



Reflection

The parable of the bridesmaids comes as Jesus moves from the teaching stage of his ministry into the days of his Passion and crucifixion. He is calling on his disciples to stay alert. Jesus knows they must be ready to carry the Good News into the world.

We too can be preoccupied with the day-to-day, and easily distracted. Still, Jesus calls us, as people who believe, to stay close and pay attention. We are his disciples in our time and place.

In 1982, the Bride and I met in a faith community where we spent a year volunteering to help street kids. There was a daily rhythm to our prayer life that included Mass, as well as morning, evening, and night prayer. As the years passed and we became parents of children, Sunday Mass remained our priority; however, our spiritual practices changed to include prayer with the children, on the way to school in the morning, before meals, and at bedtime.

Today, we stay close to the Lord, albeit often on the run. While daily Mass is the priority, I pray the Rosary while Jennifer calls on the Lord through more spontaneous prayer. We believe the intentional, daily effort to live in relationship with God helps us stay awake, keeps us moving in the right direction, and, hopefully, ready when the Lord calls.

Harry McAvoy; Newmarket, ON

©Living with Christ/Novalis/Bayard Presse Canada. Used with permission.

First Reading: Wisdom 6.12-16

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13

**Moved? Please keep us up to date.
Not registered? Please sign up.**

– THIS WEEKEND –

Independence Day Remembrance Day



Independence Day is a national holiday in Poland celebrated every year since 1937 on November 11th to commemorate the anniversary of Poland's assumption of independent statehood in 1918 after 123 years of partition by Russia, Prussia and Austria.

Remembrance Day is a statutory holiday dedicated to the memory of Canadian soldiers who died in the cause of freedom. Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world.

105th Anniversary of Poland's Independence

This Sunday, the Canadian Polish Congress is organizing the commemorations of the 105th anniversary of Poland's Independence and Remembrance Day. The festivities will commence with Mass at 11:00 o'clock. Afterwards, a short ceremony will take place at the Polish Patriots' Monument Square adjacent to the John Paul II Centre and will include the singing of the two national anthems, short speeches and laying of wreaths. All are welcome to attend!

Meeting for Parents: Communion

Formation meeting for parents of students preparing for the sacrament of Holy Eucharist (First Communion) at our parish will take place **this Sunday, November 12 at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for God's blessing for the following couple as they celebrate Holy Matrimony. ♥

Sara da Cost Salgado,
daughter of Irene and Jose
& **Sebastian Wasilewski**,
son of Beata and Piotr

Coffee and Donuts

This Sunday, November 12, coffee, donuts, and a hot meal will be served by Polish Scouts. There will also be an opportunity to purchase St. Martin's Croissants. These delicious pastries are a specialty from Poznań and are very popular around the Memorial Day of St. Martin.

– DON'T MISS –

Meetings

Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, November 14 at 7 p.m. Mass, followed by a meeting in the JPII Centre

Grade 8 and 9 Students

Tuesdays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

Grade 10, 11, and 12 Students

Thursdays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

College and University Students

Fridays, 8:20 p.m. in Bro. Anthony Room

Evening of Adoration

This Sunday, November 12, immediately after the evening Mass, Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites one and all to take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation to Lord Jesus for sins against life and its dignity.

Commitment Mass

Next Sunday, November 19 at 9:30 a.m., students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will take part in a Commitment Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to learn the basic teaching of the Catholic Faith, strive to give evident signs of their faith, and show responsibility and dedication while preparing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

Second Collection

November 18/19 – Shepherds' Trust
Thank you for your support.



The Shepherds' Trust supports the needs of the retired diocesan clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served our family of faith, bringing us the sacraments and enriching our parishes, homes, schools, hospitals and countless other gatherings through their ministry.

The Trust was started by lay people who recognized the needs of our retired priests and helped to establish the Trust as a reflection of the gratitude and appreciation of the faithful parishioners in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Through your support of The Shepherds' Trust, our retired priests are given the dignity of adequate monthly allowance, health care and other assistance in their golden years – often well beyond the recognized retirement age of 75.

– OTHER NEWS –

Rosary intention for November

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



ROSE 48 will lead the rosary this week.

The Rosary Society is looking for new parishioners willing to pray a decade of the rosary each day. If you would like to join, please contact Jan at (416) 662-8962.

