



Reflection

You may recall the slogan that accompanies the appeal for donation to the blood bank: "Give the gift of life." That same theme is also associated with appeals for organ donations and other kinds of support for life-saving medical interventions. The emotional attraction of this call is undeniable and hard to resist. But the stark reality is that the life that is offered is transitory and finite. In other words, it is not so much about giving life as about staving off death.

Jesus, on the other hand, makes an offer that is even harder to resist. He offers the gift of eternal life, life that is assured because it is given not by one human to another but by the source of all life, God the Creator, to all who accept it. The assurance of this gift is to be found in the very person of Jesus, whose life is shared with us.

The words of Jesus that we read today are deeply consoling: "Because I live, you also will live." It is not just that Jesus lives, but that he lives in us. Furthermore, he lives in the Father. Therefore, we too live in the Father.

In exchange for this extraordinary gift, the Lord asks of us only one thing: "Love one another as I have loved you."

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First Reading: Acts 8.5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm:

*Make a joyful noise to God,
all the earth.*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.15-18

Gospel: John 14.15-21

Second Collection

This Weekend – Pope’s Pastoral Works
Thank you for your generosity.

– THIS WEEKEND –

First Holy Communion



This weekend, 78 children in our parish will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the very first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they celebrate this special day.

A big THANK YOU to Sister Halina Pierożak MChR and all the catechists and their assistants for helping prepare the children for the sacrament of Holy Eucharist: Eva Labenda, Jakub Szaniawski, Magda Hofman, Nicole Chmiel, Nicole Cisło, Olivia Dziedzic, Paulina Pacheco, Teresa Bielecka, Veronica Siuda, Victoria Kmiolek, Victoria Wszedorowski, Wiktoria Masiarz, Wiktoria Zdyb. May God bless them for their hard work, give them the wisdom to continue to teach, and the joy to proclaim the Good News of salvation.

White Week

Monday, May 22 – Friday, May 26, 7 p.m.

Anniversary of Holy Communion

Sunday, May 28 at 1 p.m.

Loreto Litany

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



As we celebrate Mother’s Day, we express our gratitude to our moms for their love, for their care, and for passing on life values. We wish them health and happiness and ask Mary, model of all mothers, to pray for our mothers that by the power and grace of God they will be a source of love and unity for our families.

Coffee and Donuts

This Sunday, May 14, coffee and donuts will be served by the Church Committee.

– COMING UP –

Meetings

Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, May 16 at 11 a.m.
in John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Mothers Prayers

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in St. Eugene room

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

Happy Birthday!

On **Saturday, May 20**, Fr. John Bosco Gali will celebrate his birthday. We wish him an abundance of God’s grace and continued intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Have a wonderful birthday Fr. John Bosco!



Parish Banquet

Youth traveling to Portugal for World Youth Day, in partnership with Knights of Columbus #9612, are organizing a banquet on **June 3 at 6:30 p.m.** Join them for dinner, lottery, and artistic program. Tickets at \$70 per person can be purchased on Sunday in the parish hall and in the parish office during office hours.

Evening of Worship

An evening of worship with a Polish singer, songwriter, and composer – Viola Brzezinska – will take place on the evening of Corpus Christi, **Saturday, June 10 at 8 p.m.**

World Youth Day Fundraising

Youth who are travelling to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day are fundraising by collecting **empty alcohol containers**. These may be dropped off by the garage door on the west side of the parking lot.

Pope’s Rosary intention for May

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Rose #23 leads the rosary this week.

– PARISH NEWS –

Lost and Found

If you have lost items in the church, please take a moment and look through the lost and found shelf located in the church hallway, beside the large wooden door. More precious items, such as prescription glasses and keys are kept in the parish office. Stop by during office hours.

Who is a parishioner?

There are many individuals who call the parish office asking for a letter confirming that he or she is a parishioner. When this happens, our parish secretary checks if they are registered; oftentimes they are not. So what makes a person a parishioner?

