

*Lord, to whom can we go?
You have the words
of eternal life.
John 6.53, 60-69*

Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood, to be one with him. We are challenged, as the disciples were, to understand this mystery and what it means to be a eucharistic people.

For the two of us, this invitation to imitate Christ finds its expression in part through our marriage. Amidst the competing priorities of family, work, and community life, it is not always easy to see which choices draw us closer to Christ. But as Saint Paul encourages the Ephesians, when we choose to imitate Christ by loving each other with abandon, we come to know the Holy One of God more fully. Our deepening relationship with God helps us to create space for him even amidst the busyness of daily life. And this deepening union in turn deepens our marital union, helping us to choose forgiveness over anger, intimate encounters over distraction.

Through the grace of the Eucharist we are nourished and sustained in our calling to imitate Christ through acts of loving service in our world. Christ wishes to reveal himself to us as the only clear choice, as he did for Simon Peter. This deep knowing does not mean we will not stumble like Peter did. It does mean that Jesus, who is ever loving and forgiving, unceasingly invites us to a fullness of life.

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First Reading: Joshua 24.1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Responsorial Psalm:
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Second Reading: Eph. 4.32 – 5.1-2, 21-32
Gospel: John 6.53, 60-69

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

– FIRST MASS – – of Fr. Jonasz Lalik OMI –

This past Thursday, August 22, Dk. Jonasz Lalik was ordained a priest by Archbishop Francis Leo. This Sunday, August 25 at 2:30 p.m., Fr. Jonasz Lalik will celebrate his First Holy Eucharist. Please keep Fr. Jonasz in your prayers. May his priesthood be a testament of selfless faith and unwavering dedication to God and His people.



Fr. Jonasz Lalik was born on July 15, 1999 in Hamilton. He is the son of Krzysztof and Malgorzata and has three younger sisters: Julianna, Marie, and Marlena.

Jonasz spent the first years of his life in Hamilton, and then his childhood in Oakville and Barrie. One constant that never changed, even with all the moves, was being a parishioner of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Mississauga. He was a member of the altar servers, the Radosc-Joy, and the Oblate Youth. It was in the youth group that he heard encouragement for community life. He also heard the call to an Oblate vocation during a pilgrimage in France with the youth.

After graduating high school in 2017, Jonasz decided to join the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He was sent to Poland for the beginning of his formation and spent three years there: one year at the Oblate Novitiate at Swiety Krzyz and two years of philosophical studies at the Oblate Seminary in Obra. For his theological studies, Jonasz was sent to Rome, where he spent three years at the International Roman Scholasticate. He made his perpetual vows on May 1, 2023 in Rome and was ordained a deacon in Siedlce, Poland on September 8, 2023. Afterwards, Jonasz spent several months in Obra, where he had the opportunity to take several pastoral courses in preparation for his future ordination as a priest. On January 25, 2024, he flew to Los Palacios, Cuba for a six-month mission experience.

His hobbies include listening to good music, fishing, hiking and swimming. He is particularly interested in history, the Church Fathers, reading the lives of the saints, and studying the Scriptures.

We are happy to announce that Fr. Jonasz has received his first obedience to St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish as an associate pastor.

– IN OUR PARISH –

Congratulations Fr. Ted Nowak OMI

Congratulations, Fr. Ted Nowak, on the 40th anniversary of your priestly ordination. May you continue to strive to bring us closer to God by your word and example. Thank you for being our shepherd in the past. We will continue to hold you in our prayers.

Sacrament of Marriage

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

Klaudia Chmiel,
daughter of Iwony and Piotr
& **Alessandro Correia,**
son of Mary and Eusebio

♥
Pauline Daniel,
daughter of Halina and Peter
& **Robert Wojciechowski,**
son of Renata and Andrzej

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Today at the 11 a.m. Mass, we pray for God's grace and blessing for the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries:

- 63rd Joanna and Jerzy Cierpich
- 60th Antonina and Edward Aniol
Genowefa and Jozef Gnatek
- 55th Danuta and Stefan Rosolowski
- 50th Irena and Jerzy Flaszynski
Hanna and Henryk Bielecki
Teresa and Wieslaw Jackiewicz
Boguslawa and Ryszard Ostrowski
- 49th Grazyna and Andrzej Czauderna
- 37th Maria and Jacek Milkowski
- 35th Orena and Bogdan Borym
- 30th Ewa and Piotr Kalinski
Halina and Mariusz Szelag
- 27th Marlena and Jaroslaw Foksa
- 26th Helen and Leszek Rosolowski
- 25th Danuta and Rafal Raczka
Iwona and Henryk Orlowski
- 15th Katarzyna and Pawel Stoklosa
Sylvia and Wojciech Szulc
- 5th Natalia and Tomasz Frelek
Klaudia and Angelo Liut
- 3rd Paulina and Jose Ferreira
- 1st Olivia and Dominik Wozniak

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

This Weekend – No Coffee or Donuts
September 1 – Jubilee 2000 Choir

Rose #36 leads the rosary this week.

