Reflection

Today Jesus sets before us the most essential characteristics of the kingdom of heaven. The kingdom of heaven is a gift, offered in the present, which makes itself known in the most ordinary of places. Sometimes we only discover it after much longing and pursuit. In the Scriptures, after each of the individuals finds their treasure, they make a conscious decision to completely alter their lives. Some gifts require a wholehearted and radical response.

We can experience glimpses into the kingdom of heaven here on earth. We may experience the spontaneous generosity of a stranger or welcome a child into the family after years of longing. When this occurs, we feel an innate desire to become more than we were before. Once you encounter the beautiful, intimate, and radiant presence of the kingdom of heaven, you no longer can place material things above God's love.

For us to be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom at the end of time, we must accept this gift and spend our lives sharing God's light and love with the world. Each time we receive God's gifts, we can give thanks and bring that light to others so that they too may join in the beauty of the kingdom. The kingdom of heaven is in our midst; let us respond with a joyful heart.

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First Reading: 1 Kings 3.5-12

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, how I love your law!

Second Reading: Romans 8.28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13.44-52

Second Collection

This weekend's second collection is for the Building Renovation Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

- IN OUR PARISH -

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.

Caroline Scarlett Polinski, daughter of Anna and Lukasz

Evelyn Sophia Gordon, daughter of Justyna and Matthew

Jakub Krzysztof Klucznik, son of Katarzyna and Krzysztof

We congratulate their parents and Godparents.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for God's blessing for the following couple as they celebrate Holy Matrimony. ♥

Jessica Koper,
daughter of Halina and Wojciech
& Jacob Cossmann,
son of Ijen and Michael

Coffee and Donuts

This **Sunday**, **July 30**, coffee and donuts will be served by Polonia Brass Band.

Exhibition - Wolyn 1943

Exhibition about the Wolyn Massacre can be viewed **this Sunday** in our parish hall. The exhibition has been organized by IPN and made available by the Polish Gazette Club in Toronto.

Rosary intention for August

We pray that World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Rose #36 will lead the rosary this week.

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 Podolak, at (647) 888-7487.

Moved? Please keep us up to date. Not registered? Please sign up.

- COMING UP -

Kolbe Seniors Club

Mass on **Tuesday, August 1** at 10 a.m. followed by a meeting at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. New members are always welcome!

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, August 3Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, Augst 4
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, August 5
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, August 6
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

Exhibition - Warsaw Uprising

On the 79th anniversary of the heroic struggle of the Polish youth, we invite you to an exhibition entitled "Warsaw Uprising 1944 - Battle for Poland" on **Sunday, August 6** in the parish hall. The exhibition has been organized by IPN and made available by the Polish Gazette Club in Toronto.

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on **Wednesday August 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** at the following cemeteries:

Assumption Cemetery
Christ the King Cemetery
Holy Cross Cemetery
Mount Hope Cemetery
Resurrection Cemetery
St. Mary's Cemetery
Queen of Heaven Cemetery
Whississauga
Markham
Thornhill
Toronto
Whitby
Barrie
Woodbridge

August: the month of sobriety

"Voluntary abstinence from alcohol, undertaken by adults in August, is a powerful testimony to the concern for sobriety of our friends, family, and community. It is also a valuable example for children, showing them that one can enjoy life without substance abuse." *Bp. Tadeusz Bronakowski*

If you're willing to refrain from consuming alcohol in August, consider signing your name in a special book located beside the Relics Altar.

- PILGRIMAGES -

Walking Pilgrimage to Midland

Walking Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland will take place on **August 7-13**. The theme for this year's pilgrimage are words from the Gospel of St. Luke: "Mary arose and went with haste." Info and registration at www.pielgrzymka.ca

Who can participate in the pilgrimage?

Anyone who has the strength and perseverance can participate in the pilgrimage. We do not, however, encourage elders, those who are sick, those with weak hearts or with very small children to participate. Youth up to 19 years of age may participate in the pilgrimage only after receiving writing permission from their parents or guardians.

What is there to do during the pilgrimage? Each day is filled with prayer, conferences, singing, and camaraderie. Attendance at Mass is mandatory.

