

*I am the living bread
that came down from heaven.
John 6.41-51*

Reflection

When future historians look back on the early 21st century, they may identify “journey” as a defining characteristic of our time. In recent decades, hordes of people have surged across countries and continents, fleeing from climate disasters, war, oppression or starvation. In their desperate search for a better life, they often face unimaginable and life-threatening dangers.

Though perhaps in less dramatic circumstances, we are all undertaking a journey. The arc of every life involves change, leave-taking, risks, challenges. Each of us is inevitably confronted with times of struggle and pain, perhaps even to the point where we fell like giving up.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers himself as the food for our journey, the bread of life. How do we experience this life-giving sustenance? In the Eucharist, to be sure, but also in so many other ways. It may be a phone call from a friend when we are feeling utterly alone, or a casserole delivered to a family dealing with illness or grief, or simply a word of encouragement when it is most needed.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to turn to be bread for others. By giving of ourselves – gifts of time, resources, emotional or physical support – we too become bread, broken and shared for our suffering world.

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First Reading: 1 Kings 19.4-8

Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4.30 – 5.2

Gospel: John 6.41-51

Pope’s Rosary Intention – August –

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.

Rose #33 leads the rosary this week.

– 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.

Filip Swica

son of Agnieszka and Slawomir

**Finley Roan Konopacki &
Roman Andrzej Konopacki**

sons of Barbara and Tomasz

The Sacrament of Holy Orders

It is with great joy that we announce that our parishioner, **Deacon Jonasz Lalik**, will be ordained to the Priesthood by His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo on **Thursday, August 22 at 7 p.m.** at our church.

He will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving on **Sunday, August 25 at 2:30 p.m.** in our church.

Let us all pray that **Deacon Jonasz Lalik** will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and His Church.

40th Anniversary of Priesthood of Fr. Ted Nowak OMI

This year, Fr. Ted Nowak, former pastor of our parish, celebrates the 40th anniversary of his priestly ordination. He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Saturday, August 24 at 5 p.m.** All are welcome to attend and pray for our former pastor.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

August 11 – Knights of Mary Immaculate

August 18 – Families of John Paul II

Second Collection

Today’s second collection is for Canadian Missions. Thank you for your support.

Offertory Envelopes

In August, we have to place an order for offertory envelopes for the year 2025. We kindly ask families who have not picked up their set this year, but would like to use offertory envelopes next year, to contact the parish via email: kolbe@kolbe.ca or by phone: (905) 848-2420. Please do not use envelopes from previous years!



– THIS WEEK –

Evening of Adoration

Monday, August 12, after the 7 p.m. Mass

Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, August 13

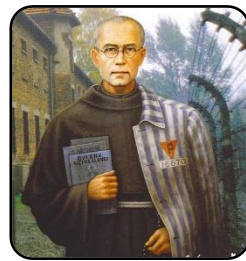
10:00 Mass in our church

11:00 Meeting in Bro. Anthony Room

Fatima Devotion

Tuesday, August 13, after the 7 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, August 14 Feast Day of our Parish Patron St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe



Saint Maximilian was born on January 8, 1894 in Zduńska Wola, Poland. As a Franciscan, he worked to spread the gospel in his native Poland as well as in Japan. He had a great devotion to Our Lady. During the Nazi occupation of Poland, he helped thousands of refugees, including Polish Jews. He was arrested by the Gestapo in 1941 and imprisoned at Auschwitz. Three months after Maximilian’s arrival, a prisoner escaped. In retaliation, 10 men were chosen at random to die. One was a young father. Maximilian offered to take his place. He died on August 14, 1941 in Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Beatified: October 17, 1971 by Pope Paul VI

Canonized: October 10, 1982 by Pope John Paul II

Feast Day: August 14

Patron saint of families, prisoners, journalists, political prisoners, drug addicts, and the pro-life movement.

