28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

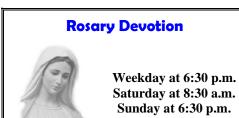
The Sacrament of Marriage

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 Szelag, son of Halina and Mariusz

Coffee and Donuts

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



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

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: kolbeprayprolife@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 Oueen 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!

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.

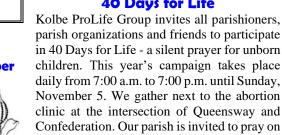
•A hospital chaplain – a Roman Catholic priest – is employed fulltime at local hospitals and is oncall 24 hours a day. To arrange a **hospital visit**, please ask a nurse to call the priest on duty. •Please contact the parish office if you or your loved one requite a **home visit** from a priest.

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
- cohabitating)

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)



- SACRAMENTS -

Matrimony

Anointing of the Sick



Baptism

• be fully initiated into the Catholic Church • be in good standing with the Church (not married outside of the Church and not

- COMMUNITY NEWS -

Job Offer

- MASS INTENTIONS -

MONDAY, October 16

- 8⁰⁰ ♀ Jozef Mrukowski; Cecylia and Jozef Wrobel – Ryszard and family
- 19⁰⁰ ∲ Members of the Wachowski family family

✿ Maria Wilczak and members of the Wilczak family

TUESDAY, October 17

- 800 Antonina and Andrzej Sas; grandson Piotr
- 9⁰⁰ ♥ 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

- 8⁰⁰ & Andrzej Skora Krzysztof ✤ Maria Derecka (9th anniv.) – family
- 19⁰⁰ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY, October 19

- 800 & Zofia Bazan (8th anniv.) sister Teresa and family
- ✤ Monika, Leon, Stefan Ladzik
- 19⁰⁰ For faith, God's blessing, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Beata and Ava Vincent grandparents

FRIDAY, October 20

- 8⁰⁰ ♀ Piotr Jedrzkiewicz mother
- 19⁰⁰ 🕆 Miroslaw Gapinski (14th anniv.) family

국 Stanislaw Dymon and Franciszek Drwila

SATURDAY, October 21

- 8^{00} **‡** Jan Cichy son and family
- 17^{00} \circ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing for Iwona and Piotr Chmiel on their 30th wedding anniversary
- 19^{00} \circ 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^{00} In thanks giving on the 40^{th} wedding anniversary of Danuta and Bogdan children
- 9^{30} In thanksgiving on the 40th wedding anniversary of Evelyn and Tadeusz
- 11⁰⁰ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13^{00} \circ In thanksgiving on the 80th birthday of mother and grandmother and the 85th birthday of father and grandfather and for God's continued blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for them – children
- 14³⁰ Antoni Kania (13th anniv.) wife
- 19^{00} \circ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Monika and Adam on their 30th wedding anniversary – mother

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