



Reflection

We have a dear friend whom we can always count on to provide kind, compassionate guidance. She is also the one who never hesitates to express the cold, hard truth, allowing us to confront realities which we would rather avoid. While this truth can sting, we all need the people who love us most to take us to task, providing opportunities to grow and become better people. This is true friendship; this is a giving relationship.

The words of Jesus in the Gospel today are harsh. The one who was meant to bring peace and love is telling us he has come to “bring fire to the earth” and division among households. Following Jesus sounds much harder than it did before. It means taking the hard road and possibly leaving loved ones behind as we choose the path of goodness and God’s love.

The second reading from the letter to the Hebrews gives perspective to our struggles by reminding us of Christ’s suffering on the cross. It is the knowledge of what Christ has done for us that gives us the perseverance to walk the difficult path required to follow in his footsteps. Our journey to become more Christ-like is demanding – but when we commit to it, it brings boundless joy.

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First Reading: Jeremiah 38.4-6, 8-10
Responsorial Psalm:
Lord, make haste to help me!
Second Reading: Hebrews 12.1-4
Gospel: Luke 12.49-53

Second Collection
This weekend – Canadian Missions
Thank you for your generosity.

August 14
Feast Day of our Parish Patron
St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe



Saint Maximilian was born on January 8, 1894 in Zduńska Wola, Poland. As a Franciscan, he worked to spread the gospel in his native Poland as well as in Japan. He had a great devotion to Our Lady. During the Nazi occupation of Poland, he helped thousands of refugees, including Polish Jews. He was arrested by the Gestapo in 1941 and imprisoned at Auschwitz. Three months after Maximilian’s arrival, a prisoner escaped. In retaliation, 10 men were chosen at random to die. One was a young father. Maximilian offered to take his place. He died on August 14, 1941 in Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Beatified: October 17, 1971 by Pope Paul VI
Canonized: October 10, 1982 by Pope John Paul II
Feast Day: August 14
Patron saint of families, prisoners, journalists, political prisoners, drug addicts, and the pro-life movement.

August 15
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Assumption of the Virgin Mary celebrates her being assumed – taken up body and soul – into heaven at the end of her earthly life. It began as a feast day in the Eastern Church after the Council of Ephesus (431) proclaimed Mary the Mother of God. The Western Church began to celebrate this feast around 650. **Blessing of flowers and herbs will take place on Sunday, August 15th at each Mass.**

On this day we also celebrate the anniversary of the Divine Mercy Chapel which opened in our parish in 1995.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Alex Gregory Hynes,
son of Christina and Randy

Augustus Leon Rytka Worthington,
son of Anna and Peter

Dominic Zwolski,
son of T’yana and Jason

Elizabeth Marie Grabowski,
daughter of Jessica and Adam

Freya Hubiak,
daughter of Greta and Maciej

Kamila Uma Shankar,
daughter of Joanna and Umashankar

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

– COMING UP –

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed this **Wednesday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m.** at **Assumption Cemetery**, located at Derry Road and Tomken Road in Mississauga. The celebrant will be Bp. Ivan Camilleri.

Parish Feast Day
Sunday, August 21 at the 11 a.m. Mass
Homilist: Fr. Wojciech Kurzydlo OMI

Parish organizations are asked to prepare their banners and line up in the parish hall after Holy Communion. All parishioners are invited to take part in a procession.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Special prayers and blessing for couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary will take place on **Sunday, August 28** at the **11 a.m.** Mass. Please call the parish office to sign up.

Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will commence in October and will run on 7 consecutive Mondays at 8 p.m. To register, please call the parish office.

Marriage Preparation Course for couples where one or both partners were previously married is facilitated by Catholic Family Services. Contact www.cfstoronto.com to register.

– OFFICE NEWS –

First Communion / Confirmation

Parishioners who are planning on registering their children for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation are asked to prepare their child’s baptism certificate. A copy of this document will be necessary during registration. More information will be provided in September.

Parish Registration Change of Address

Ours is an ethnic parish. Our parishioners are those who are formally registered at this church. Please note that we are not able to issue any references or letters of eligibility to non-parishioners. Yellow registration forms and green change of address forms can be found in the parish hallway. Please fill them out and place in the collection basket on Sunday. Alternatively, you may call the parish office to update your file.

