

*A Prophet
is not without honour,
except in his hometown,
and among his own kin,
and in his own house.*
Mark 6.1-6

Reflection

We believe all of creation is holy and has a sacramental capacity to “speak” of God. It follows that prophets, vehicles of God’s self-revelation past and present, would be respectfully received and embraced as mediators between humanity and divinity.

Today’s readings remind us, though, that prophets are not always welcomed. Mark’s story of Jesus teaching in his hometown synagogue presents a curious situation. Though his listeners are initially astounded by his wisdom and deeds, doubt soon creeps into their hearts. Suspicion leads to rejection and to a dismissive unbelief that amazes even Jesus.

He is not heard. A poor itinerant preacher, a teacher without formal training or credentials, a carpenter, a local, one of the crowd, familiar and ordinary – he is judged to be unqualified to offer spiritual insight.

Mark’s Gospel invites us to reflect on the voices we hear and those we exclude. As part of an institutional Church that has been shaped by centuries of patriarchy, clericalism, and colonialism, can we hear God’s call to justice, reconciliation, and transformation in the voices of the ordinary, the powerless, the rejected – the poor, women, Indigenous peoples – those among us who once were found unworthy? May we be prophets in our own hometowns.

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First Reading: Ezekiel 2.3-5
Responsorial Psalm:
*Our eyes look to the Lord,
until he has mercy upon us.*
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12.7-10
Gospel: Mark 6.1-6

– IN OUR PARISH –

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.

Adrian Felix Kapuscinski
son of Jessica and Marcin

Kacper Rogala
son of Monika and Mateusz

Marcel Karol Pisarkiewicz
son of Marlena and Sebastian

Pope’s Rosary intention for July

FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK
We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Rose #27 leads the rosary this week.

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.

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.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

July 7 – Oblate Youth (Madagascar)
July 14 – Altar Servers

Representatives of parish groups are asked to pick up their 2024/2025 “Pączki Schedule” from the parish office.

– COMING UP –

Kolbe Seniors Club

Members of the Kolbe Seniors Club are invited to attend Mass on **Tuesday, July 9 at 10 a.m.**, followed by a social meeting at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Evening of Adoration

On **Friday, July 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.

Fatima Devotion

Join us on **Saturday, July 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.

– SUMMERTIME –

The summer months tend to be more relaxed and give us an opportunity to take a break from our regular activities. As much as a physical break is necessary and encouraged, a spiritual break from God is not. Whether on vacation or staycation, let us remember to set aside time for daily personal prayer, regular confession, and attendance at Sunday Mass.

To find the location of the nearest Roman Catholic Church, Mass times, or confession schedule, to go www.masstimes.org or visit the website of the nearest diocese.

Although the summer months might best be characterized as “casual”, we respectfully ask that all parishioners make an effort to dress modestly for the Sunday Eucharist. Our respect for the Lord and the other members of Christ’s body requires that we dress appropriately. Please also remember to turn your cell phones off as you enter the church and deposit chewing gum in garbage bins.
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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.

– 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 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 contact the parish office at (905) 848-2420.

Reconciliation

Confession is available daily, 30 minutes before each Mass.

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

ShareLife

Living the Gospel through ShareLife

ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need.

“If I can help even one person at this difficult time, I’m doing my part. Through ShareLife we assist those who need it the most.” – A ShareLife supporter

Thank you for showing your love and compassion through ShareLife!

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)

The cost of participation is \$30 for one day, or \$50 for the weekend, or \$150 for the entire week. The fee covers accommodation, luggage transport, toilet and truck rentals. We provide a warm dinner at each campsite. On-line registration only is now open at www.pielgrzymka.ca

Pilgrims should take with them: intention, rosary, OHIP card, tent, sleeping bag, mattress or sleeping mat, soup bowl and utensils, packed lunch, water bottle, cotton socks, T-shirts with sleeves, toiletries, first aid kit, sunscreen, bug repellent, comfortable (not new!) footwear, headgear, raincoat.

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
Wieslawa (416) 799-2122

Pilgrimage to Guadalupe

November 17 – 23, 2024

For more information please contact:

Marzena (647) 284-1631
Malgorzata (416) 859-8469

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

July 8

8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents, brothers, and sister – Wanda Wojtowicz
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for children – parents Pikula

TUESDAY

July 9

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Zofia Dorna on the anniversary of her baptism
10⁰⁰ ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club
19⁰⁰ ✠ José and Teresa Cabral

WEDNESDAY

July 10

8⁰⁰ ✠ Pawel Chrzaszcz – parents
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY

July 11

8⁰⁰ ✠ Czeslaw and Marianna Samsel – daughter Jolanta with husband
19⁰⁰ ○ For Mary’s protection and God’s blessing for Wieslawa and Leonard on their 45th wedding anniv.

FRIDAY

July 12

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving on the 16th wedding anniversary of Dorota and Konrad Czerzak and for Mary’s continued protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for them and their children
19⁰⁰ ✠ Henryk Skwarko – wife and children

SATURDAY

July 13

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and Mary’s protection for Agata and Michal Mularski on their 3rd wedding anniv.
17⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Radziewicz
19⁰⁰ ✠ Karol Kurpaska – wife and children with families

SUNDAY

July 14

8⁰⁰ ✠ Marianna Rocha, Czeslaw Glen, deceased from Glen, Grelak, and Kida families – daughter and family
9³⁰ ✠ Anna, Wladyslaw, Pawel Ozga – family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Ryszard Bielecki (2nd anniv.)
14³⁰ ✠ Tadeusz Grabowski (14th anniv.) – daughter
19⁰⁰ ✠ Beata Konaszko (9th anniv.) – parents

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

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