



## Reflection

Recently my young family went on a trip without me. It was the first time I'd ever been substantially away from my youngest child. As my crew exuberantly burst through the front door upon their return, I was overcome by the reality of being with them. To be present in person contained a goodness and a fullness of life that was, truthfully, a bit staggering, especially after many days apart.

Anyone reuniting after an absence on account of work, school, or pandemic lockdowns can relate to what it means to be physically with someone: not on the phone or through various technologies, but really, tangibly present. This presence brings a unique confidence in their love, a delight in their person, a peace and unmistakable joy at being together. Such presence is priceless.

As Jesus assures us in today's Gospel, when we gather with others in his name, he is there. Really there. Like my kids at their homecoming, Jesus is palpably present – and with no less exuberance. He's teeming with life and blessings. We can rejoice in his person, relax in his nearness, trust in his unfathomable love.

Gathered together in Jesus' name this day, let us be transformed, revitalized, healed, and restored by his promise, contained in the closing words from today's Gospel, that he will be here among us.

*Nicole Snook; Halifax, NS*

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**First Reading:** Ezekiel 33.7-9  
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!*  
**Second Reading:** Romans 13.8-10  
**Gospel:** Matthew 18.15-20

## Second Collection

The **September 16/17** second collection is for the Building Renovation Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

## – PARISH NEWS –

### Mass of Installation for Fr. Bogdan Osiecki

A Mass of Installation for the new Pastor of our parish, Fr. Bogdan Osiecki, takes place this Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, with Bp. Ivan Camilleri presiding.

Fr. Bogdan, we wish you an abundance of God's grace in your priestly ministry, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and Blessed Mary's intercession. Be assured of our prayers.

### Great Joy for the Parish Community

It is with great joy that we announce that: **Jonasz Lalik OMI** was ordained a deacon in the Congregation of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. **Mateusz Chrzanowski OMI** professed his first vows. **Dominik Ostrowski** and **Mateusz Cwalinski** entered the novitiate at Holy Cross in Poland. Please keep these young men in your prayers.

### 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.

**Karina Izabela Ramzia**,  
daughter of Renata and Michal

**Lily Anne McLellan-Watt**,  
daughter of Agatha and Cameron

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. ♥

**Martyna Szczepanek**,  
daughter of Ewa and Janusz  
**& Jonathan Soriano**,  
son of Wanda and Frank

### Coffee and Donuts

This **Sunday, September 10**, coffee and donuts will be served by Friends of the Missions – MAMI.

### Rosary intention for September

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**Rose #42 will lead the rosary this week.**

## – COMING UP –

### Meetings

#### Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, September 12 at 10 a.m.  
 Mass followed by a meeting  
 at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

#### Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, September 12 at 7 p.m.  
 Mass followed by a meeting  
 at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

#### Grade 8 and High School Students

Thursdays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

#### College and University Students

Fridays, 8:20 p.m. in Bro. Anthony Room

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On **Tuesday, September 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 Devotion

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

### Altar Servers

If you're in grade 3 or up and would like to become an altar server, please pick up a registration form from the sacristy, fill it out, and hand it in to any one of our parish priests.

### Offertory Envelopes

If you are interested in using offertory envelopes in 2024, please contact the parish office via email: kolbe@kolbe.ca or by phone: (905) 848-2420. Please do not use envelopes from previous years!

### In the Footsteps of Polish Settlers

Authors Lech and Grazyna Galezowski have published a book entitled *In the Footsteps of Polish Settlers in Western Canada: Building a Community 1914-1950*, which describes over 90 Polish settlements in Western Canada and includes rare photos, documents and settlements that have not been previously described in any other sources. This book encompasses an accumulation of over twenty years of research exploring Polish communities across Western Canada. Stop by the parish hall next **Sunday, September 17** if you would like to purchase the book and meet the authors.

## – REGISTRATIONS –

### Registration for Catechesis

Registration for preschool catechesis (Good Shepherd), First Communion catechesis, catechesis for junior students, as well as for candidates for Confirmation will take place on the following days:

**THIS SUNDAY**, 9:30 am – 2:30 am  
 in the parish hall

**Tuesday, September 12**, 5 pm – 8 pm  
 in the Good Shepherd room

**Wednesday, September 20**, 4 pm – 7 pm  
 in the Good Shepherd room

Parents who are unable to attend any of the above registration dates may register their child directly with Sister Halina until the end of September. No registrations will be accepted after September 30. Sister Halina can be reached at (647) 205-7297.