– COMING UP –

Church Committee Meeting

Monday, August 26 at 8 p.m. - parish hall

Farewell Fr. Marcin Serwin

After serving our parish for over 9 years, Fr. Marcin Serwin is moving on to other assignments. He has received an obedience as a Superior of the Provincial House in Toronto. Please join us for Mass next Sunday, September 1 and let us all pray that Fr. Marcin will continue to be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and His Church.

Registration

First Communion / Confirmation Good Shepherd Catechesis

Registration for First Communion, Confirmation, and Good Shepherd Catechesis will take place on the following days:

Sunday, September 15, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
in the parish hall

Tuesday, September 17, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
in the Good Shepherd room

Thursday, September 19, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
in the Good Shepherd room

Registration forms will be available on our parish website under the Liturgy and Sacraments tab starting on September 1 and in-person during registration. Material fee is \$100 – cash or cheque payable to St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Copy of Baptism Certificate is required for students registering for First Communion and Confirmation classes, even if the baptism took place at our parish.

First Communion classes will be held on Tuesdays and Saturdays. First Communion Mass is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 4 p.m. in English and Sunday, May 11, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. in Polish.

Confirmation classes will be held on Thursdays. Confirmation Mass is scheduled for April 26, 2025 at 4 p.m. in English.

Radosc-Joy Dance Ensemble Registration and Rehearsals

Juniors and Mini Juniors
Wednesday, September 4 and 11, 6:30 p.m.

Intermediates

Thursday, September 5 and 12, 7:30 p.m.

Seniors

Wednesday, September 4 and 11, 7:45 p.m.

Registration and rehearsals take place in the parish hall. New members are welcome!

– IN MEMORIAM –



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

- † Eugeniusz Sulej, 93
- † Danuta Trzcinska, 88
- † Jadwiga Chruszczyk, 86
- † Jerzy Katarzynski, 81
- † Tadeusz Wajda, 73
- † Albert Lyjak, 72
- † Jozef Suszczynski, 64
- † Zbigniew Koziol, 62
- † Zofia Niemiec, 61

– COMING UP –

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the way that a non-baptized person is brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Roman Catholic, please call the parish office to register. Meetings begin on **Wednesday, October 2** in the evening.



Grant Applications

Important announcement regarding grant application for students and descendants of Polish Home Army (AK)!

The deadline for submitting applications is **September 15, 2024**. Applications must be completed in full and submitted together with all supporting documents. Incomplete application or application submitted by email will not be considered. Please mail to the Millennium Fund office:

3055 Lake Shore Blvd. W.
Toronto, ON M8V 1K6
More information at:
www.millenniumfund.ca

Offertory Envelopes

This month we have to place an order for offertory envelopes for 2025. Families who currently do not use envelopes but would like to have their own set are asked to contact the parish office at kolbe@kolbe.ca or (905) 848-2420. Please do not use envelopes from previous years!

Second Collection

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

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY August 26

- 8⁰⁰ † Maria Urbanczyk – son and family
- 19⁰⁰ † For God's blessing for Beata Vincent on her 50th birthday – parents

TUESDAY August 27

- 8⁰⁰ † Bartlomiej and Helena Plewa and deceased from Plewa family
- 19⁰⁰ † Mirosława and Jerzy Mularski

WEDNESDAY August 28

- 8⁰⁰ † In thanksgiving on the 25th wedding anniv. and for God's continued blessing and grace for Aleksandra and Piotr Paradiuk and their children Magdalena and Maja
- 19⁰⁰ † Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY August 29

- 8⁰⁰ † In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's continued blessing and Mary's protection for Christine Mieczkowski on her birthday
- 19⁰⁰ † Walenty Siuda – son and family

FRIDAY August 30

- 8⁰⁰ † Deceased from Murzydło and Komperda families
- 19⁰⁰ † Maria and Jan Tynus, and Karol Krempaszanka

SATURDAY August 31

- 8⁰⁰ † Anna Blachuta – Niemiec family
- 17⁰⁰ † Wieslaw Badzioch (2nd anniv.) and deceased from Badzioch, Bednarczyk, Kurnat families
- 19⁰⁰ † Zdzislaw and Rafal Stopa – family

SUNDAY September 1

- 8⁰⁰ † For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 9³⁰ † In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's continued grace for children and grandchildren.
- 11⁰⁰ † For Parishioners and Benefactors
- † For our Motherland and all who gave their life for Her freedom
- 13⁰⁰ † Jozef and Laura Chrzanowski (anniv.) – Janina, Stanislaw Nowak and Michal Borawski
- 14³⁰ † Parents Cecylia and Marian Budziak and deceased from Czyzowicz family – daughter Irena and family
- 19⁰⁰ † Zofia Niemiec – husband and children

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

Bee With the Credit Union

St. Stanislaus-St. Casimir's Polish Parishes Credit Union invites everyone to the "Bee with the Credit Union" event at the John Paul II Cultural Centre in Mississauga this **Sunday, August 25** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program includes: honey tasting, lectures and shows, a lottery and contests with attractive prizes, games and activities for children.