



Reflection

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God. (1 Jn 3.1)

Have you ever deeply pondered on the fact that you are a child of God? If we allow it, this mystery can ignite a mystical journey from this moment forward.

Letting the reality of our true identity settle into our hearts is a magnificent grace – one that can free and empower us. It can remind us that God doesn't make junk – and that, as his children, we are precious.

Nestling into the relationship as a child of his, we'll be called to snuggle up to him, listen to him, praise him, thank him, take refuge in him, rejoice in him, run to him for help. And yes, take commands from him. Jesus knows us and we know him.

You see, Jesus is the Good Shepherd and not a hired hand. He gave his life for us. We've heard the story of the Good Shepherd hundreds of times. What does it mean? When Jesus sees evil or hard times befalling us, he does not run away. He is there with us in battle. A hired hand may run away because a hired hand might not care. Jesus the Son of God cares deeply. In fact, Jesus loves us! Will we lay down our lives for him?

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First Reading: Acts 4.7-12

Responsorial Psalm:

*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.*

Second Reading: 1 John 3.1-2

Gospel: John 10.11-18

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

– PARISH NEWS –

Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Matthew William Sirrs**, son of Victoria and Patrick, will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We pray for God's blessing for Matthew and congratulate his parents and Godparents.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

April 21 – Church Committee
April 28 – Altar Servers

Second Collections

This Weekend

Building Renovation Fund

April 27/28 – ShareLife

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Sacrament of Holy Orders

Deacon Szymon Sorbian, who grew up in the Polish Oblate community, will be ordained to the Priesthood by His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto, Ontario.

First Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at St. Eugene de Mazenod Church in Brampton, Ontario, on Sunday, May 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

Let us all pray that **Deacon Szymon Sorbian** will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and His Church.



**Invest in our Church's future
by giving to ShareLife**

Your kindness and devotion enable St. Augustine's Seminary, along with the Office of Vocations and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, to provide an excellent formation for our seminarians as they pursue a life of service. This past year, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

This Sunday, April 21, we celebrate the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There has never been a better time to support and pray for our seminarians, wherever they may be on their journey. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

– COMING UP –

Meetings

M.A.M.I. – Friends of the Missions

Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m.
Mass followed by a meeting
in Sister Faustina 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

World Youth Day Fundraising

Youth who are travelling to Madagascar and France are fundraising by collecting **empty alcohol containers**. These may be dropped off by the garage door on the west side of the parking lot. **Next Sunday, April 28**, youth will be selling warm lunch in the parish hall.

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, April 26**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Next Sunday, April 28 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.

March for Life in Ottawa

Kolbe ProLife is organizing a one-day trip to Ottawa for the National March for Life on **Thursday, May 9**. Departure at 5:45 a.m. from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church parking lot. Registration takes place **this Sunday, April 21** after Mass. For more information, please see posters in the church foyer or contact Dariusz at (647) 864-6099.

Meeting with Mary Wagner

Meet Pro-Life advocate Mary Wagner in Mississauga! Kolbe ProLife group at St. Maximilian Kolbe parish invites you to a meeting with Mary Wagner who is an active advocate of the pro-life movement in Canada. She has spent about six years of her life behind bars because of her ministry, her prayerful presence and outreach to abortion-minded mothers at abortion clinics. Ms. Mary will be sharing her faith journey with us on **Saturday, May 11 at 7:45 p.m.** in the parish hall. The meeting will be in English. Come and invite others!

– AT OUR PARISH –

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" have moved away, we are looking for individuals willing to take their spot. If you are able to help out, please call the coordinator, Margaret, at (647) 888-7487.

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.

Baptism

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 Saturdays at 5 p.m. in English
 - on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. in Polish
- Godparents** must meet all requirements outlined in Canon 874, paragraph 1:
- be at least 16 years old
 - be fully initiated into the Catholic Church
 - be in good standing with the Church (not married outside of the Church and not cohabitating)

Matrimony

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.

Reconciliation

Confession takes place 30 minutes before each Mass in the confessionals.

– OTHER NEWS –

Constitution Day

The Canadian Polish Congress in Mississauga is organizing the commemorations of the 233rd anniversary of the enactment of the Polish Constitution on **Sunday, April 28**. The festivities will commence at 11 a.m. with Holy Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Afterwards, a short ceremony will take place at the Polish Patriots' monument square adjacent to the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. All are welcome!

Women's Day Retreat

Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

When: Saturday May 4, 2024

Theme: Attitude with Gratitude

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Cost: \$45 includes lunch

Details: Jean at (905) 278-5229
or office@qoa.ca

Constitution Day Parade

The Canadian Polish Congress is inviting all Polonia to take part in a parade in honour of the 233rd anniversary of the enactment of the Polish Constitution on **Sunday, May 5**. The event will begin with Holy Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Toronto. The parade will start at 1 p.m. at Nathan Phillips Square. It will proceed along: Queen St. W., University Ave., College St., Bay, St., Queen St. and back to Nathan Phillips Square. Following the parade, there will be a concert by Impulse. Delicious Polish food will also be available for purchase. All are welcome!

Parish Registration

Change of Address

**Are you formally registered at the parish?
Has your address changed?**

Ours is a personal parish. Our parishioners are individuals of Polish descent who are formally registered at this church. Please note that we are not able to issue any references or letters of eligibility to non-parishioners. Registration Forms and Change of Address Forms can be found in the parish hallway. Please fill them out and place in the collection basket on Sunday. Alternatively, you may call the parish office to update your file.

Rose #14 leads the rosary this week.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY April 22

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Stefania, Wladyslaw, and Roman Kowaliszyn, Krystyna Lewandowska, Wieslaw Hapon, Kazimierz Szopa – family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Tadeusz Szaran and deceased family – wife and family
✚ Eugenia and Lucjan Perkowski (anniv.) – family

TUESDAY April 23

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Deceased from Czarnecki, Wasowski, Strak, Krolikowski families
19⁰⁰ ✚ Jerzy Kwiciec – wife and children
✚ Parents Maria and Stanislaw and deceased from Raczywolski, Kamycki, Sitko, Kraska families

WEDNESDAY April 24

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For a safe trip and protection of Our Lady of Guadalupe for Joanna, her mother, and friends
○ For God's grace and health for Krystyna – Adam
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Intentions

THURSDAY April 25

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for the Przyslupski family – mother
19⁰⁰ ✚ Aleksander Buczek – daughters
✚ Piotr and August

FRIDAY April 26

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Mark and Annabel on their wedding anniversary
✚ Aleksander Czerepak (7th anniv.) – children and grandchildren
19⁰⁰ ✚ Zofia and Jerzy Pudelko and from Pudelko family

SATURDAY April 27

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Maksymilian on his 4th birthday and for gifts of the Holy Spirit and Mary's protection for him and his family – parents and grandparents
17⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for 40 years of marriage of Maria and Marek
19⁰⁰ ✚ Helena Paluch (2nd anniv.) – daughters Agnieszka and Anna and family

SUNDAY April 28

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces and blessing in the Kremaszanka family
9³⁰ ✚ Leszek Piatkowski – wife and children
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✚ Daniela and Witold Struzek and from Struzek, Tryniecki, Opolski, Majkowski families – daughters and families
14³⁰ ✚ Jadwiga Targonska (3rd anniv.) – husband Wladyslaw
19⁰⁰ ✚ Lukasz Majchrowicz (2nd anniv.) – wife

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