



Reflection

Just about everyone has experienced a power outage at some time in their life. With our modern dependence on electricity, when it fails we can find ourselves at a loss, uncertain how to accomplish even the most ordinary tasks. We resort to substitutes, such as batteries, generators, candles. Depending on how long the outage lasts, we begin to alter our patterns. Life just isn't the same when we lose our connection to the power supply.

And so it is with the spiritual life. If we lose our connection to Christ, the source of all spiritual life, we become spiritually disoriented. In those moments we can find ourselves searching for substitutes that will give us at least a temporary security but that ultimately will fail us and increase our loneliness. The difference is that the power of Christ's love is never turned off. Rather, we sometimes unplug ourselves.

If we are not tapped into the source of spiritual life – into Christ, the true vine – if we are not fed by the sap of Christ's love, our spirit withers and dies, just as our bodies wither and die if we do not receive sufficient nourishment to sustain them.

As we pray this week, let us ask for the grace to remain connected to our God, because apart from him we can do nothing.

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First Reading: Acts 9.26-31

Responsorial Psalm:

*Lord, from you comes my praise
in the great congregation.*

Second Reading: 1 John 3.18-24

Gospel: John 15.1-8

– PARISH NEWS –

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Today at the 11 a.m. Mass, we pray for God's grace and blessing for the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries:

- 64th Czeslawa and Krzysztof Sowa
- 51st Irena and Jan Glen
- 50th Krystyna and Grzegorz Tautt
Jozefa and Bronislaw Matoni
Barbara and Krzysztof Nieweglowski
Elzbieta and Edward Sowa
- 45th Barbara and Ryszard Poniatowski
- 41st Beata and Jan Nicki
- 40th Anna and Ludwik Chalupa
- 30th Beata and Zenon Pietrzyk
- 23rd Agnieszka and Robert Blazejowski
- 21st Anna and James Deveney
- 20th Violetta and Jaroslaw Haluszka
- 1st Katarzyna and Szymon Baran

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. We pray for God's blessing for them and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

Joy Siniscalco,
daughter of Magdalena and Anthony

Nataly Walczyk,
daughter of Sukhpal and Mateusz

Oskar Ignacy Szyller,
son of Martyna and Patrick

Sacrament of Marriage

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

Julia Stecki,
daughter of Anna and Marek
& **Tucker Hanemann,**
son of Maritucker and Thomas

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

April 28 – Altar Servers
May 5 – Radość-Joy

Second Collections

This Weekend - ShareLife
Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Moved? Please keep us up to date.**

– COMING UP –

MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

Solemnity of Our Lady Queen of Poland

On **May 3**, the Catholic Church in Poland celebrates the solemnity of Our Lady Queen of Poland. This solemnity highlights the country's great faith in God's protection that Poles have experienced and continue to experience through Mary's intercession.



Loreto Litany

Join us as we pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Litany) daily at 6:30 p.m.

Fatima Devotions

From May to October, on the 13th day of the month, join us as we pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. After the evening Mass, we walk in procession to the Rosary Garden. Please bring a candle.

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, May 2
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, May 3
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.
Confession starts at 6 p.m.

First Saturday of the month, May 4
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, May 5
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

World Youth Day Fundraising

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

Meeting with Mary Wagner

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!

– IN MEMORIAM –



The following parishioners passed away recently. Let us keep them in our prayers.

- ✠ Michal Rafalowicz, 99
- ✠ Janka Sciupider, 97
- ✠ Roman Pilichowski, 81
- ✠ Zofia Dudkowska, 76
- ✠ Irene Urbaniak, 72
- ✠ Wieslaw Szewczyk, 69

ShareLife

Share the love with our beloved seniors through ShareLife

Last year, ShareLife supporters like you offered quality care and companionship to over 2,300 vulnerable seniors.

“The largest thank you to all ShareLife donors for your continued generosity! With your support, our centre is able to provide assistance to seniors in need through our community programs.”

– *Jaymie Daunt, LA Centre for Active Seniors*

Today is the second ShareLife Sunday of the year. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel!

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.

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.

– OTHER NEWS –

Constitution Day

This Sunday, the Canadian Polish Congress in Mississauga is organizing the commemorations of the 233rd anniversary of the enactment of the Polish Constitution. 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 #15 leads the rosary this week.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY April 29

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Janina and Jozef Tarnawski
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Irena and Tadeusz Stypik – daughter and family
- ✠ Jan Tabor – Agnieszka

TUESDAY April 30

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Juszczyńska-Abramowska and deceased family – daughter and family
- ✠ Brother Stanislaw, parents Wanda and Stanislaw Szafranek – daughter and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from Niznik, Mierzwa, and Bielarczyk families – Malgorzata and family

WEDNESDAY May 1

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Elzbieta and Zdzislaw Labiszewski – sister
- ✠ Zofia and Marcin Piersiak
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Intentions

THURSDAY May 2

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria, Stanislaw, Kazimierz Urbanowicz
- For God's blessing and health for Czeslawa and Stanislaw Janik on their 65th wedding anniv. – daughter and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for all Priests and Religious – Gold Rose Apostolate

FRIDAY May 3

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Katarzyna and Bronislaw Sitarz
- 10⁰⁰ ✠ Helena ad Jan Krzynowek – daughter and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and health for Bernadeta, Barbara, Marek, and their families – mother and grandmother

SATURDAY May 4

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 17⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Tadeusz on his birthday – family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Lukasz Dracz (6th anniv.), Krzysztof Komsa (31st anniv.), deceased from Dracz and Komsa families

SUNDAY May 5

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 9³⁰ ✠ For grandparents and great grandparents from Bigos, Reszla, Bedzieszak, Slonczewski, Zahorenko families
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Maria, Stanislaw Wentrys; Fryderyk Slota, Wit Ostrowski, deceased from Gryckiewicz and Kaczorowski families – family
- 14³⁰ ✠ Parents and brother – daughter and sister
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Michal, Emilia Serwin and Elzbieta, Antoni Drobiecki – parents

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