



Reflection

In times of decision or difficulty, we often look to God to give us insight as to what is ahead and how we might best prepare and respond. When there is uncertainty, it is natural to desire God to let us see more clearly, that we might not have the uneasiness and anxiety of facing the unknown. Yet God points to a different way through the image of the shepherd.

The writer Scott Hahn tells of a faithful man who asked Mother Teresa to pray that he might have clarity in discerning his path; she responded that it was not clarity he needed, but rather trust. The shepherd, calling his sheep, does not give details of the plans for the day, or the terrain ahead, or foretell of the difficulties to be encountered. The sheep “know his voice” and so they follow in the direction that the shepherd calls.

We are to trust. When we cannot see what lies ahead, when we are anxious in the face of the unknown, we are to trust the Good Shepherd who goes before us, who calls us by name. We are called by the Father, gifted with the Holy Spirit and can know the direction we are to go, even if we don’t have the full itinerary. Jesus, we trust in you.

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First Reading: Acts 2.14a, 36b-41

Responsorial Psalm:

*The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2.20b-25

Gospel: John 10.1-10

Second Collection

This Weekend – ShareLife
Thank you for your generosity.

Rosary Prayer

Rose #21 leads the rosary this week.

– THIS WEEKEND –

This Sunday – the Good Shepherd Sunday – the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Let us keep in our prayers all young men and women, that God may give them the gift of understanding to discern their service in the Church, the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life, and give them the gift of courage to follow His call.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

This Sunday at the 11 a.m. Mass, we will pray for God’s continued blessing for the following couples on their wedding anniversaries:

- 56th Janina and Tadeusz Ambrozy
- 55th Danuta and Jan Pyz
- 52nd Elzbieta and Julian Fabryc
- 50th Irena and Jan Glen
- 40th Beata and Jan Nicki
- 35th Krystyna and Krzysztof Pyc

The Sacrament of Baptism

This weekend, through the sacrament of baptism, the following children will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community.

Antoni Tecza,

son of Joanna and Robert

Emilia Jorja Craddock,

daughter of Victoria and Brad

Julia Anna Reitmeier,

daughter of Joanna and Marek

Mila Grace Blackwood-Jelonkiewicz,

daughter of Marsha and Mathew

Constitution Day

This Sunday we commemorate the 232nd anniversary of the enactment of the Polish Constitution. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., followed by a short ceremony at the Polish Patriots’ monument square adjacent to the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Please join us for the raising of the Canadian and Polish national flags, the singing of the two National Anthems and short speeches.

Coffee and Donuts

This Sunday, April 30, coffee and donuts will be served by members of the Rosary Family.

ShareLife Sunday & the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

When you support ShareLife, you help educate our future priests. This past year, you invested in our Church’s future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine’s Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary. Please continue to give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

– THIS WEEKEND –

Quovadis Children's Foundation

This Sunday after each Mass, Quovadis Children's Foundation will be collecting new pajamas, winter boots, and school supplies for underprivileged boys and girls ages 6 to 18 from the orphanage ‘Nasz Dom’ in Miejsce Piastowe, Poland. Small monetary donations will be greatly appreciated as they will enable the sending of the parcels overseas. May God Bless you for your kindness and support.

Polish Film Festival “The Fate of Poles”

This weekend, all parishioners are invited to the Parish Hall for the screening of the following films in Polish: • Saturday at 8 p.m. “Solidarity 2022” produced by Ryszard Łączyński; suggested donation: \$10 • Sunday at 4 p.m. “Fr. Piotr Skarga” and “Annihilation of the Redemptorists in Wola”

Holy Land Wood Art

The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem is selling their handcrafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. The past few years have been extremely hard for the community as a result of declining tourism. Some Christians responded by fleeing the Holy Land, and the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy Sites such as the Church of The Nativity. **This weekend**, we will be having some of their beautiful art held for sale to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land. More information at (647) 292-4462 or jihanwoodart@hotmail.com

– COMING UP –

Meetings

Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, May 2 at 10 a.m.

Mass followed by a meeting at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Gold Rose Apostolate

Thursday, May 4 after the evening Mass in Br. Anthony Room

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, May 4

Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, May 5

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.
Confession starts at 6 p.m.

First Saturday of the month, May 6

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, May 7

Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

– MORE PARISH NEWS –

Faithful Departed



The following parishioners passed away recently. May they rest in peace.

