# 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Reflection

The prophet Isaiah shares with us a vision of people of "all nations and tongues" coming to the Lord. Jesus also speaks of people coming from "east and west, from north and south," to feast in God's kingdom. Paradoxically, though, Jesus first speaks about "the narrow door." How can the way to God be both narrow and wide?

Perhaps it is narrow in the sense that we cannot merit it through some special status, like race, religion, or class. We cannot earn it by performing correct rituals, saying the right prayers, following the rules. If we rely on our own merit or status, the way to God seems impossibly narrow.

We don't merit or earn God's love, mercy, and grace: they are freely given. Our call is to receive and respond. Luke's Gospel shows us many unlikely people who are God's chosen, God's beloved: the young Mary, her cousin Elizabeth, the shepherds, fishermen, the woman who anointed Jesus' feet, the Samarian leper, Zacchaeus the tax collector. God's love is widely available, and those who know they have received this gift want to live it and share it with others.

This is our call as disciples; this is what we celebrate in the Eucharist. As God's beloved, we trust that salvation is in loving God and one another.

> **Dinah Simmons** Halifax, NS

First Reading: Isaiah 66.18-21 **Responsorial Psalm:** Go into all the world and proclaim the good news. Second Reading: Hebrews 12.5-7, 11-13 **Gospel:** Luke 13.22-30

Second Collection August 27/28 – Building Fund Thank you for your generosity.

## - TODAY -

### **Parish Feast Dav**

This Sunday 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 the procession.

### **Coffee and Donuts**

This Sunday, August 21, coffee and donuts will be served by the Holy Rosary Family.

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Izabella and Magdalena Mroczkowski, daughters of Iwona and Cezary

> Novak Jude Fortin, son of Margaret and Jesse

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

# - THIS WEEK -

### **Trails of Hope** The Odyssev of Freedom

In connection with the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the journey of General Anders's army evacuated from the USSR, the Institute of National Remembrance prepared an international educational-memorative project entitled "Trails of Hope. The Odyssey of Freedom", which aims to commemorate the military effort of the Polish Armed Forces during World War II and the fate of civilians evacuated from the USSR with the Anders Army.

This exhibition will take place from **Tuesday**, August 23 to Sunday, August 28 at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre.

### Wedding Anniversary Mass

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

### **Church Committee**

Members of the Church committee are invited to a meeting and a barbecue on Saturday, August 27 at 1 p.m. in the park adjacent to the Rosary Garden.

# - COMING 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.

# **Radosc-Joy Dance Ensemble** Registration



**Juniors and Mini Juniors** Wednesday, September 7 and 14 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Regular practice for those returning.

Intermediates Wednesday, September 7 and 14 7:40 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Regular practice for those returning.

> Seniors Thursday, September 8 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Regular practice for those returning. **Registration and Rehearsals** 

take place in the Parish Hall

### **Program for Seniors**

Copernicus Lodge in Toronto is offering a free program for seniors from Monday to Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The program is in Polish, held on ZOOM, and includes exercises, art classes, Bingo, singing of Polish songs, conversations, riddles, jokes, lots of fun and laughter. Everything takes place in a friendly atmosphere.

For more information and to register, please contact Ania or Beata at (416) 536-7122, ext. 223 or adultstaff@copernicuslodge.com

### **Roncesvalles Polish Festival**

If any of our parishioners or parish youth are artists would like to display their artwork at the Roncesvalles Polish Festival, please contact the organizers for more information: (416) 893-4382 (Monika).

# - 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.

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.

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.

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.

### **Memorials and Feasts**

Monday, August 22 • The Queenship of Mary is celebrated on the Octave of the Assumption.

Tuesday, August 23 • Saint Rose of Lima is the first canonized saint of the New World.

Wednesday, August 24 • Saint Bartholomew: The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the Acts of the Apostles count Bartholomew as one of the 12 apostles.

Thursday, August 25 • Saint Louis was a man of justice and mercy, of peace and great piety. Saint Joseph Calasanz was canonized in 1767 and is a patron of schools serving the needs of poor children.

Saturday, August 27 • All we know about Saint Monica comes from Saint Augustine's Confessions.

August 22<sup>nd</sup>

August 23rd

### **Sunday Mass Obligation**

### Summer is Here!

### **Summer Attire**

# - MASS INTENTIONS -

### MONDAY

- The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8<sup>00</sup> Filip and Elzbieta Prelich – daughter and family
- 9<sup>00</sup> 🕏 Wlodzimierz and Emil Krupka family ✤ Members of the Szaflarski and Ludwik families

### TUESDAY

8<sup>00</sup> • For God's blessing and Mother Mary's protection for Leo - grandmother

19<sup>00</sup> <sup>↑</sup> Teresa, Leonard, Charlie Afford – son Leonard and daughter-in-law Jadwiga • For the gifts of the Holy Spirit for Daniel, Karolina, Tomasz, Violetta, Mila, and Dominik

### WEDNESDAY

August 24<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>00</sup> ♀ Leokadia Swiercz • For God's blessing for the Wasilewski family
- $9^{00}$   $\circ$  Group Intentions

### THURSDAY

August 25th 8<sup>00</sup> **†** Zygmunt and Stanislawa Pracon

19<sup>00</sup> ♀ Jozef Taborowski – family ✤ Jakub Glowinski – family

### FRIDAY

### August 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Our Lady of Czestochowa**

- $8^{00}$   $\circ$  For God's grace, Mother Mary's protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Christine Mieczkowski – mother 🕆 Barbara Chmura
- 19<sup>00</sup> ♣ Maria and Jerzy Taborowski daughterin-law and family

✤ Robert Wroblewski (6<sup>th</sup> anniv.)

### **SATURDAY**

- 8<sup>00</sup> **<sup>†</sup>** Jadwiga and Maria
- 17<sup>00</sup> <sup>†</sup> Sebastian Jakobisiak (10<sup>th</sup> anniv.) parents, siblings, and family
- 900 🕏 Wladyslawa and Edward Chojnacki daughter and family

### SUNDAY

### 8<sup>00</sup> <sup>⊕</sup> Katarzyna Sadowska

- 9<sup>30</sup> <sup>⊕</sup> Maria and Jan Cisek son and family
- 11<sup>00</sup> For Parishioners and Benefactors
- $13^{00}$   $\circ$  For God's blessing for the Miskowiec family – family
- 14<sup>30</sup> 
  <sup>⊕</sup> Marianna and Jozef son and family
- 19<sup>00</sup> <sup>↑</sup> Walenty Siuda and Eddy Niedziela

### Holy Rosary will be led by Rose #45.

**Parish Website** www.kolbe.ca

### August 28th

August 27<sup>th</sup>