



Reflection

There's an old adage, "If you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there." In today's Gospel, Jesus gives Peter (and us) clear directions and terms that he requires of us. We must forgive with our hearts.

When we have been hurt deeply, forgiveness can be daunting. Acknowledging all the emotions that come from being wounded often makes forgiveness humanly unbearable. When we realize we lack the strength to do what God is asking, we turn to Jesus.

Step 8 of the 12-Step program is "Make a list of all persons we have harmed and become willing to make amends." There is an abundance of evidence that this approach really works. Hundreds of thousands of alcoholics have recovered from a hopeless state of mind and body and found freedom from resentments by doing this step. It has a healing effect and can lead us from the seat of judgment to the throne of mercy.

God calls us to himself through many situations. Our struggle to forgive is in our human nature. Surrender leads us to the abundant transforming grace that he offers us through the Holy Spirit. We receive this powerful gift in the Eucharist, his Body and Blood. The rocky and narrow road to Good Friday leads us on to Easter Sunday!

Denis Grady; Calgary, AB

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First Reading: Sirach 27.30 – 28.7

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Second Reading: Romans 14.7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

Second Collection

This weekend

Building Renovation Fund

September 23/24

Needs of the Church in Canada

Thank you for your ongoing support.

– PARISH NEWS –

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.

Kasia Baryla,

daughter of Anika and Kamil

Nathan Eugene Dobrowolski,

son of Paulina and Norbert

We congratulate their parents and Godparents.

The Sacrament of Marriage

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

Alexandra Romanski,

daughter of Ewa and Zbigniew

& Nicholas Maida,

son of Lucy and Frank



Daniella Pereira,

daughter of Alina and Benjamin

& Artur Zych,

son of Grazyna and Przemyslaw

Coffee and Donuts

This **Sunday, September 17**, coffee and donuts will be served by Altar Servers.

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.

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 #43 will lead the rosary this week.

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 this **Sunday, September 17** if you would like to purchase the book and meet the authors.

– COMING UP –

Youth Meetings

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

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, September 22**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

Mass Intentions for 2024

Mass intentions for 2024 can be requested in person, in the parish hall on **Wednesday, September 27** from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Each family/household can order one Sunday Mass and two weekday Masses (pending availability). More information in next week's bulletin.

– REMINDERS –

Anointing of the Sick

- Hospital chaplains – Roman Catholic priests – are employed full-time at local hospitals and are 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.

Who is a parishioner?

There are many individuals who call the parish office asking for a letter confirming that he or she is a parishioner. When this happens, our parish secretary checks if they are registered; oftentimes they are not. So what makes a person a parishioner?

Ours is an ethnic faith community serving Catholics of Polish descent. This means that in order to be a parishioner, one needs to formally register at the parish. You are not a parishioner because your parents go here. You are not a parishioner just because you come to Mass here, or because you received sacraments here. You are a parishioner if you officially register here. Being a parishioner means that you are committed and invested in this parish, which means you are willing to share your time, talents, and treasures with the parish.

Registration forms can be found in the hallway of the church and in the parish office.

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!

– 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 **Wednesday, September 20**, 4 pm – 7 pm in the Good Shepherd room. Parents who are unable to attend the above registration date 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, 2024 at 4 p.m. in English and for Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. in Polish.

Confirmation classes will be held on Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Confirmation Mass** is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 4 p.m.

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.

Ave Maria Choir

Newly established English-speaking children's choir, Ave Maria, announces auditions. The enrollment is open for children from 7 to 13 years old. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the choir sings every Tuesday during the 7 p.m. English Mass. For more information, contact Mariya at (416) 949-3033

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 to register.

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

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

Gregorian Chant Concert

Gregorian Chant concert entitled *Conversatio Christo* will take place on **Sunday, October 1 at 7 p.m.** at St. Dominic Parish, 2415 Rebecca Street, in Oakville. *Conversatio Christo* is an opportunity to experience the power of Gregorian Chant – an ancient form of prayer of the Catholic Church. Tickets at \$20/\$25 can be purchased at www.saintdominic.ca or at www.conversatiochristo.com

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

October 13 – 22

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

Online Theology Course

The Mazenodianum Institute is offering an online theology course for adults, in Polish. The studies will allow you to deepen your knowledge of the Bible, the dogmas, the liturgy, as well as moral issues and other theological problems. The course starts in **October** and lasts 3 semesters (270 hours in total). The lecturers are theologians from various academic universities. The tuition fee is 1,000 PLN per semester.

Information and registration:

www.mazenodianum.pl

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Anger never travels alone. It is always accompanied by plenty of other sins.

–St. John Vianney

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, September 18

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Wiktor Dworniczak (21st anniv.)
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Monika and Luka on their 1st wedding anniversary
- ✠ Members of the Orłowski family

TUESDAY, September 19

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Halina and Antonina Nenko – Danuta and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Ryszard Zebrowski (3rd anniv.) – wife Wanda and children
- ✠ Helena Nowicka (1st anniv.) – daughter Beata and family

WEDNESDAY, September 20

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef Taborowski and members of the Guzda and Pigiel families – family
- ✠ Kazimierz Swiatek – wife and children
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY, September 21

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Marianna and Henryk Glab – son and family
- ✠ Antoni Derecki (41st anniv.) – family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Matylda and Wojciech Glaz – family

FRIDAY, September 22

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Stefania and Waclaw Sadowski – son and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Stanislaw and Janina Nowotnik; brothers Lucjan, Antoni, Waclaw Nowotnik, husband Antoni Pasiak – family
- In thanksgiving for all graces received and for the strengthening of faith

SATURDAY, September 23

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw and Roman Piekarcz; Wojciech Kostka – rodzina
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Czeslaw Kurgan – wife and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Edward Dlugokecki – wife, children, grandchildren

SUNDAY, September 24

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria and Jan Kubicki; Czeslawa and Waldemar Grochowicz – family
- 9³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving on the 30th wedding anniv. of Renata and Frank, and for God's blessing, blessed Mary's protection, gifts of the Holy Spirit and health for them and their children: Daniel, Anthony, Victoria
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Wanda, Jozefa, Otolia, Franciszek, Jozef, Adam Ratowski and Leokadia, Eugeniusz Kanigowski – family
- 14³⁰ ✠ Danuta Pisarkiewicz, Jan Matulis, Karol Klawikowski, Blazej Siten
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Daughter Diane Pereira (3rd anniv.) and members of the Lipowicz, Kokosza, Nowocin

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