



Reflection

When we were children, we were happy and felt safe when we believed that our loved ones were protecting us. Especially if our sense of security had not been shaken previously. Jesus promises that if we believe and are baptized, we will be saved. Through the Holy Spirit, we will be able to do great things: we will have an unshaken sense of security.

When we experience hardship, our faith can be tested. Does this mean that our faith is not deep enough? We know what Jesus promised; and yet we doubt, sometimes even despair. Is the Holy Spirit in our hearts? Do we seek his guidance? Do we reach out to God to deepen our faith through Scripture and daily prayer? This will fortify us, helping us to see the workings of the Holy Spirit and maintaining our faith and the sense of security that we had as children. Hardship is inevitable, but through prayer we gain wisdom and understanding.

On Ascension Sunday, let us pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us on our journey. May God reveal to us the gift of wisdom and revelation of which Paul writes in the second reading. Praise God with great joy and share the good news – Jesus, through his death, resurrection, and ascension, is still with us. God is good!

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First Reading: Acts 1.1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

*God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23 or
Ephesians 4.1-13

Gospel: Mark 16.15-20

– THIS WEEKEND –

Today, the Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord. After Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, he appeared on earth to his disciples for forty days. He then ascended into heaven, promising to send the Holy Spirit upon them, so as not to leave them as orphans.



As we celebrate Mother's Day, we express our gratitude to our moms for their love, for their care, and for passing on life values. We wish them health and happiness and ask Mary – model of all mothers – to pray for our mothers. By the power and grace of God, may they be a source of love and unity for our families.

First Holy Communion



This weekend, 88 children in our parish will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the very first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they celebrate this special day.

A big THANK YOU to Sister Halina Pjerozak MChR and all the catechists and their assistants for helping prepare the children for the sacrament of Holy Eucharist: Eva Labenda, Wiktoria Zdyb, Julia Kmiecik, Konrad Stecki, Natalia Szyszkowski, Olivia Dziedzic, Victoria Wszebrowski. May God bless them for their hard work, give them the wisdom to continue to teach, and the joy to proclaim the Good News of salvation.

White Week

Monday, May 13 – Friday, May 17, 7 p.m.

Anniversary of Holy Communion

Sunday, May 26 at 1 p.m.

– COMING UP –

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

May 12 – Polish Scouts
May 19 – Knights of Mary Immaculate

Evening of Adoration

This Sunday, May 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.

– MAY – THE MONTH OF MARY

Loreto Litany

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

Fatima Devotions

Join us this Monday, May 13, as we pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. After the evening Mass, we will walk in procession to the Rosary Garden. Please bring a candle.

Meetings

Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m.
Mass followed by a meeting
in the John Paul II 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

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.

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.

– SACRAMENTS – – AT OUR PARISH –

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 Saturday at 5 p.m. in English
 - on Sunday 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 –

ShareLife

ShareLife & World Communications Day

On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

"If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way."

– Kelly Mackenzie, Silent Voice

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Upcoming Pilgrimages

Guadalupe November 17 – 23, 2024

For more information please contact:
Marzena (647) 284-1631
Malgorzata (416) 859-8469

Memorials and Feasts

Monday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday, May 14

Saint Matthias

Saturday, May 18

Saint John I

Pope's Rosary intention for May

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Rose #18 leads the rosary this week.

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

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

May 13

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mary's protection for the families of brother Jan and sister Wanda
○ For faith and God's blessing for Anna, Christopher, and their parents
19⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia and Eugeniusz Kozacz – daughter-in-law and family

TUESDAY

May 14

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Justyna Armatowicz on her birthday – family
✠ Deceased from the Rusakiewicz family – Grazyna and Jacek
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing, grace, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Aleksandra and Orysia on their birthday and for their families – mother

WEDNESDAY

May 15

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimiera, Julian, Rozalia, Jan Gazdzicki, Anna and Szczepan Cichy – Irene and family
✠ Zofia Golawska and deceased from the Kosalka family – daughter Zdzislawa and children
19⁰⁰ ✠ Mieczyslaw Stanuch (10th anniv.)

THURSDAY

May 16

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw and Saturnin Ferensztajn, Maryla and Zbigniew Pieniazek – daughter, sister, and family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Grandparents from the Siuda and Kolodziejczak families
✠ Stefan Mazur and deceased from the Mazur family – Marian and family

FRIDAY

May 17

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Karina and Filip on their 5th wedding anniversary
✠ Teresa, Jozef, Jan Przyslupski – Zofia
19⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Junczyk, Jankowski, Janikowski families – family

SATURDAY

May 18

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Rozalia and Jakub Gnatek – son and family
17⁰⁰ ✠ Dariusz Wroblewski – Kular family
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's grace and health for Krzysztof and Grzegorz Stepien

SUNDAY

May 19

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef Murzydlo (1st anniv.)
9³⁰ ✠ Eugeniusz, Jan, Stanislaw Wasik
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for the gift of baptism, and for the light and strength of the Holy Spirit for the Rogala family
14³⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Kozacz (3rd anniv.) – wife and family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Jan and Zofia Borowski – daughter and family

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