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 this **Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m.** at the following cemeteries:

Assumption Cemetery in Mississauga
Christ the King Cemetery in Markham
Holy Cross Cemetery in Thornhill
Mount Hope Cemetery in Toronto
Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Woodbridge
Resurrection Cemetery in Whitby
St. Mary’s Cemetery in Barrie

– THIS WEEK –

Thursday, August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Assumption of the Virgin Mary celebrates her being assumed – taken up body and soul – into heaven at the end of her earthly life. It began as a feast day in the Eastern Church after the Council of Ephesus (431) proclaimed Mary the Mother of God. The Western Church began to celebrate this feast around 650. **Blessing of flowers and herbs will take place on this day at the 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.**

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 this **Thursday, August 15** at 7 p.m. in our church.

– OTHER NEWS – Thank You!

The Annual Walking Pilgrimage to Martyrs’ Shrine has come to an end. It gathered participants of all ages from all across the GTA and beyond.

It’s become a tradition that throughout the week, local parishes prepare a warm meal for the pilgrims. A big *Thank You* goes out to Fr. Peter Nowak for overseeing this project on behalf of our parish. *Thank You* to Marek Chabinka and the employees of Orbit Restaurant for cooking a delicious and nutritious soup; Tadeusz Siuda for his assistance in the parish kitchen; Zbigniew Chabinka and Ryszard Koziol for overseeing the delivery; Sweet Temptation for donating 25 loaves of bread; Anna Armatowicz and Stanislaw Krempasanka for serving the soup to the pilgrims; Andrzej Kowalski for his assistance.

Wedding Anniversary Mass Sunday, August 25 at 11 a.m.

Please call the parish office if you wish to have your name added to the list of couples celebrating their wedding anniversary.

– PARISH FEAST DAY –

Holy Mass

Our parish feast day will be celebrated next **Sunday, August 18** with Archbishop Francis Leo presiding at the 11 o’clock Mass. This Mass will be in English. Afterwards, we will walk in procession around the church. Parish organizations are asked to prepare their banners and line up in the parish hall after Holy Communion.

Plenary Indulgence

Parishioners who devoutly visit the parochial church on its titular feast day have the opportunity to receive plenary indulgence.

As defined in the Code of Canon Law (can. 992) and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (n. 1471), “An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints”.

A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace: have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin; have sacramentally confessed their sins; receive the Holy Eucharist (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required); pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

Blessing of Vehicles

If you wish to have your vehicle blessed, please come to the parish parking lot on the feast day, August 18 at 4 p.m.

August: the month of sobriety

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

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

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY August 12

8⁰⁰ ○ For the grace of health of body and soul for Wladyslaw Stachera on his birthday
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s blessing for husband Jędrzej on his birthday

TUESDAY August 13

8⁰⁰ ○ For the grace of conversion and good confession for Patrycja and Leszek, and for health and God’s grace for Marzena
10⁰⁰ ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club
19⁰⁰ ○ For Mary’s protection and gift of faith for Evan, Lucas, Cameron, Madelyn, and their parents – grandmother and mother

WEDNESDAY August 14

8⁰⁰ ✠ Franciszek Perkowski and deceased from Perkowski, Kruszewski, Raciborski families
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY August 15

8⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz and Jadwiga – sister and family
19⁰⁰ ○ Special intention for all those who take part in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

FRIDAY August 16

8⁰⁰ ✠ Walerian Kedzia – Krystyna and Adam
19⁰⁰ ✠ Paulina, Szymon, deceased from Jurski family, Stanislaw, Mikolaj, deceased from Komosinski family – granddaughter

SATURDAY August 17

8⁰⁰ ✠ Stefania Lukaszek, Olga and Tadeusz Kaczmarek – children
17⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Leonard Sr. and Teresa Attard, brother Charles Attard – Leonard Jr. and wife Jadwiga
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw and Jan Stepień – daughter and family

SUNDAY August 18

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren – mother and grandmother
9³⁰ ✠ Helena, Jan, Michal, and Mateusz Maslowski
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Antoni Woloszczak (7th anniv.) – children and families
14³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Gabriela Strama on her 18th birthday
19⁰⁰ ✠ Franciszka Jaganow, Elzbieta Dziemianczuk, Maria Chaszczewska, Aleksandra Jaganow – son, brother-in-law, grandson

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