

*Come away to a deserted place
all by yourselves*

and rest a while.

Mark 6.30-34

Reflection

Today's readings invite us to reflect on the meaning of Jesus as our shepherd. The image of sheep and shepherd is not one to which we can readily relate. But most of us can relate to the apostles who don't even have time to eat! Don't we all, at times, long for someone to encourage us to come away and rest for a while? It is understandable why Psalm 23, today's psalm, is so well loved.

Today's Gospel calls us to focus our attention on the heart of Jesus. Faced with a vast crowd, we likely would not respond as Jesus did. Many of us would have turned the boat around to avoid all that human neediness. But, in truth, we too are often like that crowd, waiting for a leader whose vision and teaching about life we can trust. We all search for real answers to the challenges in our lives and have been disappointed by human leaders from all walks of life.

In the end, it is only when we take the risk to surrender to the compassion and love of Jesus as our shepherd that we will find rest, joy, and peace for our hearts. This will give us the motivation to respond more generously, as did Jesus, to the needs of others around us.

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First Reading: Jeremiah 23.1-6

Responsorial Psalm:

*The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 2.13-18

Gospel: Mark 6.30-34

Rose #29 leads the rosary this week.

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

– IN OUR PARISH –

Sacrament of Marriage



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

Aleksandra Milkowska,
daughter of Maria and Jacek
& **John Paul Iafate,**
son of Maria and Silvio

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.

Kassandra Dianne Lesiak
daughter of Rebecca and Philip

Maja Kot
daughter of Krystyna and Dawid

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

July 21 – Kolbe ProLife
July 28 – Domus Ecclesiae

Second Collection

July 27/28 – Building Renovation Fund
Thank you for your ongoing support.

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.

– COMING UP –

Happy Birthday Fr. Lucjan

On **Monday, July 22**, Fr. Lucjan will celebrate his birthday. We wish him a joyous day filled with happiness and pray for God's continued blessing and Mary's intercession for Fr. Lucjan.

Blessing of Vehicles



On **Thursday, July 25**, the Church celebrates the feast of Saint James and the commemoration of Saint Christopher. According to a legend, he carried a child on his shoulders across a treacherous river one day, and in midstream

almost collapsed under the weight. Only when he reached the other shore did he realize that he had carried the Savior upon his back. Saint Christopher is widely venerated as the patron of travelers and motorists.

Blessing of cars, motorbikes, and bicycles will take place this Thursday, July 25 after the 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.

Alternatively, parishioners may have their vehicle blessed on August 18 at 4 p.m. – the feast day of our parish.

Memorials and Feasts

Monday, July 22
Saint Mary Magdalene

Tuesday, July 23
Saint Bridget

Wednesday, July 24
Saint Sharbel Makhlufl

Thursday, July 25
Saint James

Friday, July 26
Saint Anne and Saint Joachim

Chapel of Perpetual Adoration Anniversary Mass

On the 29th 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.**

– 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.

When Travelling...

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.**

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

Fr. Stan Bak Library

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

New Hours of Operation

Monday: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thursday: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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 or Wieslawa (416) 799-2122.

Pilgrimage to Guadalupe

November 17 – 23, 2024

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

ShareLife

*Through ShareLife,
you bring light to those in darkness*

Through your unwavering commitment to ShareLife, people struggling with addiction are able to find new beginnings. Good Shepherd Ministries, an agency you support through ShareLife, provides them with specialized assistance. We hope you will remain steadfast in helping those in dire need, and we thank you for your guiding light.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY July 22

8⁰⁰ ✠ Anastazja Puwalska and deceased from family - grandchildren
19⁰⁰ ✠ Miroslaw Szewc – family

TUESDAY July 23

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and grace for children and grandchildren
19⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslaw Liczner (anniv.) – sons and family

WEDNESDAY July 24

8⁰⁰ ✠ Janusz Manturowicz – wife, children, grandchildren
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY July 25

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Matthew on his 35th birthday – mother
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Barnach (5th anniv.)

FRIDAY July 26

8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Krawczyk – friend
19⁰⁰ ✠ Ewelina and Remigiusz Kochanski and deceased on both sides – sister

SATURDAY July 27

8⁰⁰ ✠ Katarzyna and Franciszek Oblak – family
17⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from Slawski and Fijalkowski families
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and Mary's protection for Teresa and Roman on their 39th wedding anniv.

SUNDAY July 28

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Jadwiga and Wladyslaw on their 50th wedding anniv.
9³⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Anna and Henryk Lopinski and their family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Iwona, Janusz, Bronislawa, and Feliks Dudek – children and family
14³⁰ ✠ Genowefa and Wladyslaw Radkowski and deceased from Radkowski and Gorgon families
19⁰⁰ ○ For the grace of conversion and good confession for family – mother

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

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.