



## Reflection

Many people who have lost a loved one may say that they hope to see them again one day. In today's Gospel we meet some Sadducees, a group who did not believe in life after death. They describe an unlikely but possible situation in order to challenge Jesus' teaching about the resurrection, trying to make it appear foolish.

The custom of arguing viewpoints so as to get at the meaning of biblical texts was and still is part of Jewish education. Jesus, who would have studied in his local synagogue as a boy, was adept at such disputation. Jesus takes the opportunity to engage with the Sadducees and clarify for all present (and for us) the spiritual nature of life after death. As further proof, Jesus quotes Scripture: God *is* (not *was*) the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Often a loved person who has passed on may remain very real to us. Yet sometimes we can clutter up our minds with questions and doubts because, like the Sadducees, we start with an incorrect premise. Jesus calls us to think in spiritual terms. A friend Michael, who has an intellectual disability, has a simple faith. He will look up at the sky and talk to his deceased brother Adam or his friend Father Henri as though they are right here. "Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

*Beth Porter; Richmond Hill, ON*

**First Reading:** 2 Maccabees 7.1-2, 7, 9-14

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*I shall be satisfied, Lord,  
when I awake and behold your likeness.*

**Second Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 2.16-3.5

**Gospel:** Luke 20.27-38

## Coffee and Donuts

This **Sunday, November 6**, coffee, donuts, and St. Martin's croissants will be served by youth attending World Youth Day in Lisbon.

## – THIS WEEKEND –

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, the following children will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate their parents and Godparents.

**Isabella Balbuena Pinango**,  
daughter of Ariana and Adrian

**Isabella Natalia Sapelak**,  
daughter of Natalia and Nathan

**Klaudia Seniszyn**,  
daughter of Joanna and Piotr

**Valeria Silvestri**,  
daughter of Julia and Julian

### Rosary for the Faithful Departed

As a parish community, we continue to pray for the souls of all faithful departed. Join us **November 6 – 8 at 6:30 p.m.**

## – COMING UP –

### Meetings

#### Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, November 8, 10 a.m.  
Mass followed by a meeting  
at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre.

#### Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, November 8, 7 p.m.  
Mass and exchange of Rosary Mysteries  
for Rose #17, followed by a meeting at  
John Paul II Centre

#### Secular Franciscans

Saturday, November 11, 12 p.m.  
in Fr. Eugene Room

### Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, November 11** after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On **Saturday, November 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.

## – COMING UP –

### Independence Day Remembrance Day



**Independence Day** is a national holiday in Poland celebrated every year since 1937 on November 11<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the anniversary of Poland's assumption of independent statehood in 1918 after 123 years of partition by Russia, Prussia and Austria.

**Remembrance Day** is a statutory holiday dedicated to the memory of Canadian soldiers who died in the cause of freedom. Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community, and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world.

### Suite for Independence

**Friday, November 11 at 7 p.m.**  
at John Paul II Cultural Centre.

Novi Singers Toronto, under the direction of Maciej Jaskiewicz, are hosting a concert on the occasion of Poland's Independence featuring the world premiere of "Jazz Suite Migration" by Jacek Pelc. Special guests include Cassandra Warner (soprano), Bartosz Hadala, Eric St. Laurent, Maurizio Rolli and Pawel Pacanowski. Tickets available at [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca), Polish Cultural Centre, Pegaz Bookstore, Starsky 2.

### 104<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Poland's Independence

The Canadian Polish Congress in Mississauga is organizing the commemorations of the 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Poland's Independence and Remembrance Day, on **Sunday, November 13**. The festivities will commence with Mass at 11:00 a.m. 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 the singing of the two national anthems, short speeches and laying of wreaths. We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone!



## – THANK YOU –

### Thank you for the Sweets!



A big thank you to the following individuals and businesses who donated treats for the All Saints' Ball. With your generous gift of sugary sweets, all children were able to keep their energy up and dance the night away.

All Anonymous Donors!

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### Thank you for your help!

