

*Jesus took the loaves,  
and when he had given thanks,  
he distributed them...also the fish,  
as much as they wanted.*

*John 6.1-15*

### Reflection

Our Gospel this weekend is one of the best known of all the miracles that Jesus performed when he walked this earth. He multiplied five barley loaves and two fish into enough food for more than five thousand people. This miracle is the only one reported by all four of the Gospel writers.

What was the significance of Jesus feeding all these people? What does he want to teach us by his actions? In the Hebrew Scriptures we learn that the Israelites wandered the desert for forty years. They had no food. God turned to Moses to provide manna for the people. Despite his reluctance, Moses obeyed. Lo and behold, the people have more than enough manna to sustain themselves. Similarly, the followers in today's Gospel are getting hungry and there's no food readily available. Jesus, with the aid of his disciples, provides more than enough food for everyone. Jesus is showing his compassion for us when we turn to him. The feeding of the hungry was both an act of compassion and a demonstration of the presence of the kingdom of God.

Note in this Gospel the importance of sharing. Jesus provided food for the people after the boy with loaves and fish offered them. Do I see the food I eat as a gift from God to be shared? In what ways am I feeding other people?

*Gerry Sobie; Castlegar, BC*

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**First Reading:** 2 Kings 4.42-44

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*You open your hand to feed us, Lord;  
you satisfy all our needs.*

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4.1-6

**Gospel:** John 6.1-15

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

**Rose #30 leads the rosary this week.**

## – IN OUR PARISH –

### Thank You Fr. Lucjan

Today we bid farewell to Fr. Lucjan Osiecki OMI, who has been helping out at our parish for the past several weeks. We thank him for his pastoral assistance, his prayers, and his quiet and humble presence among us. Please keep Fr. Lucjan in your prayers as he returns to Poland.

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Eddie George Pielas**, son of Eleftheria and Przemyslaw, will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate his parents and Godparents.

### Coffee and Donuts Schedule

July 28 – Domus Ecclesiae  
August 4 – Friends of Oblate Missions

### Second Collection

This weekend's second collection is for the Building Renovation Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

### Mass Intentions in Ukraine

Fr. Vitalij Podolan OMI from Ukraine is visiting our parish this summer. If anyone would like to request a Mass intention to be celebrated in Ukraine, please speak to Fr. Vitalij after one of the Masses.

### Memorials and Feasts

**Monday, July 29**

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

**Tuesday, July 30**

Saint Peter Chrysologus

**Wednesday, July 31**

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

**Thursday, August 1**

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

**Friday, August 2**

Saint Eusebius of Vercelli  
Saint Peter Julian Eymard

### SUMMER Parish Office Hours

Monday: closed  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Saturday: closed  
Sunday: closed  
Lunch break: 12 noon – 1 p.m.

## – COMING UP –

### Upcoming Devotions

**First Thursday of the month, August 1**  
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

**First Friday of the month, August 2**  
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, August 3**  
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

**First Sunday of the month, August 4**  
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

## – IN MEMORIAM –



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

- ✠ Tadeusz Najgebauer, 91
- ✠ Tadeusz Meljon, 89
- ✠ Aldona Kalovski, 82
- ✠ Leszek Wojcik, 78
- ✠ Kazimiera Gorzedowska, 72
- ✠ Stanislaw Cebulak, 66
- ✠ Stanislaw Paz, 52

### Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on **Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** Cemetery locations and Celebrants for this year's Annual Mass are as follows:

Assumption Cemetery in Mississauga  
Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri

Christ the King Cemetery in Markham  
Rev. Msgr. Vid Vlasic

Holy Cross Cemetery in Thornhill  
Most Rev. Francis Leo  
Archbishop of Toronto

Mount Hope Cemetery in Toronto  
Most Rev. Robert Kasun

Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Woodbridge  
Rev. Msgr. Patrick O'Dea

Resurrection Cemetery in Whitby  
Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen

St. Mary's Cemetery in Barrie  
Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau

## – PILGRIMAGES –

### Walking Pilgrimage to Midland

Annual Walking Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland will take place from **August 5 to 11**. The theme for this year's pilgrimage are words from the Gospel of St. Luke: "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1)

#### Who can participate in the pilgrimage?

Anyone who has the strength and perseverance can participate in the pilgrimage. We do not, however, encourage elders, those who are sick, those with weak hearts or with very small children to participate. Youth up to 19 years of age may participate in the pilgrimage only after receiving writing permission from their parents or guardians.