What do I bring with me on the pilgrimage? Tent, warm sleeping bag, small propane tank, metal or plastic dishes and utensils, can opener, water bottle, good quality socks, shirts with sleeves, comfortable (not brand new!) shoes, hat, raincoat, sunscreen with UV protection, toiletries, toilet paper, mosquito repellent, basic medicine (pain relievers, band aids, vitamins).

Pilgrimage of Polonia to Midland

Conference of Polish Priests for Eastern Canada is inviting everyone to the 67th Pilgrimage of Polonia to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland. This event will take place on **Sunday, August 13, 2023**. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated by Bp. Andrzej Przybylski from Czestochowa.

The day's program is as follows: 10:30 a.m. – Rosary; 11:15 a.m. – Entry of the Walking Pilgrimage; 11:30 a.m. – Solemn Holy Mass; 1 p.m. – Devotion, Blessing of Flowers and Herbs.

Please note that due to very limited number of priests traveling to Midland, the sacrament of **reconciliation** will not be available in Midland. Pilgrims are asked to seek confession in their home parishes.

A bus to Midland will be leaving from our parish on Sunday, August 13 in the early morning. Tickets at \$50 can be purchased this Sunday, July 30 in the parish hall. Information: Wieslawa (416) 799-2122.

- PILGRIMAGES -

Pilgrimage to Quebec

Holy Rosary Family is organizing a pilgrimage to various shrines in Quebec from **September 15 to 17, 2023**.

Information and registration: Teresa (905) 495-7035 or Wiesława (416) 799-2122.

Pilgrimage to Rome

Radio Maria is organizing a pilgrimage to Italy under the spiritual guidance of Fr. Jacek Cydzik, from **October 8 to 18**. The trip includes visits to Venice, Pisa, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Monte Cassino, Rome. For details, please contact:

- Orbis Vacations Travel Agency
 2065 Dundas Street East in Mississauga
 (905) 624-1115
- Joanny Strzezek (905) 845-3553

Pilgrimage to Medjugorie October 13-22

Information and registration: Marzena (647) 284-1631 or Malgorzata (416) 859-8469

Pilgrimage to Holy Land

October 20-28

A pilgrimage of thanksgiving 'In the footsteps of Jesus and St. Peter' to Holy Land. Space is limited.

For details, contact or visit: St. Peter's Mission Church 6056 Ninth Line, Mississauga (416) 464-1216 www.oblateworldmissions.org

SL ShareLife

Work together for good through ShareLife

The second reading tells us that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

He is calling us to live our lives as disciples, and we can do so by sharing what we can with those who need it the most. Through ShareLife, we can reach out to the most vulnerable in our communities and those who continue to suffer around the world.

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

- MASS INTENTIONS -

MONDAY

July 31

800 • For God's blessing and Mary's protection for Rana and Marcin on their 1st wedding anniversary

19⁰⁰ & Bozena and Andrzej Rzyczniak – family

TUESDAY

August 1

August 4

800 • For God's blessing and Mary's protection for Teresa and Roman Ziemianek on their 38th wedding anniversary

10⁰⁰ ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club

 19^{00} \circ For our Motherland and all who fought for her freedom

WEDNESDAY August 2

8⁰⁰ ♣ Valentyna Stickney (10th anniv.) – niece

19⁰⁰ • Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY August 3

FRIDAY

10⁰⁰ ♥ Walenty Siuda; Eddy Niedziela; Zofia, Czeslaw, Kazimierz Bubacz

19⁰⁰ ♣ Maria and Jerzy Taborowski – daughterin-law and family

SATURDAY August 5

8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate

17⁰⁰ ♣ Maria Kmiotek (19th anniv.) – children

19⁰⁰ ♣ Stanislaw Kowalski – wife Zofia

SUNDAY August 6

8⁰⁰ • For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate

9³⁰ • In thanksgiving for Tracy and Tom
Wasik on their 18th wedding anniversary

11⁰⁰ • For Parishioners and Benefactors

13⁰⁰ ♥ Wladyslaw and Roman Kotwinski (4th anniv.) – family

14³⁰ Antoni Woloszczak (6th anniv.) – children and families

19⁰⁰ ♣ Irena and Teodor Wethacz – daughter and family

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

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 requite a **home visit** from a priest.