



Reflection

The readings today make it clear we have a choice to make: follow the ways of God or follow the ways of the world. Jeremiah and St. Paul are giving us insight and advice to help us. We see the importance of living our truth in faith, and we hear the importance of including our minds, our *thinking* minds, with our whole being. We are living the paradox of being in the worlds but not of the world. Jesus is telling us that our very lives depend on how we choose. Is it really an either/or situation, or rather a both/and? How do we follow God while being in the world?

Following God, generally, will fill us with feelings of peace; our sense of hope expands, our hearts become wider and deeper, and we are inspired to be even more generous. Following the world often leaves us feeling inadequate, insecure, fearful, desperate; competing for attention and material acquisition; hoarding success and our possessions.

Jesus is saying there is a sense of urgency about the choice we have to make. It is a choice we make daily. It is crucial we pay attention to what is in our hearts – the feelings that result from following God or the feelings that result from conforming to this world. For *whose* sake are we *really* living?

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First Reading: Jeremiah 20.7-9

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12.1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16.21-27

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 #41 will lead the rosary this week.

– PARISH NEWS –

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Leon Jacob Swiderski**, son of Patricia and Jacob will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate his parents and Godparents.

Coffee and Donuts



This **Sunday, September 3**, coffee and donuts will be served by the Jubilee 2000 Children's Choir.

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.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary September 8

This feast originated in the Eastern Church and was commemorated in the West as early as the 5th century. No one is certain where Mary was born, but two traditions have survived from ancient times, one naming Nazareth and the other, Jerusalem. An occasion for praise and thanksgiving, the feast celebrates Mary's personal sanctity and vocation as the mother of Jesus.

This feast day is significant for Oblate Fathers as it commemorates the anniversary of their profession of perpetual vows.

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!

Pilgrimage to Quebec September 15 – 17

Information: Teresa (905) 495-7035
Wiesława (416) 799-2122

– COMING UP –

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, September 7
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings

Gold Rose Apostolate

Thursday, September 7 after the evening Mass in Br. Anthony Room

Secular Franciscans

Saturday, September 9, 12 – 2 p.m.
in Fr. Eugene Room

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, September 8**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

Mass of Installation for Fr. Bogdan Osiecki

A Mass of Installation for the new Pastor of our parish, Fr. Bogdan Osiecki, will take place next Sunday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m. with Bp. Ivan Camilleri presiding.

What is a Mass of Installation? In this Mass, the local bishop appoints and publicly institutes the new pastor and invites him to be a loving father, a gentle shepherd, and a wise teacher to all his parishioners. Some of the key elements of the celebration are the presentation of the new pastor to the community, a public Profession of Faith, the recitation of an oath to believe in the teachings and Tradition of the Church, and the introduction of the new pastor to each sacramental station in the church. Here the faithful make a promise to seek and partake in the sacraments, follow the new pastor in the reading of the Scriptures, pray for and with him, and praise God in the celebration of the Eucharist. This rich and symbolic ritual concludes with General Intercessions.

Representatives of the various parish groups as well as all parishioners are invited to join this beautiful celebration.

– 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:

Sunday, September 10, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
in the parish hall

Tuesday, September 12, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
in the Good Shepherd room

Wednesday, September 20, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
in the Good Shepherd room

Registration forms will be available on our parish website under the Liturgy and Sacraments tab starting on Thursday 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. 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.

First Communion classes will be held on Tuesdays and Saturdays. 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.

Polish Scouting Association

Registration for Wieliczka and Wigry
Tuesday, Sep. 5 and Wednesday, Sep 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre
Info: szczep@wigry.ca
wieliczka@watra.zhpkanada.org

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 –

Marian Feast

in Honour of Our Lady of Ludzmierz, Mother of Good Counsel and Queen of Polish Canadians
St. Eugene de Mazenod Church, Brampton

Marian Triduum

(Devotion, Mass, Procession)
Wednesday, Sep. 6 – Friday, Sep. 8
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Community Day

Saturday, September 9, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
(Blessing of vehicles, BBQ, Garage Sale, Mass)

Feast Day

Sunday, September 10, 12:30 p.m.
High Mass with Rev. Norbert Pikula as the main celebrant and homilist
2 p.m. Picnic

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 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

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

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

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, September 4

8⁰⁰ ✠ Michal and Maria Swiatek – children
19⁰⁰ ✠ Jerzy and Bogdan Wojdat and deceased family members – family
✠ Zbigniew Dracz (15th anniv.), Bronislaw Dracz, Katarzyna Kedzierska, members of the Dracz family

TUESDAY, September 5

8⁰⁰ ✠ Wieslaw Schab (6th anniv.), Grzegorz Pszeniczny (1st anniv.), Adam Pszeniczny, Ewa and Mieczyslaw Kowalski – Jadwiga and family
✠ Jan Rutyna
19⁰⁰ ✠ Theresa Eichbauer (1st anniv.) – Kopacz and Raczka families

WEDNESDAY, September 6

8⁰⁰ ✠ Eugeniusz Rook and Renata Winkiel
○ In thanksgiving for all graces received and for God's blessing, Mary's protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for children and grandchildren in the Stolarz family
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY, September 7

8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw, Wanda and Jan Kociuba – sister and family
✠ Helena, Stanislaw, Bogdan Kawala
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for all Priests and Religious – Gold Rose Apostolate

FRIDAY, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslawa and Stanislaw Rygiel – daughter and family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Jan and Albina Brozny, sons Jan, Kazimierz, and Andrzej
○ For faith and God's blessing for Beata, Stefan, and Andrzej Pikula – parents

SATURDAY, September 9

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for children, wise choices, and the Basak family
17⁰⁰ ✠ Barbara Maria Mahon – Robert Mahon
19⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia and Jan Piekny

SUNDAY, September 10

8⁰⁰ ✠ Sabina and Jan Cwalinski – daughters
9³⁰ ✠ Danuta Zalanowska – Maria and family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
○ For all children and youth on the start of the new school year
13⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimierz Pietrzak
14³⁰ ✠ Michalina and Aleksander Lisek – daughter and family
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for 40 years of marriage of Maria and Krzysztof Kopacz and for God's continued blessing – children

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