

Transfiguration of the Lord

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reflection

The voice in the cloud repeats, almost verbatim, the words Jesus first heard from the heavens at his baptism: “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased.” Parent, take note – do not hesitate to repeat this message to your children! The human heart cries out for just this.

Human cultures, including our own, offer many ways of grounding our identity. Some of these are healthy and necessary; others are exploitative and manipulative. Ideologies that limit our understanding of the human person to the delineation of certain arbitrary characteristics sow confusion and turn us against one another, leading to political extremism and cultural breakdown. But even the noble impulses of human culture are relativized by the good news of God’s fatherly love for each of us in Jesus Christ.

Peter’s instincts on the mountain, to preserve the experience, weren’t bad. And they made sense within his own cultural and religious experience. But the voice from the clouds did not even let him finish his thought. And what it said had such an impact on Peter that he quoted it decades later when he wrote the letter from which we get today’s second reading. Parents, never underestimate the transfiguring power of your words of love and affirmation. Ground your children’s identity in the love of God.

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First Reading: Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14
Responsorial Psalm:
*The Lord is king,
 the most high over all the earth.*
Second Reading: 2 Peter 1.16-19
Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

Second Collection
 August 12/13 – Canadian Missions
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– IN OUR PARISH –

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The Feast of the Transfiguration has been observed on this day by the universal church since the 15th century. The experience on Mount Tabor is one where Jesus reveals his divinity and invites us all into a similar mystical encounter. The path up that mountain proceeds through prayer, and on this feast we are encouraged to read and reflect upon the biblical account of the Transfiguration.

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.

Luis Zygmunt Chavez,
 son of Pamela and Luis

Tymon Sadowski,
 son of Paulina and Adam

We congratulate their parents and Godparents.

Coffee and Donuts

This **Sunday, August 6**, coffee and donuts will be served by the Rosary Family.

Holy Rosary

Rose #37 will lead the rosary this week.

Exhibition – Warsaw Uprising

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

Offertory Envelopes

In August, we have to place an order for offertory envelopes for the year 2024. We kindly ask families who have not picked up their set this year, but would like to use offertory envelopes next year, to contact the parish via email: kolbe@kolbe.ca or by phone: (905) 848-2420. Please do not use envelopes from previous years!

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

– COMING UP THIS WEEK –

Walking Pilgrimage to Midland



41st annual walking pilgrimage to Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland leaves this **Monday, August 7**. Please keep all pilgrims in your prayers.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On **Saturday, August 12**, immediately after the evening Mass, Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites one and all to take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation to Lord Jesus for sins against life and its dignity.



Fatima Devotions

Join us for Fatima Devotion on **Sunday, August 13**. After the evening Mass, we will walk in procession to the Rosary Garden. Please bring a candle.

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 next **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 and there are a few seats still available. Tickets at \$50 can be purchased this Sunday, August 6 in the parish hall. Information: Wieslawa (416) 799-2122.

– COMING UP SOON –

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 at 7:00 p.m.** at the following cemeteries:

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

Parish Feast Day

Sunday, August 20 at the 11 a.m. Mass
Homilist: Bp. Andrzej Przybylski

Parish organizations are asked to prepare their banners and line up in the parish hall after Holy Communion. All parishioners are invited to take part in a procession.

On this day, the Rosary Family will be serving traditional Polish food: cabbage, pierogi, sausage, and more.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, August 27 at 11 a.m.

Please call the parish office if you wish to have your name added to the list of couples celebrating their wedding anniversary.

Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will commence in October and will run on 7 consecutive Mondays from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. To register, please call the parish office.

Marriage Preparation Course for couples where one or both partners were previously married is facilitated by Catholic Family Services. Contact www.cfstoronto.com to register.

First Communion / Confirmation

Parishioners who are planning on registering their children for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation are asked to prepare their child’s baptism certificate. A copy of this document will be required during registration. More information will be provided in September.

– PILGRIMAGES –

Pilgrimage to Quebec

September 15 – 17
 Information: Teresa (905) 495-7035
 Wieslawa (416) 799-2122

Pilgrimage to Rome

October 8 – 18
 Information: Joanna (905) 845-3553

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

October 13 – 22
 Information: Marzena (647) 284-1631
 Malgorzata (416) 859-8469

Pilgrimage to Holy Land

October 20 – 28
 Information: St. Peter’s Mission Church
 (416) 464-1216

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.

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.

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.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY August 7

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and health for Renata and Maximilian on their birthdays
 19⁰⁰ ✚ Lech Bukowski, Aleksander Pruszynski, Leszek Prusinski

TUESDAY August 8

8⁰⁰ ✚ Grandparents Maroszek and Cymanowski; Barbara Adamkowska; Maria and Tadeusz Wasiak
 19⁰⁰ ✚ Steven Zelek and Theodore Zelek – mother and grandmother

WEDNESDAY August 9

8⁰⁰ ✚ Parents Halina and Stanislaw Lewczuk
 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY August 10

8⁰⁰ ✚ Halina Rebisz – daughter and family
 19⁰⁰ ✚ Edward Bardecki and Klemens Wojciechowski – Cisalowicz family

FRIDAY August 11

8⁰⁰ ✚ Stanislaw Lukasik (anniv.) – daughter Alicja
 19⁰⁰ ✚ Members of the Ducki and Odalski families – family

SATURDAY August 12

8⁰⁰ ✚ Henryk Sobieszczanski
 17⁰⁰ ✚ Parents Edward and Wladyslawa Chojnacki, grandmother Eleonora Chwastek – daughter and family
 19⁰⁰ ✚ Eugeniusz and Krystyna

SUNDAY August 13

8⁰⁰ ✚ Franciszka Jagonow, Elzbieta Dziemianczuk, Maria Chaszczewska, Aleksandra Jagonow – son, daughter, sister, family
 9³⁰ ○ For God’s grace and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Agata and Sebastian Molas on their 13th wedding anniversary – family
 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
 13⁰⁰ ✚ Iwona, Bronislawa, Feliks Dudek – children and family
 14³⁰ ○ For Mary’s protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Roman on his birthday and nameday
 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for the completion of studies and for God’s continued blessing and protection for the Panus family

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

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.