



Reflection

Today's readings might be summarized in one word: responsibility. Let us consider those things for which we are currently responsible. In another season of life, our responsibilities will be different. What remains constant is the expectation that we will use our time wisely, put our talents to good use, and serve the needs of others.

These readings can seem harsh and burdensome. We must be accountable, and our talents must increase in value. Otherwise, we risk being thrown "into the outer darkness." How can we experience the happiness and blessedness of which the psalmist writes?

The answer might be found in a slight tweak in spelling: response-ability. In our ongoing process of attentive listening, we discern what is ours to do. We set down those tasks that are not, leaving them in God's gentle care. In God's kingdom, all needs are met, and we are each responsible to do our part.

Recall Jesus' promise that his yoke is easy and his burden light, as we tend to the tasks before us. This day, we come to the Eucharist to be nourished. May it be a happy feast, a thanksgiving celebration for God's abundant grace, and an ongoing source of strength for our very human journey.

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First Reading: Proverbs
31.10-13,16-18,20,26, 28-31
Responsorial Psalm:
Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30

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

– THIS WEEKEND –

Commitment Mass

This Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will promise to learn the basic teaching of the Catholic Faith, to participate fully in Sunday Mass, and to give evident signs of faith, responsibility, and dedication. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church.

Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, the following children will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate their parents and Godparents.

Olivia Valentina Doracin,
daughter of Diana and James

Olivia Nerkowski,
daughter of Boguslawa and Daniel

Coffee and Donuts

This Sunday, November 19, coffee and donuts will be served by Oblate Youth.

Second Collection

This Weekend – Shepherds' Trust
Nov. 25/26 – Building Renovation Fund
Thank you for your ongoing support.



The Shepherds' Trust
Caring for those who always cared for us
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.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Come spend an hour in prayer in the presence of the Holy Eucharist where Jesus Christ is truly present in His body, blood, soul, and divinity. Since many regular "adorers" are older, they may not always be able to come for adoration. Therefore, we are in need of individuals willing to take their spot. If you are able to help out, please call the coordinator, Margaret Podolak, at (647) 888-7487.

– DON'T MISS –

Meetings

Kolbe Seniors Club
Tuesday, November 21 at 11 a.m.
at John Paul II Polish Cultural 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 Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, November 24**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

Do You Like to Sing?

Agnus Dei Choir is looking for young new members who are able to sing in Polish. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays at 8:15 p.m. in Brother Anthony Room.

Parish Calendar 2024

New 2024 Parish Calendar is now available. It features beautiful pictures of various Oblate sanctuaries from around the world and includes Church feast days, solemnities, holy days of obligation, patron saints, and lots more. The calendar is available in the parish hall at only \$5 each.

Oblate Youth Trips

Oblate Youth is organizing two trips in the summer of 2024. One to Madagascar in Africa, and the other "In the Footsteps of St. Eugene" to Aix-en-Provence and Lourdes in France. If you are interested in going or would like more information, please contact Fr. Marcin at mserwin@omiap.org

Calling Young Men

Is God calling you to follow in His footsteps? If you're a young man looking for guidance in discerning a vocation to priesthood, contact Fr. Marcin at mserwin@omiap.org

Need Volunteer Hours?

If you're in high school and need volunteer hours, Fr. Marcin has lots of office work that you can help with. Please contact him at mserwin@omiap.org

– 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 49 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 –

Pre-Christmas Bazaar

This Sunday, November 19
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Roman Triptych

Saturday, November 25 at 8 p.m.
St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

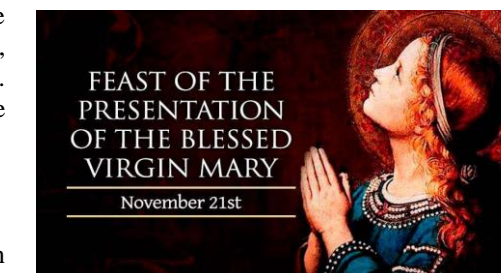
A contemplative poetic and musical performance entitled *The Roman Triptych* by St. John Paul II, presented by Mariusz Michalak, featuring Aleksandra Krasowska (marimbist) and Zbigniew Slota (narrator). This event is free of charge, but a love offering will be taken at the end of the performance.

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



This feast originates as a commemoration of the dedication of the Basilica of St Mary's the New in Jerusalem in 543. An apocryphal source recounts that Mary's parents brought their three-year-old daughter to the Temple in Jerusalem to offer her to God, as was the custom. Inspired by a priest's vision, they left her there to serve God. This custom continued for centuries. The feast entered the Western calendar in 1585. Today it celebrates the recognition of Mary as a temple where God lives.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, November 20

8⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimierz, Wanda, Romuald Kulesza – family
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's continued blessing for son Justin on his 30th birthday
✠ Leszek Piatkowski and Kazimiera Lanoha – Janina Piatkowska and family

TUESDAY, November 21

8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria and Marian Kmiotek
19⁰⁰ ✠ John Ziolkowski – Lucy Dworak and family
○ For God's blessing, Mary's protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Michal on his birthday

WEDNESDAY, November 22

8⁰⁰ ✠ Lucyna, Janina, Jan Kedziak – daughter and family
✠ Jozef Chmielewski (13th anniv.) – Barbara
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY, November 23

8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Antonina and Boleslaw Kocemba, sister-in-law Zenobia – daughter and family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Members of the Mendela, Bogusz, Powlowski families
○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's continued blessing for Elzbieta Trzcinski on her 50th birthday

FRIDAY, November 24

8⁰⁰ ✠ Ewa Drob (2nd anniv.) and Jan Cwalinski – family and friends
✠ Michalina, Eugeniusz, and Andrzej Janusz – son and family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Hermina, Jozef, Jacek Kus – daughter and family

SATURDAY, November 25

8⁰⁰ ✠ Franciszek Kowalczyk and members of the Kowalczyk family – children with families
17⁰⁰ ✠ Janina Dobosz (15th anniv.)
19⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Teresa and Jan Hul – daughter and family

SUNDAY, November 26

8⁰⁰ ✠ Dariusz Zmuda – daughter Victoria
9³⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Wiercinski (anniv.)
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ○ For the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King, asking for God's blessing in their apostolic work among Poles in their homeland and abroad
14³⁰ ✠ Maria Eckhardt – daughters
19⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimiera, Edward, Tadeusz Studzinski and family members – daughter and family

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