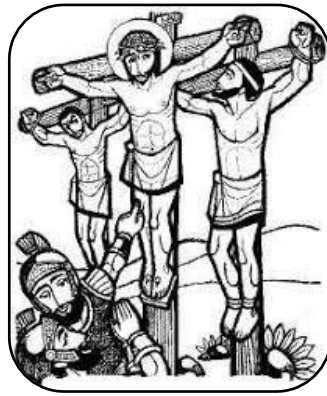


Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Reflection

Being modern, independent individuals, we might bristle at the very thought of any “king” ruling over our lives. But from today’s first reading we learn that God’s concern was not solely to appoint the strongest male warrior to rule over his subjects. Rather, God sought first a “shepherd of my people.” It is no wonder Christians worship Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – who is, at the same time, The Good Shepherd.

Jesus rejects domination. His ministry serves as the very example of a life of service to the disenfranchised. So, ask yourself – to what do you bow? Before whom do you kneel?

A priest friend mentioned that in all his years as a confessor, he has never heard any Catholic divulge a sin against the First Commandment. Are unjust economic and social structures the “false gods” we worship today (even if unconsciously)? And from the point of view of Blacks, Indigenous, and People of Colour, have we Canadians allowed systematic racism to rule over our society? We may not construct a golden calf, but, then again, Wall Street features a statue of a bull, the very image of our economic system...

Today, let us resolve to allow nothing other than Jesus’ love and example to rule over us.

Joe Gunn; Ottawa, ON

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5.1-3

Responsorial Psalm:

*Let us go rejoicing
to the house of the Lord.*

Second Reading: Colossians 1.12-20

Gospel: Luke 23.35-43

Second Collection

November 26/27 – Building Fund
Thank you for your support.

– THIS WEEKEND –

Christ the King Sunday



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King, a feast which brings to an end the current liturgical year and begins the season of Advent. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas*, to respond to a world that was rejecting Christ and was being dominated by secularism.

This day is also a feast day for Sister Halina Pjerozak MChR and all the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King for Polonia. On the occasion of their feast day, we thank Sister Halina for her presence among us and wish all the Sisters an abundance of God’s grace as they continue to serve among us.



Missionary Sisters of Christ the King for Polish Emigrants



The Missionary Sisters of Christ the King for Polish Emigrants join in the great mission of the Church to lead people to Christ. Their primary task is to help Polish people living abroad to remain faithful to God and to upkeep their Polish traditions. They serve families in Europe, North and South America, and Australia. To learn more, visit www.mchr.pl

– COMING UP –

Art Contest for Children

Deadline for submission of artwork is this **Sunday, November 20**. Please bring your work to Sister Halina. Winners will be announced next Sunday after the 1:00 p.m. Mass.



Meetings

Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, November 22 at 11 a.m.
Meeting at the John Paul II Centre

M.A.M.I. – Friends of the Missions

Thursday, November 24 at 7 p.m.
Mass followed by a meeting
in Sister Faustina Room

World Youth Day

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



Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, November 25** after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.



Next **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.

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**. Altar Servers are also serving donuts and coffee this Sunday.



– SACRAMENTS –

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.

Kaia Mirella Rzepka,
daughter of Kamila and Piotr

Leonardo Marek Rusiak,
son of Apolonia and Kacper

– 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)

– 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.

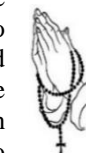
In modern culture, the idea of spiritual progress is drastically underestimated; working on our spiritual life is often considered a waste of time. The time we “waste” in adoration can surprise us in many ways. Today, we present the **second** surprise.

2. We experience peace in other areas of life

Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you” (John 14:27). The peace we experience during adoration – the quiet and stillness of the chapel or church – can reach much deeper than just the immediate surrounding. It leads to an inner peace that affects all areas of our lives. This does not mean that everything in our lives will always be perfect and without suffering, but the peace of Christ gives us the comfort of knowing that the turmoil of life cannot overcome us.

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 #56.

Parish Calendar 2023

~ available today at \$5 each ~

Honey

Honey will probably be available for purchase on **November 27**.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY November 21st

8⁰⁰ ◦ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for Mother Mary’s protection for Lidia and Boguslaw on their wedding anniversary
✚ Stanislaw Lewandowski – daughter and family
✚ Eugeniusz Palmaka (7th anniv.) and Szymon Tomala – children

TUESDAY November 22nd

8⁰⁰ ✚ Parents Anna and Aleksander, members of the Meszko family – daughter and family
19⁰⁰ ◦ For health, God’s blessing, and peace in the Lukaszczuk family – mother
✚ Czeslaw Perkowski (2nd anniv.) – wife and children

WEDNESDAY November 23rd

8⁰⁰ ✚ Jozef Chmielewski (12th anniv.) – Barbara
✚ Bozena and Janusz Kosciak – Danuta and family
19⁰⁰ ◦ Group Intentions

THURSDAY November 24th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Lucyna Kedziak (20th anniv.) and Jan Kedziak – daughter and family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Jakub Glowinski and members of the Bogusz, Mendela, and Pawlowski families – family
✚ Leszek Piatkowski – wife and children

FRIDAY November 25th

8⁰⁰ ✚ Parents Teresa and Jan Hul – daughter and family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Marcin, Bronislaw, Stanislaw, and Anna Pawlas – daughter, sister, and family
✚ Franciszek Kowalczyk (5th anniv.) – children and families

SATURDAY November 26th

8⁰⁰ ◦ For God’s blessing, Mother Mary’s protection, and continued grace for Zofia and Jozef – children and grandchildren
17⁰⁰ ✚ Janina and Franciszek Wos – daughter and family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Janina and Jozef Ostrowski, Adela and Wiktor Tofilo – granddaughter and family

SUNDAY November 27th

8⁰⁰ ◦ For God’s blessing and health for the Kogut, Stanczak, Szot, and Echelmeier families
9³⁰ ✚ Parents Julianna and Jozef Jasinski – son and family
11⁰⁰ ◦ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✚ Agnieszka and Zygmunt Maroszek
14³⁰ ✚ Olga Szott (3rd anniv.)
19⁰⁰ ✚ Stanislaw Nowicki – daughter and family