

*Jesus said to them,
“I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me
will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me
will never be thirsty.”
John 6.24-35*

Reflection

Often when I am in the kitchen, someone stops by to ask what I am making. They come inquiring because there is something that piques curiosity or memory or, possibly, hope. This question is often followed by one about when it will be served – and then either joy or disappointment, depending on whether they will be present.

We want to be fed, to be nourished, by something enticing. And we seek it out by noticing what others are filling up on and then asking its source. Once we know, we sample for ourselves and come to an intimate awareness of why it called to us. And how frequently we then want more? Next, pieces are broken off and offered to those around us – Oh, try this! The whole process is life-giving, sustaining nourishment for body and spirit alike.

That Jesus would speak of bread when describing himself is not a surprise. Everything about his ministry was about people experiencing the nourishment of love and the transformation that can happen when we take that love into our being and then extend that love to others. To systems of authority, that love and its fruit can be a threat. To a people who hunger for it, that love is an endless banquet with enough seating for all. Let the people come.

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First Reading: Exodus 16.2-4, 12-15, 31a
Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord gave them the bread of heaven.
Second Reading: Ephesians 4.17, 20-24
Gospel: John 6.24-35

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

– IN OUR PARISH –

Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will take place on seven consecutive Mondays, from **October 7 to November 18**, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Meetings are in-person and attendance is mandatory at all sessions. To register, please call the parish office.

Marriage Preparation Course for couples where one or both partners were previously married is facilitated by Catholic Family Services at the Archdiocese of Toronto. Contact www.cfstoronto.com to register.

First Communion / Confirmation

Parishioners who are planning on registering their children for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation are asked to prepare their children's baptism certificate, available from the church where they were baptized. A copy of this document will be required during registration. More information will be provided in September.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

August 4 – Friends of Oblate Missions
August 11 – Knights of Mary Immaculate

Second Collection

August 10/11
Canadian Missions
Thank you for your support.

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.

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.

– PILGRIMAGES –

Walking Pilgrimage to Midland



42nd annual walking pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland leaves this **Monday, August 5**. Please keep all pilgrims in your prayers.

Pilgrimage of Polonia to Midland

Conference of Polish Priests for Eastern Canada is inviting everyone to the 68th 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 and Blessing of Flowers and Herbs.

Please note that due to very limited number of priests traveling to Midland, the sacrament of reconciliation will 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 this Sunday, August 4 in the parish hall. Information: Wieslawa (416) 799-2122.

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.

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 –

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

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.**

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.

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!



– OTHER NEWS –

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.

Memorials and Feasts

Monday, August 5

Blessed Frédéric Janssoone

Tuesday, August 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Wednesday, August 7

Saint Sixtus II and Companions
Saint Cajetan

Thursday, August 8

Saint Dominic

Friday, August 9

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Saturday, August 10

Saint Lawrence

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.

Reconciliation

Confession takes place 30 minutes before each Mass in the confessionals.

Summer Attire

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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– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY August 5

8⁰⁰ ☩ Jan Jankowski – children
19⁰⁰ ☩ Deceased from Grela, Mazur, Dlugopolski, and Mateja families

TUESDAY August 6

8⁰⁰ ☩ Marianna, Stanislaw, Eugeniusz Tworz
19⁰⁰ ☩ Halina and Stanislaw Lewczuk

WEDNESDAY August 7

8⁰⁰ ☩ Rafal Mozdzen (1st anniv.) – aunt Zdzislaw and family
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY August 8

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mary's protection for Roman on his birthday and nameday
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing, grace, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Omelia on her 22nd birthday – mother

FRIDAY August 9

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for return to health and for God's continued protection for Patrycja
19⁰⁰ ☩ Kazimierz Tomkowski (13th anniv.), Malgorzata Firlej, Stefan Pachuta – Anna

SATURDAY August 10

8⁰⁰ ☩ Henryk Sobieszczanski
17⁰⁰ ☩ Janusz Bedzieszak (1st anniv.) – children, grandchildren, sister, and family
19⁰⁰ ☩ Eugeniusz Hofman and Krystyna Arabska

SUNDAY August 11

8⁰⁰ ☩ Wife Grazyna Rafacz (21st anniv.)
9³⁰ ☩ Marcin Szmelter – family
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ☩ Parents Zofia Makowsk and Eugeniusz Jurski, Aleksandra and Julian Slawinski – children
14³⁰ ○ For God's blessing, Mary's protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Dawid, Joanna, and Gabriel Trychta – mother
19⁰⁰ ☩ Franciszek Adamus (1st anniv.) – wife and children

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