Parishioners who are planning on moving permanently to another province or country are asked to notify the parish office as well. This way we can keep our parish database up to date.

Offertory Envelopes

In August, we have to place an order for offertory envelopes for the year 2023. We kindly ask families who have not picked up their set this year, but would like to use offertory envelopes next year, to contact the parish via email: kolbe@kolbe.ca or by phone: (905) 848-2420.

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. Mass offering should be placed in any envelope, marked “Wednesday Evening Mass”, and placed either in the collection basket on Sunday or in the collection box beside the parish office.

Pope’s Rosary intention for August

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Sunday Mass Obligation

As of March 31, dispensation from attending Mass in-person is no longer in effect. However, it does not apply to those who are sick or self-isolating.

Summer is Here!

Please remember that there is no “time off” from God. Find time for daily personal prayer and make an effort to participate in Sunday Mass. Churches are open on Sundays.

Summer Attire

With the summer in full swing, we have adopted a more “casual” lifestyle, including the way we dress. However, we ask that all parishioners make an effort to dress appropriately for the Sunday Eucharist. Our respect for the Lord, the Church, and fellow parishioners demands that we dress appropriately. Please also remember to turn your cell phones off as you enter the church, do not eat or chew gum, and keep the church clean.

August: Abstinence from Alcohol

If you’re willing to refrain from consuming alcohol in August, consider signing your name in a special book located beside the Relics Altar.

Pilgrimage to Quebec

Holy Rosary Family is organizing a pilgrimage to various shrines in Quebec from **September 23 to 25**. The bus is already full, but if you wish to add your name to the waiting list, please contact Teresa (905) 495-7035 or Wiesława (416) 799-2122.

Memorials and Feasts

Monday, August 15 • The Western Church began to celebrate the feast of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** around the year 650.

Tuesday, August 16 • **Saint Stephen** and his father, the third duke to govern the Magyars, were baptized when Stephen was 10 years old.

Friday, August 19 • In the decree of his beatification, Pope Pius X declared **Saint John Eudes** to be the father, doctor, and apostles of the devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Saturday, August 20 • In his *Apologia*, **Saint Bernard** wrote that it was because of his unruly nature that he chose the newly founded Cistercians, thinking their austerity could tame him.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY August 15th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz and Jadwiga – sister and family
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Alexander, Gabriela, Adrian, and Emily – parents
✠ Maria and Wladyslaw Labaszczuk – Hugill family

TUESDAY August 16th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Marianna Tworz and members of the Tworz and Miernik families
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Ewa Gacia
✠ Witold Surdyk

WEDNESDAY August 17th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Helena and Bartłomiej Plewa and members of the Plewa family – daughter and family
✠ Jozef Koziol – family
19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY August 18th

8⁰⁰ ○ For conversion and reconciliation in the family
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Gabriela on her 16th birthday and Weronika Strama on her 14th birthday
✠ Ewa, Wladyslaw, Jerzy, Jadwiga, Ryszard Kotwicki

FRIDAY August 19th

8⁰⁰ ○ For the conversion of Joanna and Szymon – mother
19⁰⁰ ✠ Yolanda Hamin, Celina Golonska, Antoni Pasiak, and members of the Pasiak and Nowotnik families
○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God’s blessing for Jakub Kosiba on his birthday

SATURDAY August 20th

8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria and Michal Swiatek – children
17⁰⁰ ✠ Antonina, Piotr, Roman Sroslak
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s grace and blessing for Janina and Zbigniew Sitnik on their 50th wedding anniversary

SUNDAY August 21st

8⁰⁰ ✠ Franciszka Jaganow, Elzbieta Dziemianczuk, Maria Chaszczewska, Aleksandra Jaganow
9³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Alexandra and Johnathon Callaghan on their 1st wedding anniversary – mother
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Katarzyna and Leszek Belza on their 27th wedding anniv.
14³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing, mother Mary’s protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Dawid, Joanna, and Gabriel – mother
19⁰⁰ ✠ Halina Lewczuk (1st anniv.) – children and family

Holy Rosary will be led by Rose #44.