

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reflection

Apparently it's a perennial problem. Jesus decries our tendency to lord it over one another, to prefer adulation to the gentleness and deep caring described in the second reading. In the last decades, the sexual abuse crises in the Catholic Church here and worldwide, the painful recognition of the Catholic Church's role in the racist system of residential schools here in Canada, and the ongoing exodus of many in the face of smug arrogance that masquerades as spirituality and moral authority have toppled us from our collective comfortable pedestals.

This Gospel mocks our self-importance and imposes a new perspective. It insists that social climbers, ordained and lay, relinquish privilege accumulated over the centuries, and that all disable the reflex to install certain people on pedestals. This fall from power into grace, however, fosters the equal dignity of all the baptized, sisters and brothers who "share our own selves," and offers a place to those we might want to exclude from community and conversation.

Easier said than done – after centuries of contrary practice and entrenched statues. Time to take this necessary fall from power seriously: whom do we include? Whom do we listen to? With whom will we eat – or not? Do we practice Eucharist as a prize for the perfect or medicine for the weak? Our answers to these questions will shape our future as church.

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First Reading: Malachi 1.14 – 2.2, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2.7-9, 13

Gospel: Matthew 23.1-12

– THIS WEEKEND –

The Sacrament of Baptism

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

Amelia Pielas,
daughter of Xiao and Oscar
Leia Emilia Oryschak,
daughter of Pamela and Justin

Meeting for Parents: Confirmation

Formation meeting for parents of students preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation at our parish will take place this **Sunday, November 5 at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

Coffee and Donuts

This **Sunday, November 5**, coffee and donuts will be served by Kolbe ProLife Group.

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.



– MEETINGS –

Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, November 7 at 10 a.m.
Mass followed by a meeting
at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Polish Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, November 11 at 9:30 a.m.
in the parish hall

Secular Franciscans

Saturday, November 11 at 12 noon
in Fr. Eugene Room

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

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 next **Sunday, November 12 at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

– THANK YOU –

Thank You for the Sweets!



A big *thank you* to the following individuals, families, businesses, and anonymous donors who donated treats for the All Saints Dance. With your generous gift of sugary sweets, all the children enjoyed chips and juice, and took home bags filled with candy and chocolate. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Grazyna Kolman
Kraska Family
Anna & Piotr Wrona – Wrona Imports
Ida and Miroslaw Piascik
Rush Truck Trailer Repair Ltd.
Cider House Spa – Barbara Mialkowski
Orbit Restaurant
Polfood Trading Corp. – Barbara & Roman Gładysz
Teresa and Family
Numerous Anonymous Sponsors!

Thank You to the Organizers!



Thank you to Victoria Baniak and her team of helpers for decorating the parish hall and organizing the festivities. Children arrived dressed up in very creative costumes, so hats off to their parents and grandparents for their hard work. Fr. Bogdan stopped by to pray with the children and took some photos with them. DJ Rafał provided the music, while Sister Halina, along with Jubilee 2000 Children's Choir and guitarist Ryszard Koziol, led us in singing. Also, a big *thank you* to all the Oblate Youth volunteers who helped out throughout the evening and made cleaning up a breeze. Thank you ALL for your amazing work!

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, November 10**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

Evening of Adoration

Next **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.

– IN MEMORIAM –

Join us this month as we offer our prayers and devotions for the souls of all the faithful departed.

Rosary for the faithful Departed

November 1 – 8
Monday to Friday and Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Mass for the faithful Departed

Thirty Masses for all faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes are being celebrated in the month of November in the Provincial House of the Missionary Oblates in Toronto.

Plenary Indulgence

From November 1st to 8th, 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.

– OTHER NEWS –

Empty Memorial Candles

There are many empty memorial candles beside the statue of John Paul II. If any parishioners would like to take them home, they are welcome to do so. Please be careful of any broken glass.

Volunteers 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.

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

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. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community, and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world.

105th Anniversary of Poland's Independence

The Canadian Polish Congress in Mississauga is organizing the commemorations of the 105th anniversary of Poland's Independence and Remembrance Day, on **Sunday, November 12**. The festivities will commence with Mass at 11:00 a.m. Afterwards, a short ceremony will take place at the Polish Patriots' Monument Square adjacent to the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre and will include the singing of the two national anthems, short speeches and laying of wreaths. We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone!

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.

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.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, November 6

8⁰⁰ ✠ Edward Kuziora – wife
18³⁰ **Rosary for the Faithful Departed**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Krystyna Kosalka – children
✠ Aleksandra and Jozef Tutas – granddaughter and family

TUESDAY, November 7

8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna and Andrzej Wrona – daughter and children
10⁰⁰ ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club
18³⁰ **Rosary for the Faithful Departed**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Maria and Jan Jankowski – children

WEDNESDAY, November 8

8⁰⁰ ✠ Aleksandra Sudol – son and family
✠ Edward Kolodziej (16th anniv.) – family
18³⁰ **Rosary for the Faithful Departed**
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY, November 9

8⁰⁰ ✠ Members of the Jedrusiak, Kolpak, and Strama families
✠ Wladyslawa and Jan Cabaj – son and family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Members of the Chrusciel and Poziomka families – family

FRIDAY, November 10

8⁰⁰ ✠ Franciszka and Eugeniusz Wisniowski, Tadeusz, and Jozef – family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Karol Warych and members of the Kolodziejczak and Warych families – parents, brother, family
✠ Members of the Stefanowski and Szyszko families – daughter with husband

SATURDAY, November 11

8⁰⁰ ✠ Helen and Jozef Szczurek – son Stefan and family
17⁰⁰ ✠ Sabina Silininkas – Zebrowski family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Members of the Miskiewicz and Wesolowski families

SUNDAY, November 12

8⁰⁰ ✠ Zenon Koczwara (12th anniv.) – wife
9³⁰ ✠ Members of the Raczynowski, Kraska, Sitko, Kamycki families – Kraska family
11⁰⁰ ○ For our Motherland and all those who gave their lives for Her freedom
13⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
14³⁰ ✠ Andrzej Socha and Jozef Ostrowski
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for the Front family

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

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