#### What is there to do during the pilgrimage?

Each day is filled with prayer, conferences, singing, and camaraderie. Attendance at Mass is mandatory.

#### What do I bring with me on the pilgrimage?

Rosary, intention, OHIP, tent, warm sleeping bag, small propane tank, metal or plastic dishes and utensils, can opener, water bottle, good quality socks, shirts with sleeves, comfortable (not brand new!) shoes, hat, raincoat, sunscreen with UV protection, toiletries, toilet paper, mosquito repellent, basic medicine (pain relievers, band aids, vitamins).

### Pilgrimage of Polonia to Midland

Conference of Polish Priests for Eastern Canada is inviting everyone to the 68<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage of Polonia to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland. This event will take place on **Sunday, August 11, 2024**. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated by Bp. Wieslaw Smigiel from Torun.

The day's program is as follows:

10:30 a.m. – Rosary; 11:15 a.m. – Entry of the Walking Pilgrimage; 11:30 a.m. – Solemn Holy Mass; 1 p.m. – Devotion, Blessing of Flowers and Herbs.

Please note that due to very limited number of priests traveling to Midland, the sacrament of **reconciliation** may not be available in Midland. Pilgrims are asked to seek confession in their home parishes.

**A bus to Midland will be leaving from our parish on Sunday, August 11 in the early morning. Tickets at \$45 can be purchased next Sunday, August 4 in the parish hall.**

## – IN AUGUST –

### August: the month of sobriety

„Voluntary abstinence from alcohol, undertaken by adults in August, is a powerful testimony to the concern for sobriety of our friends, family, and community. It is also a valuable example for children, showing them that one can enjoy life without substance abuse.”  
*Bp. Tadeusz Bronakowski*

**If you're willing to refrain from consuming alcohol in August, consider signing your name in a special book located beside the Relics Altar.**

### Pope's Rosary Intention – August –

#### FOR POLITICAL LEADERS

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

### Chapel of Perpetual Adoration Anniversary Mass

On the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration, we cordially invite you to a Holy Mass of thanksgiving for all those who take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Mass will be celebrated in the church on **Thursday, August 15 at 7 p.m.**

## – COMMUNITY NEWS –

### Pilgrimage to Buffalo

Holy Rosary Family is organizing a one-day bus trip to Buffalo, NY on **Sunday, September 8**. The itinerary includes a visit to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and Our Lady of Victory Shrine and Basilica. Information and registration: Teresa (905) 495-7035 or Wieslawa (416) 799-2122.

### ShareLife

*You extend compassion to grandparents and the elderly through ShareLife*

On World Grandparents' Day, we are called to show our love to grandparents and the elderly – to honour them and recognize their many contributions to society. Through your support, ShareLife agencies are able to provide seniors with security, companionship, and connectedness. Thank you for sharing your blessings and ensuring seniors hold a vital space in the soul of our community.

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY July 29

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Adam and Aniela Wasik  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Walenty Siuda and deceased from Siuda and Kolodziejczak families

### TUESDAY July 30

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Wanda and Stanislaw Malek  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Janina and Jozef Vilkas – Maria

### WEDNESDAY July 31

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Mieczyslaw and Genowefa Lewicki – son  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY August 1

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Maria and Michal Swiatek  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for all Priests and Religious  
○ For our Motherland and all who fought for her freedom

### FRIDAY August 2

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Edward Dlugokecki – wife and family  
10<sup>00</sup> ✠ Parents Stefania and Czeslaw Fraczkowski, husband Henryk, brother Eugeniusz, son Henryk  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanislaw Miskowicz, parents-in-law, brother-in-law Jan – wife and family

### SATURDAY August 3

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Halina and Stanislaw Lewczuk, Tadeusz Wojcik  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ On the 19<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Katarzyna and Zbigniew Strama and Lukasz and Rina Kolpak

### SUNDAY August 4

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate  
9<sup>30</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's continued blessing for the Mis family  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's continued blessing for Michelle Paradiuk on her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday  
14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Antonina and Helena – Danuta and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Augustyn and Aniela Grabka (anniv.) – children and families

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

### Fr. Stan Bak Library

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

New Hours of Operation

Monday: 05 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Thursday: 05 p.m. – 8 p.m.