Gardeners Needed

We are planning on doing some major landscaping in the Rosary Garden in the near future and are looking for volunteers who love gardening and would like to help out in their spare time. If you are interested, please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

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 marriage ceremonies of registered members of our parish who reside within the geographical boundaries of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Otherwise, permission of the local ordinary is required. For more information, couples may e-mail the parish office at kolbemagda@gmail.com.

Collective Mass Intentions

Wednesday evening Mass is celebrated in multiple intentions. These can be submitted either in-person or by calling the parish office before 5 p.m. Please do not place your intentions in the collection basket or in the mailbox.

Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group is starting a new series: The Gospel of St. Mark. The group meets on Wednesdays after the evening Mass and Devotion, in Sister Faustina Room. Meetings are held in Polish.

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

Saturday, November 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Presented by Peter Okonski
Archdiocese of Toronto

Learn: • How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection • How to create your own legacy • About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals.

To register, follow this link <https://ORCO.de/nov18> or send an email to Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar Nov 18" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

Roman Triptych

Sunday, November 19 at 2 p.m.

St. Eugene de Mazenod Parish, Brampton Quo Vadis Choir and Camerata Ensemble, under the musical direction of Mariusz Michalak, invite all to a contemplative poetic and musical performance entitled *The Roman Triptych* by St. John Paul II, with Karolina Podolak (soloist), Aleksandra Krasowska (marimbist), and Zbigniew Slota (narrator). This event is free of charge, but a love offering will be taken at the end of the performance.

Christmas Bazar

Christmas Bazar at Copernicus Lodge in Toronto will take place on **Saturday, November 25**, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will feature hand-made Christmas decorations made by the Copernicus Lodge Auxiliary, jewellery, books, China and crystal products, and of course coffee and donuts. Stop by and support the Copernicus Lodge.

All Stars Gala

Celebrity Symphony Orchestra and Dr. Andrzej Rozbicki present All Stars Gala, honouring Nicolaus Copernicus on his 550th birthday. **Saturday, November 25** at 7 p.m. at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga. Tickets available at: Living Arts Centre, Pegaz Wisla, Pegaz Starsky 2, Piast Starsky 1. For more information visit www.rozbicki.com

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal

April 14-25, 2024

Sister Halina is organizing a pilgrimage to Portugal, "In the Footsteps of the Fatima children." The cost, including travel and accommodation, is \$3,500. For more information, please contact Sister Halina at (647) 205-7297. There are only a handful of spots left.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, November 13

8⁰⁰ ✠ Benedykt Wojciechowski – wife and son
19⁰⁰ ✠ Bronislawa and Stanislaw Markiewicz; members of the Markiewicz and Brodzia families – Iwona and family
✠ Radoslaw Kisielewicz; members of the Ksiazek and Sokolowski families – family

TUESDAY, November 14

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mary's protection for Helena on her birthday
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and mother
✠ Tadeusz Chabowski – daughter and family

WEDNESDAY, November 15

8⁰⁰ ✠ Mieczyslaw Ciesla (4th anniv.) – children and wife
✠ Wieslaw Hapon, Roman Kowaliszyn, Kazimierz Szopa – family
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY, November 16

8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna and Wojciech Plewa, gradnson Piotr
✠ Lucas Majchrowicz – Grzegorz Bembenek
19⁰⁰ ✠ Aleksandra Zarzeczna, Zygmunt, Mieczyslaw Lisek – sister and family

FRIDAY, November 17

8⁰⁰ ✠ Tomasz Ujda – mother
19⁰⁰ ✠ Danuta and Aleksander Sidor (2nd anniv.) – daughter and family
✠ Stanislaw and Stanislaw Jablonski – family

SATURDAY, November 18

8⁰⁰ ✠ Boleslaw Wojna (1st anniv.) – wife, children, grandchildren
17⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Karp, Joanna Krys, Joanna and Jan Bods, Marianna and Stanislaw Podolak
19⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Irena and Wladyslaw Slowik

SUNDAY, November 19

8⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz Bialy – son and family
9³⁰ **Confirmation Commitment Mass**
○ For God's continued blessing and Mary's protection for the family of Zofia and Jozef Gawron
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Nowak – son and family
14³⁰ ✠ Mieczyslaw Ciesla (4th anniv.) – wife and family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Agnieszka and Zygmunt Maroszek; Janina and Jozef Krawczyk – children and families

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