Friends of the Missions wish to thank all sponsors and people of good will who helped organize the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Mercy in our parish. Thank you to Eddie's Meat and Deli, Orbit Restaurant, Polcan Gospoda, and Supreme Pierogies. God bless you all!

## – REMINDERS –

### Baptisms at Our Parish

Parishioners who wish to baptize their child at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church should contact the parish office at least 6 weeks in advance. Parents and godparents are required to attend a baptism preparation course, which takes place in our parish.

### Pope's Rosary intention for November

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



**Holy Rosary will be led by Rose #54  
from November 9 to 13.**

## – DON'T MISS –

### Second Collection

November 12/13 – Shepherds' Trust  
Thank you for your support.



The Shepherds' Trust supports the needs of the retired diocesan clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served our family of faith, bringing us the sacraments and enriching our parishes, homes, schools, hospitals and countless other gatherings through their ministry.

The Trust was started by lay people who recognized the needs of our retired priests and helped to establish the Trust as a reflection of the gratitude and appreciation of the faithful parishioners in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Through your support of The Shepherds' Trust, our retired priests are given the dignity of adequate monthly allowance, health care and other assistance in their golden years – often well beyond the recognized retirement age of 75.

### Art Contest for Children

Attention children ages 5-12! You are invited to take part in an art contest entitled "Get to know the patron of your parish." First, watch at least one of the five films about St. Maximilian, which can be found on the parish website (four films are in Polish and one is in English.) Next, from the given films, select one scene with Maximilian Kolbe and present it on a sheet of letter-size paper (8½" x 11") using any art technique. Then, on the reverse side please provide a creative title for your work, your full name and age, as well as your parent's phone number. You can hand in your finished work to S. Halina or bring it to the sacristy until **Sunday, November 20**. Announcement of the winners and the presentation of diplomas and prizes will take place on Sunday, November 27, after the 1:00 p.m. Mass.

### 40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life Campaign ends this Sunday. Join us for prayer in defence of life from conception to natural death.

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Women's Abortion Clinic  
101 Queensway West

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY November 7<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Elzbieta Wetoszka, Marianna and Jerzy Pogroszewski – children  
18<sup>30</sup> **Rosary for all Faithful Departed**  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Teresa Kaszewska – son and family  
✠ Helena and Karol Jarzabek – niece and family

### TUESDAY November 8<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Helena, Jadwiga, Wacław Buczel  
10<sup>00</sup> ○ Member of Kolbe Seniors Club  
18<sup>30</sup> **Rosary for all Faithful Departed**  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanisława, Władysława, Kazimierz Kłopotowski – son Marian  
✠ Irena and Stanisław Kaczmarek – daughter and family

### WEDNESDAY November 9<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Zofia, Władysław, Kazimierz Kolecki – daughter and family  
○ For health and God's protection for Julian and Bożena Bednarczyk and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Group Intentions

### THURSDAY November 10<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Józef Mrukowski – Ryszard and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Elzbieta, Karol, Marek Horochowski – Teresa and family  
✠ Maria and Józef Szczygiel, Witold Klimowicz – family

### FRIDAY November 11<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Aniela Sroka and Władysław Kieta – daughter and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and health for Krystyna Kosalka – children  
✠ Antonina and Feliks Lyzwa – family

### SATURDAY November 12<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jadwiga and Maria  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Maria and Jerzy Taborowski – daughter and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Members of the Ziobrowski, Chojnecki, and Derkacz families

### SUNDAY November 13<sup>th</sup>

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Members of the Kopycki, Wislocki, and Kosnik families – family  
9<sup>30</sup> ✠ Sylwia Urbanski  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For our Motherland and all those who gave their lives for Her freedom  
13<sup>00</sup> ✠ Barbara Lipinska – Justyna and family  
14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Brothers Stanisław and Jan, sister-in-law Wanda Kociuba – sister and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Krystyna Szkilnyk (13<sup>th</sup> anniv.) and members of the Szkilnyk, Smolak, and Rostkowski families

### Parish Calendar 2023

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