



### Reflection

In today's Gospel, the disciples sit helplessly as their boat is tossed about by the storm. Similarly, many times our lives are overwhelmed with howling winds and merciless waves, which we cannot avoid or control. It is so easy to become overwhelmed, anxious, and afraid – and to simply give up. However, while the storms may be stronger than we are, they are not stronger than God.

When Peter put his trust in the Lord and came toward Jesus, the storm lost all its power. Through Jesus, Peter conquered his fears and walked peacefully while the world around him crashed and howled. The moment he lost focus and became frightened, Peter's fears took over and devoured him.

When we put our trust in Jesus, he will conquer our fears. We will walk peacefully through this valley of tears, and the storms of this world and in our own lives will lose their power over us.

Let us have faith in Jesus, and never take our eyes or our hearts off of him. No matter what we have done or failed to do, it is never too late to cry out, as Peter did, "Lord, save me!" Unto the hour of death, Jesus will instantly reach out his hands of mercy to catch us. Jesus, I trust in you.

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**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19.9, 11-13

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.*

**Second Reading:** Romans 9.1-5

**Gospel:** Matthew 14.22-33

### Second Collection

**This weekend** – Canadian Missions  
Thank you for your support.

## – 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.

**Joslyn Mindzak,**  
daughter of Sunisa and Justin  
**Marcelina Wyrebek,**  
daughter of Kinga and Adrian  
**Maximilian Nowak Dluzewski,**  
son of Laurencja and Bartłomiej  
**Mylah Ela Polanski,**  
daughter of Camilla and Adam

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.

**Sandra Wieliczko,**  
daughter of Teresa and Zdzislaw  
& **Dawid Starecki,**  
son of Maria and Włodzimierz

♥  
**Pamela Lis,**  
daughter of Margaret and Zygmunt

& **Luis Chavez Montoya,**  
son of Lily and Jaime

♥  
**Aneta Steciuk,**  
daughter of Lucyna and Krzysztof  
& **Edward Martins,**  
son of Gabriela and Idoardo

### Coffee and Donuts

This **Sunday, August 13**, coffee and donuts will be served by Knights of Columbus.

### Fatima Devotions

Join us for Fatima Devotion this Sunday. A procession to the Rosary Garden will take place after the evening Mass. Please bring a candle.

### Holy Rosary

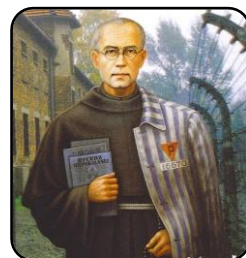
**Rose #38 will lead the rosary this week.**

### 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!

## – THIS WEEK –

### Monday, August 14 Feast Day of our Parish Patron St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe



Saint Maximilian was born on January 8, 1894 in Zduńska Wola, Poland. As a Franciscan, he worked to spread the gospel in his native Poland as well as in Japan. He had a great devotion to Our Lady. During the Nazi occupation of Poland, he helped thousands of refugees, including Polish Jews. He was arrested by the Gestapo in 1941 and imprisoned at Auschwitz. Three months after Maximilian's arrival, a prisoner escaped. In retaliation, 10 men were chosen at random to die. One was a young father. Maximilian offered to take his place. He died on August 14, 1941 in Auschwitz-Birkenau.

**Beatified:** October 17, 1971 by Pope Paul VI  
**Canonized:** October 10, 1982 by Pope John Paul II  
**Feast Day:** August 14

Patron saint of families, prisoners, journalists, political prisoners, drug addicts, and the pro-life movement.

### Tuesday, August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Assumption of the Virgin Mary celebrates her being assumed – taken up body and soul – into heaven at the end of her earthly life. It began as a feast day in the Eastern Church after the Council of Ephesus (431) proclaimed Mary the Mother of God. The Western Church began to celebrate this feast around 650. **Blessing of flowers and herbs will take place on this day at the 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.**

On this day we also celebrate the anniversary of the Divine Mercy Chapel which opened in our parish in 1995. (See next announcement.)

## – THIS WEEK –

### Chapel of Perpetual Adoration Anniversary Mass

On the anniversary of the opening of the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration, we cordially invite you to a Mass of thanksgiving for all those who take part in adoration. The Holy Mass will be celebrated in the church on Tuesday, **August 15 at 8 p.m.**

### Mass for the Faithful Departed

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated by Most Rev. Frank Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, on **Wednesday August 16 at 7:00 p.m.** at Assumption Cemetery, 6933 Tomken Rd. (at Derry Rd. E.) in Mississauga. For other locations, please visit [www.catholic-cemeteries.com](http://www.catholic-cemeteries.com)

### Parish Feast Day and Plenary Indulgence

Our parish feast day will be celebrated next **Sunday, August 20** with Bishop Andrzej Przybylski presiding at the 11 o'clock Mass. Afterwards, we will walk in procession around the church. Parish organizations are asked to prepare their banners and line up in the parish hall after Holy Communion.

**Parishioners who devoutly visit the parochial church on its titular feast day have the opportunity to receive plenary indulgence.**

As defined in the Code of Canon Law (can. 992) and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (n. 1471), "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints".

A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace: have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin; have sacramentally confessed their sins; receive the Holy Eucharist (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required); pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

Also on this day, the Rosary Family will be serving traditional Polish food: cabbage, pierogi, sausage, and more. Come celebrate the feast day of our parish.

## – COMING UP SOON –

### 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](http://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.

### Pilgrimage to Quebec

**September 15 – 17**

Information: Teresa (905) 495-7035  
Wiesława (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.**

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY, August 14

**St. Maximilian Kolbe**

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Tadeusz and Jadwiga – sister and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's continued care for the Gorecki family

### TUESDAY, August 15

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Walerian Kedzia (18<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – Krystyna and Adam  
**Blessing of Flowers and Herbs**  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Kazimiera and Kazimierz Budziak and members of the Budziak family – niece Irena and family  
**Blessing of Flowers and Herbs**  
20<sup>00</sup> ○ Special intention for all those who take part in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

### WEDNESDAY, August 16

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Irena Holla (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – Goddaughter  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY, August 17

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for Marzena and Josh Lopes on their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Wojciech Urbanski – Krzysztof

### FRIDAY, August 18

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Janina and Walerian Kulinski – children  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Włodzimierz and Emil Krupka – family

### SATURDAY, August 19

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Piotr Niemiec and Fryderyk Wisniewski – Niemiec family  
17<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and health for Natalia and Krzysztof Lapinski on their 1<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary – grandmother  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanislaw Kozacz – wife and children

### SUNDAY, August 20

**Parish Feast Day**

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Krystyna Kocjan (5<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – husband  
9<sup>30</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for Marzena and Josh Lopes on their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary – family  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ✠ Cecylia and Marian Budziak and members of the Czyzowicz family – daughter Irena and family  
14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Maria, Franciszek and Antoni Cwik  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Janina and Tadeusz Mis – son and 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.