



## Reflection

The other day in class, my students and I puzzled through a theme running through much of Scripture, namely that God is all just and all merciful. In today's Gospel, we see Jesus advising us to give what is due to both the emperor and to God, which suggests this same type of tension between justice and mercy.

How can we, made in God's image, live with that same balance, giving what is due to the emperors and to God? The Pharisees recognize that Jesus speaks about a "way of God": living and acting with equity, showing a preferential option for the poor and marginalized, bringing justice to an inequitably balanced world. Both the prophet Isaiah and the psalmist reflect that although we have made an "idol" of inequity, God is not like that. Rather, God is "firmly established [and] will judge the peoples with equity." God's people are challenged to enter into God's way, the way that even Jesus' enemies recognize. This is a great challenge, to be sure, but we have an instruction manual in the form of Jesus' words and life.

Just like the Pharisees, we test the limits – but Jesus is always there, inviting us into a radical, Beatitudes-style life that upends what the worlds expects. When we can hold this tension, then we will be truly living in God's way.

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**First Reading:** Isaiah 45.1, 4-6  
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*  
**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab  
**Gospel:** Matthew 22.15-21

**Second Collection**  
**This weekend:** World Missions  
**Next weekend:** Building Renovation Fund  
 Thank you for your ongoing support.

## – THIS WEEKEND –

### World Mission Sunday

In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.

This year, Mission Sunday is celebrated under the theme *Missions - the heart of the Church*. On this occasion, Friends of Oblate Missions invite all parishioners to take part in a fundraising campaign entitled "Adoption of the Heart" where one can support children and missionaries. Coffee and tea from mission countries as well as Mass intention cards are available for purchase in the parish hall. You, too, can be the heart of the missionary Church.

### 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.

**Lily Rose Zielinska,**  
 daughter of Atourina and Damian

**William Marcus Iskra,**  
 son of Erika and Tomasz

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.

**Sheila Barba,**  
 daughter of Maria and Pascualito  
**& Piotr Kozlowski,**  
 son of Alicja and Mieczyslaw

♥  
**Laura Umpleby,**  
 daughter of Eloise and Jamie  
**& Anthony Bulka,**  
 son of Irena and Jan

### Coffee and Donuts

This **Sunday, October 22**, coffee and donuts will be served by Kolbe ProLife Group.



### Rosary Devotion

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

## – COMING UP –

### Meetings

#### Families of John Paul II

This Sunday, October 22 at 3:30 p.m.  
 in Bro. Anthony Room

Topic: Marital Dialogue (meeting in Polish)

#### M.A.M.I. – Friends of Oblate Missions

Thursday, October 26 at 7 p.m.

Mass followed by a meeting  
 in Sister Faustina Room

### Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, October 27**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

### Wedding Anniversary Mass

**Next 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 next **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! Father Petar Ljubičić will be speaking in his native language and will have an English translator.

### 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: [kolbeprayprolife@gmail.com](mailto:kolbeprayprolife@gmail.com)

### R.C.I.A.

#### The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Roman Catholic, please call the parish office. Meetings have already begun but it is still possible to register.

## – ALL SAINTS' DAY – – ALL SOULS' DAY –

### Prayers for the Faithful Departed

– in Polish –

Prayers on the occasion of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day will be held at local cemeteries next **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

– in English –

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 (Italian/English)
- Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby  
 Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

### Wypominki

The church prays for all the faithful departed, especially in November, when we join together to pray for those who repent in Purgatory. If you would like to include your loved ones in this prayer, please list their names on memorial envelopes and deposit them into a special box found on the steps of the sanctuary.

### Memorial Candles

Altar Servers are fundraising by selling memorial candles after each Mass. These candles can be lit in remembrance of our loved ones who have passed away into eternity. For safety reasons, candles may only be lit by the statue of John Paul II. No candles should be lit near the Missionary Cross or by the Divine Mercy statue.

## – REMINDERS –

### Plenary Indulgence

From November 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting a cemetery and praying for the deceased. Plenary indulgence can be gained under regular prescribed conditions, obtained once a day, and applied to one soul in purgatory.

### 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, and 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.

### 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.

### Offertory Envelopes

If you are interested in using offertory envelopes in 2024, please contact the parish office via email: [kolbe@kolbe.ca](mailto:kolbe@kolbe.ca) or by phone: (905) 848-2420. Please do not use envelopes from previous years!

### Pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal

**April 14-25, 2024**

Sister Halina is organizing a pilgrimage "In the Footsteps of the Fatima children." Sights include: Fatima, Aljustrel, Lizbon, Obidos, Sintra, Cabo da Roca, Batalha Alcobaca, Nazare, Coimbra, Tomar, Santarem, Porto, Almada. The cost, including travel and accommodation, is \$3,500. For more information or to register, please contact Sister Halina at (647) 205-7297.

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY, October 23

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Maria Urbanczyk – son and family  
 19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Tadeusz Kawa – son Jan and family  
 ✚ Antoni Oleszczuk and siblings from the Oleszczuk and Kraska families

### TUESDAY, October 24

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Michal and Katarzyna Mazurkiewicz;  
 Franciszek Stolarz; Jozefa and Stanislaw Moryson; Andrzej, Agnieszka, Jozef,  
 Franciszek, Maria Zembik  
 19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Stanislaw Broda (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.), Pawel,  
 Maria, Jozef, and Jan Milaniak  
 o In thanksgiving on the 35<sup>th</sup> wedding  
 anniv. of Aneta and Tony Stasi – mother

### WEDNESDAY, October 25

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Barbara Langowski (14<sup>th</sup> anniv.) –  
 husband and children with families  
 ✚ Jan and Genowefa Chojecki  
 19<sup>00</sup> o Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY, October 26

- 8<sup>00</sup> o In thanksgiving for graces received on  
 the 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniv. of Edyta and  
 Andrzej and for God's blessing for them  
 and their children  
 19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Parents  
 ✚ Wladyslaw Armatys – wife and family

### FRIDAY, October 27

- 8<sup>00</sup> o For God's continued blessing for  
 Veronika Szymanski on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday  
 ✚ Teresa and Henryk Sobieraj – daughter  
 and family  
 19<sup>00</sup> o For faith, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and  
 continued grace for Nicolas Szczurek on  
 his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday – grandparents

### SATURDAY, October 28

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Lukasz and Miroslaw Labieniec – wife,  
 mother, and daughter  
 17<sup>00</sup> ✚ Zofia Kania (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.) – Wojciech  
 Kania  
 19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Beata Degowska 4<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – parents

### SUNDAY, October 29

- 8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Members of the Wislocki, Kopycki,  
 Kosnik families  
 9<sup>30</sup> ✚ Leokadia Szymczyk (13<sup>th</sup> anniv.) –  
 daughter Jadwiga with husband  
 11<sup>00</sup> o For Parishioners and Benefactors  
 13<sup>00</sup> ✚ Zofia and Jozef Gajdka – daughters with  
 families  
 14<sup>30</sup> ✚ Mother Maria Roguszewska (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.)  
 – daughters and families  
 19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Son Krzysztof and husband Stanislaw  
 Jez – mother and wife

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