



### Reflection

Do you rejoice in the coming banquet that is heaven? Are you clothing your heart in a way that is pleasing to God? The parable in today's Gospel appears to offer a grim picture of our final salvation – God calls everyone, but only a few are chosen. It isn't, however, all doom and gloom. God has not abandoned us; he sent his Son to show us the way.

God reminds us that we have a choice in the matter. We can choose to reject Jesus, like the wedding guests in the parable who reject the slaves sent to gather them to the feast. We can also leave everything to chance, hoping we are good enough to make it to heaven. Or we can accept that God, who loves us more than anyone, asks us to trust in his providence and actively prepare ourselves. We can do this by following Jesus and inviting him to transform our hearts, minds, and actions.

By comparing heaven to a wedding banquet, Jesus is reminding us that the afterlife with God is a place of joy and celebration. It is a vision that should give us hope in difficult times. Despite the hardships of our daily lives, let us choose to clothe ourselves in gratitude rather than fear, knowing that God is preparing a place for us at his table.

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**First Reading:** Isaiah 25.6-10a  
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.*  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20  
**Gospel:** Matthew 22.1-14

**Second Collection**  
**October 21/22 – World Missions**  
 Thank you for your ongoing support.

## – THIS WEEKEND –

### 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.

**Aleksandra Anna Karpinski,**  
daughter of Joanna and Michal

**Arthur Aleksander Michniewicz Adamcewicz,**  
son of Aleksandra and Adrian

**Jack Leo Callaghan,**  
son of Alexandra and Johnathon

**Jameson Stanislaw Taylor,**  
son of Anna and Christopher

**Noah Francis Scicluna,**  
son of Nicole and Neil

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. ♥

**Nel Stecki,**  
daughter of Anna and Marek  
**& Bartek Szlag,**  
son of Halina and Mariusz

### Coffee and Donuts

This **Sunday, October 15**, coffee and donuts will be served by Knights of Mary Immaculate.

### Rosary Devotion



**Weekday at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday at 8:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday at 6:30 p.m.**

### Pope's Rosary intention for October

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



## – COMING UP –

### R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the way that a non-baptized person is brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Roman Catholic, please call the parish office to register. Meetings begin on **Wednesday, October 18** at 7:30 p.m.

### Meetings

**Kolbe Seniors Club**  
 Tuesday, October 17 at 11 a.m.  
 in John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

**Church Committee**  
 Tuesday, October 17 at 8 p.m.  
 in St. Maximilian 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

**Families of John Paul II**  
 Sunday, October 22 at 3:30 p.m.  
 in Bro. Anthony Room  
 Topic: Marital Dialogue / Meeting in Polish

**Wedding Anniversary Mass**  
**Sunday, October 29 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.

### Book Talk

Father Petar Ljubičić, a Franciscan Priest in Medjugorje from 1984 to 1995, will be giving a talk in our church on **Sunday, October 29 at 4 p.m.** Father Petar travels extensively in Europe, and this is his first time in Canada. Simple, down to earth, and well respected and loved by pilgrims, Father Petar will talk to us about two of his books, *The Rosary* and *Holy Mass*. Do not miss this rare opportunity and invite a friend to come with you!

### 40 Days for Life

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 takes place daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. until Sunday, November 5. 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. Info: kolbeprayerprolife@gmail.com

## – REMINDERS –

### Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Prayers on the occasion of the Solemnity of All Saints Day and All Souls Day will be held at local cemeteries on **Sunday, October 29**.

2 p.m. Meadowvale, Brampton  
 Resurrection, Whitby  
 Queen of Heaven, Woodbridge

3 p.m. Mount Hope, Toronto  
 Park Lawn, Toronto  
 Sanctuary, Toronto

4 p.m. Assumption, Mississauga  
 St. John's, Mississauga  
 St. Mary's, Mississauga  
 Mount Peace, Mississauga  
 Thornton, Oshawa

### All Souls' Day Mass

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services of the Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on **Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 2 p.m.** All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga  
Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum
- Christ the King Cemetery, Markham  
Reception Centre
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill  
Holy Family Mausoleum
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge  
St. Anthony's Mausoleum  
(Liturgy in Italian and English)
- Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby  
Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

### \*NEW\* Parish Bulletin Cover \*NEW\* Advertisements Insert

Please take note of our new bulletin cover and advertisements insert. From October of this year to October of the next they will be part of our weekly bulletin. All our advertisers help cover the cost of printing the parish bulletin. We thank them for their support and encourage our parishioners to make use of the services they provide.

### 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!

## – SACRAMENTS –

### Matrimony



Couples wishing to be married at St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Church must contact the parish office at least one year prior to the anticipated date of the wedding in order to open a wedding file and obtain a list of required documents. In addition, marriage preparation course is mandatory for all couples. Please keep in mind that our priests can only officiate at wedding ceremonies of registered members of our parish who reside within the geographical boundaries of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Otherwise, permission of the local bishop is required. For more information, please e-mail the parish office at kolbemagda@gmail.com.

### Anointing of the Sick

• A hospital chaplain – a Roman Catholic priest – is employed full-time at local hospitals and is 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.



### Baptism



Parents who are registered members of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and would like to baptize their child must contact the parish office at least six weeks before the anticipated date of baptism. Preparation course is mandatory for all parents and Godparents. Baptisms take place during Mass:

- on Saturday at 5 p.m. in English
  - on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Polish
- Godparents must meet all requirements outlined in Canon 874, paragraph 1:
- be at least 16 years old
  - be fully initiated into the Catholic Church
  - be in good standing with the Church (not married outside of the Church and not cohabitating)

## – COMMUNITY NEWS –

### Job Offer

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre is looking for a highly enthusiastic and seasoned management professional, with a vision to advance the Centre to the next level of service excellence and engagement with the community. The individual possesses skills, qualifications and experience leading large and complex community organizations, planning, and organizing various events and managing building operations. For more information, please contact the Centre at (905) 306-9900. (3)

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY, October 16

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jozef Mrukowski; Cecylia and Jozef Wrobel – Ryszard and family
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Members of the Wachowski family – family
- ✠ Maria Wilczak and members of the Wilczak family

### TUESDAY, October 17

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Antonina and Andrzej Sas; grandson Piotr
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Marianna and Jozef – son and family
- In thanksgiving for blessings received by the Bielawski, Buczkowicz, Koenig, Maciag, Oliver, Rowinski and Shirinian families

### WEDNESDAY, October 18

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Andrzej Skora – Krzysztof
- ✠ Maria Derecka (9<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – family
- 19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY, October 19

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Zofia Bazan (8<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – sister Teresa and family
- ✠ Monika, Leon, Stefan Ladzik
- 19<sup>00</sup> ○ For faith, God's blessing, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Beata and Ava Vincent – grandparents

### FRIDAY, October 20

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Piotr Jedrzkiewicz – mother
- 19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Miroslaw Gapinski (14<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – family
- ✠ Stanislaw Dymon and Franciszek Drwila

### SATURDAY, October 21

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jan Cichy – son and family
- 17<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing for Iwona and Piotr Chmiel on their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
- 19<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing, Mary's protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Grzegorz Mieczkowski on his birthday

### SUNDAY, October 22

- 8<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving on the 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Danuta and Bogdan – children
- 9<sup>30</sup> ○ In thanksgiving on the 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Evelyn and Tadeusz
- 11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving on the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of mother and grandmother and the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday of father and grandfather and for God's continued blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for them – children
- 14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Antoni Kania (13<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – wife
- 19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Monika and Adam on their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary – mother

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