- † Anna Banski, 97
- † Krystyna Gosinski, 95
- † Jean Granat, 91
- † Octavian Ungureanu, 88
- † Waclawa Dluska, 86
- † Zofia Milczarek, 84
- † Janina Kociuba, 82
- † Bogdan Wojtan, 74
- † Jan Staszkiwicz, 70
- † Alicja Janiec, 66
- † Boguslaw Wojtowicz, 66
- † Michael Collins, 41
- † Rafal Tkacz, 39
- † Jessica Pokora, 33

March for Life in Ottawa

Kolbe ProLife is organizing a one-day trip to Ottawa for the National March for Life on **Thursday, May 11**. Departure early in the morning from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Registration will take place after each Mass this Sunday, **April 30** and next Sunday, **May 7**. For more information, please contact Dariusz at (647) 864-6099.

Vocations Retreat

“Is God calling me to serve in His vineyard?” Vocation retreat for young men will take place on **May 19-20** at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Road in Mississauga. If you’re interested in attending, please contact Fr. Marcin at mserwin@omiap.org or call the parish office.

– MAY – THE MONTH OF MARY

Solemnity of Our Lady Queen of Poland



On **May 3**, the Catholic Church in Poland celebrates the solemnity of Our Lady Queen of Poland. This solemnity highlights the country’s great faith in God’s protection that Poles have experienced and continue to experience through Mary’s intercession.

Loreto Litany

Join us as we pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Litany) daily at 6:30 p.m.

Fatima Devotions

Join us for Fatima Devotions on Saturday, May 13. After the evening Mass, we will walk in procession to the Rosary Garden. Please bring a candle.

– COMMUNITY EVENTS –

Canadian Polish Congress Jubilee Gala

Jubilee Gala celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Canadian Polish Congress will take place on **Saturday, May 6 at 5 p.m.** at the Millennium Gardens Banquet Centre in Brampton. The program includes official ceremonies, delicious dinner, performances by Radość-Joy and Wisła, as well as entertainment by Impuls. Tickets at \$90 are available from Leszek Blaszcak at (289) 768-6056. (3)

Constitution Day Parade

The Canadian Polish Congress is inviting all Polonia to take part in a parade on the occasion of the 232nd anniversary of the enactment of the Polish Constitution on **Sunday, May 7 at 1 p.m.** The parade will start at the Toronto City Hall, proceed down Toronto streets, and end with a concert by Kompot Band. Delicious Polish food will also be available for purchase. All are welcome! (3)

Table Tennis Tournament

Table Tennis Club is organizing a tournament on **Sunday, May 7** at John Paul II Cultural Centre. All are welcome. More info at: <https://centrumtabletennis.com/> (3)

Silver Jubilee St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish

St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish in Brampton is celebrating its 25th anniversary on **Sunday, May 14** with a 12:30 p.m. Mass presided by His Grace Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto. Celebrations continue with a banquet at Millennium Gardens Banquet Centre in Brampton. Please see detailed program on posters at the entrance to the church. Tickets at \$100 per person can be purchased at St. Eugene Parish during office hours (905) 451-1422, or between Sunday Masses in the church hallway. (1)

Job Offer

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre is looking for a highly enthusiastic, motivated, and seasoned management professional, with a vision to advance the Centre to the next level of service excellence and engagement with the community. The individual possesses skills, qualifications and experience leading large and complex community organizations, planning, and organizing various events and managing building operations. For more information, please contact the Centre at (905) 306-9900. (2)

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY May 1

- 8⁰⁰ † Jan Przyszlupski (10th anniv.) – wife and children
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For health and Mary’s protection for daughter Vanessa and husband Kazimierz
- † Members of the Niznik, Mierzwa, and Bielarczyk families – Malgorzata and family

TUESDAY May 2

- 8⁰⁰ † Maria, Stanislaw, Kazimierz Urbanowicz

- 10⁰⁰ ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club
- 19⁰⁰ † Barbara Maria Mahon – Robert Mahon

WEDNESDAY May 3

- 8⁰⁰ † Julia, Aleksandra, Vincent Wroblewski – friends
- For God’s blessing and health for parents Czeslawa and Stanislaw Janik on their 64th wedding anniversary – daughter and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY May 4

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and health for the Bilek family
- † Members of the Marko and Sroczyński families
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for all Priests and Religious – Gold Rose Apostolate

FRIDAY May 5

- 8⁰⁰ † Maria Targonska – daughter and family
- † Stanislaw and Piotr Jurczak – family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and health for children and grandchildren – mother and grandmother

SATURDAY May 6

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 17⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and health for parents, children, and grandchildren
- 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued blessing and Mary’s protection for Barbara and Witold Kryza on their 50th wedding anniversary – children

SUNDAY May 7

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 9³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and God’s continued blessing for the Palfero family
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ † Kazimiera and Julian Gazdzicki; Anna and Szczepan Cichy – daughter Irena and family
- 14³⁰ † Katarzyna and Bronislaw Sitarz – daughter and family
- 19⁰⁰ † Stanislaw and Boleslaw Stachal and members of the Stachal and Baran families – daughter and family

Please inform the parish office of any errors in the spelling of the above names.