Registration forms are available on our parish website under the Liturgy and Sacraments tab and in-person during registration. Material fee is \$100 – cash or cheque payable to St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Copy of Baptism Certificate is required for students registering for First Communion and Confirmation classes, even if the baptism took place at our parish.

**First Communion classes** will be held on Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **First Communion Mass** is scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at 4 p.m. in English and Sunday, May 12 at 2:30 p.m. in Polish.

**Confirmation classes** will be held on Thursdays. The date of the **Confirmation Mass** will be determined by our local bishop and announced at a later time.

### Jubilee 2000 Children's Choir

If you are a child who loves to sing, you are welcome to join the Jubilee 2000 Children's Choir. Sister Halina is accepting new choir members until the end of September. Please see her if you would like more information related to the group's activities. Sister Halina can be reached at (647) 205-7297.

### 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 as 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.

## – COMMUNITY NEWS –

### Marian Feast

Marian Feast in honour of Our Lady of Ludzmierz, Mother of Good Counsel and Queen of Polish Canadians takes place this **Sunday, September 10** at St. Eugene de Mazenod Church, Brampton. **12:30 p.m.** High Mass with Rev. Norbert Pikula as celebrant and homilist; **2 p.m.** Picnic

### Exhibition

**Friday, September 15, 7:30 p.m.**

The Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Toronto and the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre invite you to the opening of an exhibition entitled "Warsaw - Mariupol - a city of ruins, a city of struggle, a city of hope." Guest of honor: Deputy Speaker of the Polish Parliament, Mrs. Małgorzata Gosiewska. Artistic program: TARAKA band.

### 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 **Friday, September 15**. 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  
 3055 Lakeshore Blvd. W.  
 Toronto, Ontario M8V 1K6

### Roncesvalles Polish Festival

**September 16 – 17**

Volunteers are needed to help out at the food and beverage garden at Copernicus Lodge, with proceeds going to the Copernicus Lodge Foundation. If you are able to assist, please contact Monika at (416) 536-7122 ext. 251 or by email at [monikaf@copernicuslodge.com](mailto:monikaf@copernicuslodge.com)

### Farewell to Summer – Dance

Canadian Polish Congress, Mississauga district, cordially invites you to the "Farewell to Summer" dinner and dance on **Saturday, September 23** at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Delicious dinner with wine prepared by Jan Gromada; music by Impres; tickets at \$75 available at the JPII Centre and from Leszek (289) 768-6056.

### Retreat for Parents After the Loss of a Child

**September 22-24** – for those who have had an abortion or contributed to it and suffer psychologically and spiritually because of it. **October 13-15** – for those who have experienced a miscarriage or stillbirth. Location: Chicago, Illinois, USA. Information / Registration: S. Maksymiliana Kaminska MChR (773) 656-7703

### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

**October 13 – 22**

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

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY, September 11

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Edward Kuziora – daughter Wiesława  
 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Marek Krol – Magda with children, family, friends  
 ○ For gifts of the Holy Spirit and Mary's protection for Gabriela and Weronika Strama on their birthdays – parents

### TUESDAY, September 12

8<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing for the Tomaka and Solowij families  
 10<sup>00</sup> ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club  
 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Władysława and Władysław Jaskiewicz (anniv.) – children and families  
 ○ For God's blessing and Mary's protection for Krzysztof Aniskiewicz

### WEDNESDAY, September 13

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Bronisława and Stanisław Długopolski – daughter  
 ○ For God's blessing and Mary's protection for the Soltysik and Dutkiewicz families  
 19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY, September 14

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Anna Olszewska – son and grandson  
 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Maria and Czesław Eckhardt – daughters  
 ○ In thanksgiving for 32 years of marriage of Zofia and Kazimierz Wszeborowski and for God's blessing for their family

### FRIDAY, September 15

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Bogusław Ulecki (28<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – children and families  
 ○ For God's blessing and health for the Lukaszczyk family – mother  
 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Members of the Olszanski family – family

### SATURDAY, September 16

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's grace for Jarosław on his birthday – wife and children  
 17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Tomasz Ujda – mother  
 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Rozalia Gabiga

### SUNDAY, September 17

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Marianna Pogroszewska (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – children and family  
 9<sup>30</sup> ○ For God's continued grace for children and granddaughter Amelia – parents  
 11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
 ✠ Aleksandra and Julian Slawinski – son with wife  
 13<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for 34 years of marriage of Krystyna and Jan Prymicz and for God's blessing for their family  
 14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Daughter Alicja Lewandowska and Godson Robert Ciesek  
 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Marek Krol – family

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