Ours is an ethnic faith community serving Catholics of Polish descent. This means that in order to be a parishioner, one needs to formally register at the parish. You are not a parishioner because your parents go here. You are not a parishioner just because you come to Mass here, or because you received sacraments here. You are a parishioner if you officially register here. Being a parishioner means that you are committed and invested in this parish, and are willing to share your time, talents, and treasures with the parish.

Registration forms can be found in the hallway of the church and in the parish office.

Passion Play DVDs

Passion Play DVDs from Palm Sunday’s performance are available for purchase on Sundays in the sacristy and in the parish office during office hours. Proceeds from the sale of the DVDs will help cover the costs of the production. Thank you for your support.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Come spend an hour in prayer in the presence of the Holy Eucharist where Jesus Christ is truly present in His body, blood, soul, and divinity. Since many regular “adorers” are going away on vacation, we are in need of individuals willing to take their spot. If you are able to help out, please call the coordinator, Margaret, at (647) 888-7487.

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.

– COMMUNITY EVENTS –

Polish Credit Union

invites you to the “BEE WITH THE CREDIT UNION” event devoted to ecological beekeeping, at the John Paul II Cultural Centre in Mississauga on **Sunday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Attractions include: honey tasting, lectures and shows for beekeeping enthusiasts, lottery and contest with attractive prizes, games, and activities for children.

Walking Pilgrimage to Midland

Walking Pilgrimage to Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland will take place on August 7-13, 2023. The theme for this year’s pilgrimage are words from the Gospel of St. Luke: “Mary arose and went with haste.” To register, visit www.pielgrzymka.ca



Share your love on Mother’s Day

On Mother’s Day, all moms deserve to be celebrated and supported. Did you know our parish’s ShareLife campaign is helping young women with an unexpected pregnancy? One such mother is Nikki.

“If it wasn’t for you and for ShareLife, I don’t know where we would be today,” says Nikki. “We will always and forever be grateful for your support!”

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

AID and RECONSTRUCTION of Ukraine

Since the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, millions of people have had to take refuge, either in fairly peaceful areas in Ukraine or in European countries, including Poland. Since March 2022, we have tried to help all refugees by sending 270 tons of parcels with food, medicines, clothing, and hygiene products. We have also helped many municipalities in Poland, which welcomed a lot of refugees. With your help and support, we wish to continue these efforts.

Currently we want to bring about 20 children from a destroyed orphanage in Ukraine to France, together with their teachers and assistants. At the same time, we are working on building an orphanage in Ukraine to accommodate hundred of children seriously affected by the war. This is a very expensive project, which is why we turn to you fellow countrymen for help. Any donation, big or small, is very much appreciated and can be sent to:

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– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

May 15

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanisława and Saturnin Ferencztajn
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for the Rzyczniak family
- For God’s continued grace, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and Mary’s protection for Even, Lucas, Cameron, Madelyn, and their parents – grandmother and mother

TUESDAY

May 16

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanisława Baran and members of the Baran family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Janina and Ed Wielgus and other immigrants from our parish – Diana Wielgus
- ✠ Members of the Bigos, Rzeszla, Bedzieszak, Slonczewski, Zahorenko families

WEDNESDAY

May 17

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for children and grandchildren – grandparents
- For God’s continued blessing for the Mis family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY

May 18

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Stefania and Boguslaw
- ✠ Malgorzata, Jakub, Franciszek Rabiński
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Aleksandra and Wladyslaw Rydzewski – daughter

FRIDAY

May 19

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Fr. Teofil Szendzielarz OMI (26th anniv.)
- 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued blessing for the family – Wiesława Bielecka
- For God’s blessing for Stanislaw – wife and children

SATURDAY

May 20

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Fr. John Bosco Gali on his birthday
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Wiktor Stojanowski – wife and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For health, God’s blessing and protection for Magdalena, Malgorzata and their families – parents

SUNDAY

May 21

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Lukasz Dracz (5th anniv.), Krzysztof Kosma (30th anniv.), members of the Dracz and Kosma families
- 9³⁰ ✠ Bozena Zach – family
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Katarzyna Bedzieszak (1st anniv.) – family
- 14³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for all children receiving First Holy Communion
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and Mary’s protection for Addien Aniskiewicz

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