

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reflection

If we look at our life, we will most likely be able to relate to the workers in today's Gospel parable. Some days we are the early workers in the vineyard: putting in the effort to live good and holy lives, having "borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat," but seeing other people receive the same regards without putting in the same amount of work. We start comparing and get stuck in an "it's not fair" mindset. Other days, we might relate more to the workers who started late: we realize the Lord blessed us when we least deserve it, and we are made aware of God's merciful nature.

We live in a culture that focuses heavily on rewards. And we sometimes apply this to our relationship with God: do a certain work, receive certain blessings. But God's ways are not our ways, and his thoughts are above our thoughts.

The Father's heart is full of compassion: he sees us waiting, he sees us struggling to find our place. He knows we're worried, and he's aware of the burdens we are carrying. The Lord has called us to work in his vineyard. What a privilege it is to have been chosen! Isn't being chosen by the Lord a reward in itself? Take a moment to thank the Father for choosing you today.

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First Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9
Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is near to all who call on him.
Second Reading: Philippians 1.20-24, 27
Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

Second Collection

This weekend
 Needs of the Church in Canada
September 30/October 1
 Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation
 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.

Elsa Sarah Kaminska,
 daughter of Katrina and Tomasz

Massimo Arias,
 son of Agnieszka and Jasson

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.

Renata Bzdyk,
 daughter of Maria and Jan
& Rocco Calla,
 son of Rosa and Vincenzo

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Angeleen Matti,
 daughter of Saba and Sam
& Daniel Wojdecki,
 son of Margaret and Wieslaw

Coffee and Donuts

This **Sunday, September 24**, coffee and donuts will be served by Oblate Youth.

Holy Rosary

Rose #44 will lead the rosary this week.

Registration for Catechesis

Registration for catechesis (preschool, First Communion, junior students, and Confirmation) is now closed. Parents who missed the registration deadline are asked to contact Sister Halina until the end of September. No registrations will be accepted after September 30. Sister Halina can be reached at (647) 205-7297.

First Communion Mass:

Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 4 p.m. in English
 Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. in Polish

Confirmation Mass:

Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 4 p.m.



Book Sale

The Fr. Stan Bak Library at John Paul II Centre is hosting a book sale this **Sunday, September 24** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Make sure to stop by.

– COMING UP –

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).

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: *First*, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. *Second*, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. *Third*, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died, or in thanksgiving for graces received.

By requesting Mass intentions for people close to us, we offer them a beautiful spiritual gift. By actively participating in this Mass and receiving Holy Communion in their intention, we add to this spiritual gift.

How to draft Mass intentions?

God knows the desire of our heart, so there is no need to explain to Him at length what we are praying for. Intentions should be short and concise, if only for practical reasons. The Holy Mass is not about listening to people's stories.

When drafting intentions:

- Make them concise and specific
- Use proper names (ex. Andrew, not Andy)
- Avoid professional titles
- Do not combine intentions for the dead with intentions for the living
- Do not include details regarding intimate, very personal or family matters.

Examples of intentions:

- In thanksgiving for a successful surgery
- In thanksgiving for 20 years of marriage of (names)
- For God's blessing for the (surname) family
- For a successful surgery and health for (name)
- For God's blessing for (name) on his/her birthday
- For God's help in overcoming addiction
- For the late (name)
- For the deceased members of the (surname) family.

Meetings

M.A.M.I. – Friends of the Missions

Thursday, September 28 at 7 p.m.
 Mass followed by a meeting
 in Sister Faustina Room

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

– COMING UP –



Kolbe ProLife Group invites all parishioners, parish organizations and friends to participate in 40 Days for Life - a silent prayer for unborn children. This year's campaign starts on **Wednesday, September 27** and continues daily until Sunday, November 5, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. We gather next to the abortion clinic at the intersection of Queensway and Confederation. Our parish is invited to pray on Saturdays, but also on any other day of the week. More information: In-person from Kolbe ProLife representatives kolbeprayprolife@gmail.com <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/mississauga>

Life Chain

Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Join us for an hour of prayer on **Sunday, October 1**, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Cawthra Rd. and Meadows Blvd.

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.

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.

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

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

Retreat for Parents After the Loss of a Child

October 13-15 – for those who have experienced a miscarriage or stillbirth. **Location:** Chicago, Illinois, USA. **Information and 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

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
wiedza.teologia@mazenodianum.pl
 Tel.: +48 452 331 067

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

October 13 – 22

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

– 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.

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!

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, September 25

8⁰⁰ ✠ Helena and Wladyslaw Szbizak and members of the Rebizak, Szymczuk, Mazur families – Wojarowicz family
 19⁰⁰ ✠ Bronislawa and Edward Szczurek – Stefan and family
 ✠ Regina and Eugeniusz and their families – sister Boleslawa

TUESDAY, September 26

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for Mary's protection and health for Magdalena and Jaroslaw Sawarski on their 14th wedding anniv. – mother
 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's continued grace and God's blessing for Halina and Roman, children, and grandchildren – Halina and Roman Szczepan
 ○ For God's blessing and health for Krzysztof on his birthday

WEDNESDAY, September 27

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving on the 13th wedding anniversary of Katarzyna and Mariusz, and for God's continued blessing for their family – sister Liliana
 ✠ Stanislaw Szewczyk (8th anniv.) and souls in purgatory – daughter and family
 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY, September 28

8⁰⁰ ✠ Ewa Chabowska – daughter and family
 19⁰⁰ ✠ Members of the Kolarski family
 ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Anna and Brian Pecuch

FRIDAY, September 29

8⁰⁰ ✠ Edward, Stefania, Wacław Sadowski and Janina Siwicka
 ✠ Leokadia and Leon Kobylarz – Ryszard and family
 19⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Legierski – friends

SATURDAY, September 30

8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna and Helena Cymanowski, Janina Gorzkiewicz
 17⁰⁰ ✠ Wieslaw and Jan Badzioch and family members – family
 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and help in overcoming addiction – mother

SUNDAY, October 1

8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
 9³⁰ ✠ Michalina Janusz – son and family
 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
 13⁰⁰ ✠ Cezary Florczak (40th anniv.) – sister Marzena and family
 14³⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Ewa and Rafal on their 20th wedding anniversary
 19⁰⁰ ✠ Members of the Prucnal and Bolejszo families

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