



Reflection

In some areas there is a traditional road courtesy, where an oncoming vehicle flashes its lights to warn drivers that there is a speed trap up ahead. In Luke's Gospel we are getting a warning of greater value than avoiding a speeding ticket!

Jesus starts by prophesying of the terrible things that will come upon the world. In frightening detail, he speaks of wars, rumours of wars, earthquakes, natural disasters, family betrayal, false prophets and persecution for loving God. In our day we watch the news and see the human suffering from war and natural disasters. Jesus assures us that these are signs from heaven. He encourages us: "I will give you words and a wisdom... not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

How do we endure? In his wisdom, the Lord draws us closer to him in times of trouble. The omnipotent God loves us and invites us to trust him. The martyrs had this intimate trust in Jesus. St. John Paul II spoke the words of Christ to the people of Poland during the fall of communism – "Be not afraid" – illustrating the power of this trust in God.

It is said that to get to Easter Sunday, we have to go through Good Friday. This is our path home.

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First Reading: Malachi 4.1-2

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is coming to judge the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.7-12

Gospel: Luke 21.5-19

Coffee and Donuts

This **Sunday, November 13**, coffee and donuts will be served by Scouts.

– THIS WEEKEND –

Commitment Mass

This Sunday at 9:30 a.m., students preparing for confirmation took part in a Commitment Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to learn the basic teaching of the Catholic Faith, strive to give evident signs of their faith, and show responsibility and dedication while preparing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Sebastian Michal Kulig**, son of Marta and Piotr, will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate his parents and Godparents.

Parish Calendar 2023

~ available today at \$5 each ~

Second Collection

This weekend's second collection is for the Shepherds' Trust. The Trust was started by lay people in support of the needs of the retired diocesan clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served our local parishes and community through their ministry.

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.

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 #55.

Altar Servers

Last chance to join Altar Servers. If you're in grade 3 or up and would like to become an altar server, please see Fr. Marcin in the sacristy before the **end of November**.



– COMING UP –

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.



World Youth Day Meeting

Mandatory meeting for all young people traveling to Portugal for World Youth Day next year will take place on **Sunday, November 27 at 8 p.m.** This is also the deadline for submitting the required documentation and deposit.

Youth Meetings

Grade 8 and High School students:
Thursdays at 8:20 p.m.

College and University students:
Fridays at 8:20 p.m.

Honey

Just a heads-up: honey will be available for purchase on **November 27**. Stay tuned for details.



On **Sunday, November 27**, Kolbe ProLife will be distributing "Coins for Life" bottles. All change collected through this fundraiser will support mothers who turned away from abortion and will help promote a culture of life.

– SACRAMENTS –

– 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. Preparation course is mandatory for all parents and Godparents. Baptisms take place during Mass:

- on Saturday at 5 p.m. in English
- on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Polish

Godparents must meet all requirements outlined in Canon 874, paragraph 1:

- be at least 16 years old
- be fully initiated into the Catholic Church
- be in good standing with the Church (not married outside of the Church and not cohabitating)

– RECONCILIATION –

Confession takes place 30 minutes before each Mass. On the first Friday of the month, evening confession starts at 6 p.m.

– 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 intending to be married in the Roman Catholic Church. 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. Permission must be sought if coupled do not meet the above-mentioned criteria. Only couples seeking marriage should contact the parish office – no inquiries by parents please.

– ANOINTING OF THE SICK –

• A hospital chaplain – a Roman Catholic priest – is employed full-time at local hospitals and is on-call 24 hours a day. To arrange a **hospital visit**, please ask a nurse to call the priest on duty.

• Please contact the parish office if you or your loved one require a **home visit** from a priest.

– ADORATION –

Ten Surprising Effects of Frequent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



You will fall in love with Jesus in the Eucharist even more! Really!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines the Eucharist as "the source and summit of the Church's life." It can be difficult to find time to adore the Blessed Sacrament. However, if we succeed, if we undertake regular adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist, lots of things will surprise us.

In modern culture, the idea of spiritual progress is drastically underestimated; working on our spiritual life is often considered a waste of time. The time we "waste" in adoration can surprise us in many ways. Today, we present the first surprise.

1. We form in ourselves the ability to admire and to be amazed.

Nothing will help us understand the truth of what is happening in adoration as much as the atmosphere of a quiet chapel or church, the smell of incense, or the beauty of the monstrance.

We are truly before Jesus Christ, His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. The more we gaze into His face and the more we immerse ourselves in the silence, the more we understand the greatness of our God.

For this to happen, silence is mandatory, for God is found in silence. He is immersed in contemplative silence through which we can get to know ourselves and God. It takes a lot of courage, inner determination, and devotion to remain silent before God, and to fight off all our imperfections, weaknesses, and absent-mindedness.

True worship and adoration occur in the silence of the heart, which must be assisted by an external silence. This silence produces true joy that nourishes us. It is very different from euphoria, which causes outbursts of emotions, but does not effectively change us on the inside.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY November 14th

St. Nicholas Tavelic

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Jerzy Beer – wife and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Anna and Jan Armatowicz – son and family
- ✚ Janina Brandys

TUESDAY November 15th

St. Albert the Great

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Mieczyslaw Ciesla (3rd anniv.) – daughter
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Ewa Rodrigues, parents Wanda and Wladyslaw Ostapowicz
- ✚ Danuta Maciuba (anniv.)

WEDNESDAY November 16th

St. Margaret of Scotland

St. Gertrude

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Zofia Kipa (1st anniv.) – daughters and families
- ✚ Members of the Padlowski and Swierzbinski families
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY November 17th

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Tomasz Ujda – mother
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For Anna and Stanislaw on their wedding anniversary – daughters
- For Mother Mary's protection and good choices for children – mother

FRIDAY November 18th

Blessed Karolina Kozka

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Andrzej and Leopold Wasilewski, Leszek Piatkowski – Wanda
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Edward Kuziora
- ✚ Eugeniusz Otrebiak – son

SATURDAY November 19th

Blessed Salomea

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Tadeusz Bialy – son and family
- 17⁰⁰ ✚ Sabina Silininkas – Zebrowski family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for Mother Mary's protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Maxim Mieczkowski on his 15th birthday – grandmother

SUNDAY November 20th

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Zenon Koczwarza (11th anniv.) – wife
- 9³⁰ ✚ Parents Maria and Wojciech, brother Bogdan – Marta and family
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for Mother Mary's protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Natalia on her 8th birthday and Grzegorz on his 19th birthday – grandparents
- 14³⁰ ✚ Mieczyslaw Ciesla (3rd anniv.) – wife and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Michal Puzio