



### Reflection

One challenge that the Gospel writers leave with us is that they generally don't fill out their stories; we hear only the bare bones. In today's Gospel, we are not told about Jesus' facial expression or tone of voice or inner thoughts.

Jesus' friends try to dissuade him from attending to the foreigner. Jesus ignores them; but what was Jesus thinking when he refers to the Canaanite woman and her daughter as dogs? What were his tone and facial expression? Was he teasing her? Or perhaps testing her faith?

To most of us, Jesus would seem shockingly rude, and the woman's persistence all the more remarkable. She might have walked away in a huff. Why does she demean herself by continuing her plea? The answer, of course, lies in her great love for her daughter and her conviction that Jesus is a holy person with healing powers. I imagine that Jesus' voice conveyed immense kindness the second time he spoke.

Today's readings make clear that God's saving grace and care are for all nationalities, races, and religions, not only for Jews and Christians. How do we respond to the outsider? Like the disciples, do we avoid acknowledging or being generous to needy strangers? Or do we emulate Jesus? And do we, like the woman, confidently bring the needs of those we love to Jesus?

*Beth Porter; Richmond Hill, ON*

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**First Reading:** Isaiah 56.1, 6-7

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Let the peoples praise you, O God,  
let all the peoples praise you!*

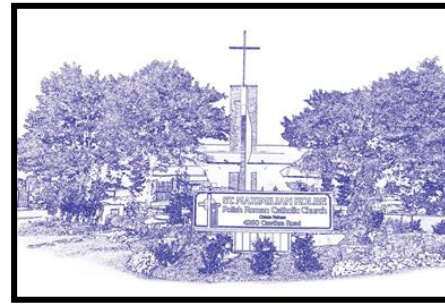
**Second Reading:** Romans 11.13-15, 29-32

**Gospel:** Matthew 15.21-28

### Second Collection

**August 26/27** – Building Renovation Fund  
Thank you for your support.

## – PARISH FEAST DAY –



This Sunday, our parish community celebrates its feast day, with Bishop Andrzej Przybylski presiding at the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday. A Eucharistic procession will take place after this Mass. Parish organizations are asked to prepare their banners and line up in the parish hall after Holy Communion.

As part of the celebrations, the Rosary Family will be serving traditional Polish food: cabbage, pierogi, sausage, and more. Coffee and donuts will be served by Domus Ecclesiae. Come celebrate the feast day of our parish!

Blessing of cars, motorcycles, and bicycles will take place at 4 p.m. in the parking lot.

## – PLENARY INDULGENCE –

**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.

## – 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.

**Izadora Maria Liczner,**  
daughter of Paulina and Robert

**Sophia Isabelle Kaminski,**  
daughter of Abegail and Karol

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. ♥

**Anna Harmata,**  
daughter of Bozena and Edward  
& **Rafal Pasternak,**  
son of Barbara and Roman

### Holy Rosary

**Rose #39 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!

### Thank You!

The Annual Walking Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine has come to an end. It gathered over 300 participants of all ages. Fr. Bogdan and Fr. Slawomir had the opportunity to join the pilgrims for one day, pray with them, and hear confessions.

A warm *Thank You* goes out to Mr. Zbigniew Chabinka from Orbit Restaurant for cooking, delivering, and distributing a delicious and nutritious soup to all the pilgrims.

## – COMING UP SOON –

### Kolbe Seniors Club

Members of the Kolbe Seniors Club will meet on **Tuesday, August 22 at 11 a.m.** in the basement hall of the John Paul II Cultural Centre.

### 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.

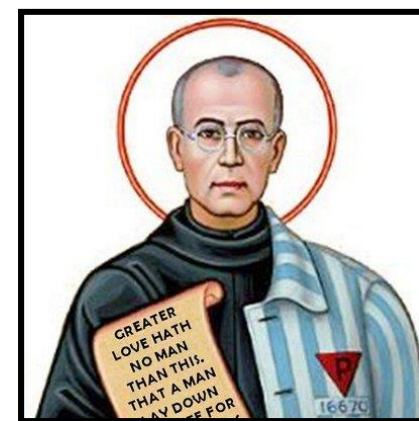
### Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will take place on seven consecutive Mondays, from **October 9 to November 20**, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Meetings are in-person and attendance is mandatory at all sessions. 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.



*"Beyond armies of occupation and the hecatombs of extermination camps, there are two irreconcilable enemies in the depth of every soul: good and evil, sin and love. And what use are the victories on the battlefield if we ourselves are defeated in our innermost personal selves?"* – St. Maximilian Kolbe

## – COMMUNITY NEWS –

### Scholarship Applications

The Canadian Polish Millennium Fund is offering grants to students of Polish descent who have completed their first year of studies and are currently enrolled in a program of study at a Canadian post-secondary educational institution. The deadline for submission is **September 15, 2023**. Application forms can be obtained from [www.millenniumfund.ca](http://www.millenniumfund.ca) and once complete, can be dropped off at the parish or mailed to:

Canadian Polish Millennium Fund  
Fundusz Wieczysty Milenium  
3055 Lakeshore Blvd. W.  
Toronto, Ontario M8V 1K6

More information at:  
[www.millenniumfund.ca](http://www.millenniumfund.ca)  
cpmf@millenniumfund.ca  
(416) 532-1921

### 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.**

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY, August 21

8<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's blessing, Mary's protection, and health for Bozena and Dariusz on their wedding anniversary  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Helena and Stanislaw Romasz – daughter-in-law

### TUESDAY, August 22

**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Irena Bronkoski, Antoni and Kazimierz Szywala  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's continued blessing for Kevin and Emily Sowa on their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

### WEDNESDAY, August 23

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for the Golabek and Gwiazdowski families  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY, August 24

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Helena, Stanislaw, Ryszard Guzik – son and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Jakub Glowinski – family

### FRIDAY, August 25

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Tadeusz and family members  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Zenon Koczwarza – wife

### SATURDAY, August 26

**Our Lady of Czestochowa**  
8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Grazyna and Stanislaw Tomczyszyn – sister Janina and family  
17<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's continued blessing, Mary's protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Christine Mieczkowski on her birthday  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Maria Urbanczyk – son and family

### SUNDAY, August 27

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for children, grandchildren, and great granddaughter – parents and grandmother  
9<sup>30</sup> ✚ Maria, Marian, Franciszka, Stanislaw Stawiarz – son Janusz and family  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ✚ Parents Zofia Makowska and Eugeniusz Jurski (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.) – daughter with husband  
14<sup>30</sup> ✚ Members of the Maruszak and Truskowski families – family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Zofia and Franciszek Kresek – daughters

**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.