sunday, May 8. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord’s instruction to, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord’s call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

First Holy Communion



This weekend, 39 children in our parish will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the very first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they celebrate their special

day. **A big THANK YOU to all catechists who helped prepare the children for the sacrament of Holy Eucharist: Eva Labenda, Karolina Witkowski, Magda Hofman, Olivia Dziedzic, Olivia Kalbarczyk, Victoria Baniak, Viktoria Glen, Victoria Wszeborowski.** May God bless them for their hard work, give them the wisdom to continue to teach, and the joy to proclaim the Good News of salvation.



We thank our mothers for their unconditional love and care. We thank them especially for the gift of life and wish them good health, happiness, and many of God graces.

Mother Mary, be for our moms a source of strength and an example of never ending love and compassion.

Lunch for Mom

The youth from our parish are inviting everyone to the parish hall for “Lunch for Moms.” They will have bigos, pierogi, grilled cheese toast, minced chops, and many other goodies that every mom likes. Donations from the sales are meant for the World Youth Day in Portugal.

The Sacrament of Baptism

will be bestowed upon

Illiana Mateja Elizabeth Hernandez,
daughter of Eva & David

We welcome Illiana to our Church community and congratulate her parents and Godparents.



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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On **Thursday, May 12**, immediately after the evening Mass, Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites one and all to take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation to Lord Jesus for sins against life and its dignity.

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.

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, May 13** after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and joyful praise.

Change of Mass Schedule

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

Lay Franciscans

Lay Franciscans will meet on **Sunday, May 15 at 2 p.m.** in Brother Anthony Room

Constitution Day Parade

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

SACRAMENTS AT OUR PARISH

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for...

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

...as they prepare for Holy Matrimony.

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. Godparents must meet the criteria of Canon 874 (1): be at least 16 years old; be fully initiated into the Catholic Church; be in good standing with the Church and not cohabitating). For more information and to obtain a registration form, please e-mail the parish office at kolbeizabela@gmail.com.

RECONCILIATION

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

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. 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. For more information, please e-mail the parish office at kolbemagda@gmail.com.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

- Please contact the parish office if you or your loved one require a home visit from a priest.
- A hospital chaplain – a Roman Catholic priest – is on-call 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.

Holy Rosary will be led by Rose #29.

– 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 and
the World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. Through ShareLife, you invested in our Church’s future by supporting 60 seminarians at St. Augustine’s Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in this past academic year.

Thus far our parish has raised [insert total raised] toward our goal of [insert goal amount]. If you haven’t yet contributed, please make your sacrificial gift through the parish office or at sharelife.org.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

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.

Pope’s Rosary Intention for May

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary’s life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

May 9th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ For God’s blessing for the Kurek and Solarz families
19⁰⁰ ✠ Krystyna and Andrzej Szuba – daughter and family
✠ Parents Kazimiera and Julian Gaździcki – daughter Irena and family

TUESDAY

May 10th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s continued blessing for Czeslawa and Stanislaw Janik on their 63rd wedding anniversary – daughter and family
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Veronica on her 21st birthday and for God’s continued blessing for her – parents
✠ Jolanta Wnuk

WEDNESDAY

May 11th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Weronika and Jan Malec, Piotr Lawewicz (anniv.) – family
✠ Stanislaw Szafranek (10th anniv.) – daughter
19⁰⁰ ○ For the gift of deeper faith for all children receiving their First Holy Communion

THURSDAY

May 12th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Franciszek Kobylarz – cousins and family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw and Michal Mis – grandson and family
✠ Members of the Zoltek and Jachymiak families

FRIDAY

May 13th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For gifts of the Holy Spirit and Mother Mary’s protection for Christopher and Anna – parents
19⁰⁰ ✠ Wiktoria and Stefan Witkos, Stanislaw & Piotr Stachura – Maria Chabinka
✠ Parents Janina and Antoni and members of the Adamowicz and Kowalski families

SATURDAY

May 14th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Justyna Armatowicz on her 30th birthday
16⁰⁰ ✠ Joseph and Margaret Budzinski – Ricky and Helen
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Kozacz (1st anniv.) – wife and family

SUNDAY

May 15th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Przyszlupski – wife and children
9³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and protection for children Beata, Ryszard, and Lora and grandchildren Charlotte and Axel – mother
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Justyna Armatowicz on her 30th birthday – Oblate Youth
14³⁰ ✠ Zofia and Jan Borowski – daughter and family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia and Jan Skicki – son and family