

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

Mark 8.27-35

Reflection

Today's Gospel has Jesus expressing some pretty strong words for Peter. When Peter challenges what Jesus is telling the disciples about his death and resurrection, Jesus tells him that he thinks like a human and not like God. “Get behind me, Satan” is so strong it's easy to see that it's not a good thing. One has to wonder – how can we humans ever think like God does?

One clue is to consider losing vs. saving our lives. If we can lose our human way of seeing the world – give up our worldly expectations – maybe we can train ourselves to think differently and be open to what God wants. If we can think more like God, maybe we can embrace the crosses we need to bear more readily or respond more quickly to the needs of others.

We may already be struggling with our daily prayer routine. We may not have time to join a Bible study or catch an inspirational video or podcast. Any of these might help save ourselves from our limited and often selfish human ways of thinking. While there are many options for learning more about the mind of Jesus in our connected world, our time is still limited. What part of our lives could we lose in order to save the parts that need to be more Christ-like?

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First Reading: Isaiah 50.5-9

Responsorial Psalm:

*I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

Second Reading: James 2.14-18

Gospel: Mark 8.27-35

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

– PARISH NEWS –

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Sophie Alexandra Grotoli**, daughter of Alexandra and Jonathan, will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We pray for God's blessing for Sophie and congratulate her parents and Godparents.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

September 15 – Oblate Youth
October 22 – Polonia Brass Band

Second Collection

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

Rosary Prayer

Rose #39 leads the rosary this week.

Meeting with Fr. Krzysztof Czapl

Fr. Krzysztof Czapl SAC, Director of the Fatima Secretariat in Zakopane, will preside at the 7 p.m. Mass on **Thursday, September 19**. Afterwards there will be a meeting in the parish hall for all interested in learning more about the message of Fatima. This meeting will be in Polish.

Meetings

Grade 8 and 9 Students

Tuesdays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

Grade 10, 11, and 12 Students

Thursdays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

College and University Students

Fridays, 8:20 p.m. in Bro. Anthony Room

Job Offer

The Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga is looking to hire a full-time chef. For more information, please contact Fr. Pawel Nyrek at (647) 746-1217 or by e-mail at director@qoa.ca

Pilgrimage to Italy

May 19-30, 2025

The itinerary includes a visit to: Rome, the Vatican, Monte Cassino, Neapoli, Pompey, Gargano/Monte Sant'Angelo, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Loreo, Assisi, Florence, Piza, Padwa, Venice. Price: \$4,500. To register, please contact Sister Halina at (647) 205-7297 before the end of October.

– REGISTRATION –

First Communion / Confirmation Good Shepherd Catechesis

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

This 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 are available on our parish website under the Liturgy and Sacraments tab 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 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **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 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Confirmation Mass** is scheduled for April 26, 2025, at 4 p.m. in English.

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.

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**, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Meetings are in-person and attendance is mandatory at all sessions. Fee: \$100 per couple. To register, go to www.kolbe.ca and click on *Liturgy and Sacraments* and then *Marriage*. Next course will be offered in February 2025.

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

– COMING UP –

Individual Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for 2025 can be requested in person, in the parish hall on **Wednesday, September 25** from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. After this date, in person in the parish office (not by phone). Each family/household can order two weekday Masses and one Sunday/Holiday Mass (pending availability).

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: *First*, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. *Second*, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. *Third*, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died, or in thanksgiving for graces received.

By requesting Mass intentions for people close to us, we offer them a beautiful spiritual gift. By actively participating in this Mass and receiving Holy Communion in their intention, we add to this spiritual gift.

How to draft Mass intentions?

God knows the desire of our heart, so there is no need to explain to Him at length what we are praying for. Intentions should be short and concise, if only for practical reasons. The Holy Mass is not about listening to people's stories.

When drafting intentions:

- Make them concise and specific
- Use proper names (ex. Andrew, not Andy)
- Avoid professional titles
- Do not combine intentions for the dead with intentions for the living
- Do not include details regarding intimate, very personal or family matters.

Examples of intentions:

- In thanksgiving for a successful surgery
- In thanksgiving for 20 years of marriage of (names)
- For God's blessing for the (surname) family
- For a successful surgery and health for (name)
- For God's blessing for (name) on his/her birthday
- For God's help in overcoming addiction
- For the late (name)
- For the deceased members of the (surname) family.

Walking Pilgrimage Fundraising Banquet

Organizers of the Walking Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in Midland are organizing a banquet on **September 21** in the Villa Polonia Hall in Brampton. Tickets at \$75 per person can be purchased by phone at (647) 588-5870 or online at www.pielgrzymka.ca.

– COMING UP –

Collective Mass Intentions

Mass in multiple intentions is celebrated on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., followed by a devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Intentions can be requested by visiting or calling the parish office by Wednesday at 5 p.m. When submitting intentions, please remember that:

- Collective Masses are not perpetual Masses. They were introduced for parishioners who do not have a chance to request Mass intentions during the year.

- In the collective Holy Mass, we offer current matters such as: surgery, travel, anniversaries of important family events (birthday, wedding, death of a loved one).

- All other family matters are offered in the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

- Reciting of intentions cannot take up half of the time of the Holy Mass.

- There are three categories of intentions: *in thanksgiving* for specific graces received, *petitions* for particular matters, and *in memory* of a deceased person.

- Please ensure that the content of the requested intention is concise.

- Intentions that are requested repetitively or for an extended period of time will still be accepted, but they will be combined under one general intention.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Kolbe ProLife Group invites all parishioners to participate in 40 Days for Life – a silent prayer for unborn children – **from September 25 to November 3**. Our parish is invited to pray on Saturdays, but you can also pray on any other day of the week.

Opening Mass:

September 22 at 9:30 a.m.

St. Eugene de Mazonod Parish, Brampton

Daily Prayer Location:

Women's Clinic in Mississauga
101 Queensway Ave. W.
(Queensway and Confederation)

Time:

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Coordinator:

Izabela Dabrowski (647) 990-2656
mississauga40days@gmail.com

Details:

40daysforlife.com/Mississauga

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY September 16

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving on the wedding anniv. of Krystyna and Jan Prymicz
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving on the 33rd wedding anniv. of Zofia and Kazimierz and for God's blessing for their family
○ For gifts of the Holy Spirit for Gabriela and Weronika Strama, and Jessica and Ewa Kolpak

TUESDAY September 17

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving on the wedding anniv. of Karolina and Adam, and for God's grace and the protection of Mary and St. Joseph for their family
19⁰⁰ ✠ Maria Nowak – sister and family
○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Weronika Strama on her 16th birthday

WEDNESDAY September 18

8⁰⁰ ✠ Boleslaw and Franciszka Sawicki, Boleslaw and Janina Konaszenko – children
✠ Stanislaw and Michal Kular, Irena Grzeda – son and family
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY September 19

8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents and grandparents from the Bednarczyk family – Adam
19⁰⁰ ✠ Jozefa and Wladyslaw Bobka – daughter Teresa and family
✠ Waclaw Jonca – wife and daughters

FRIDAY September 20

8⁰⁰ ✠ Stefania and Waclaw Sadowski – son and family
✠ Jadwiga Branka, Kazimierz Krzewinski
19⁰⁰ ✠ Matylda and Wojciech Glaz, Anna and Jan Armatowicz

SATURDAY September 21

8⁰⁰ ○ Wladyslawa and Wladyslaw Jaskiewicz (anniv.) – children and families
17⁰⁰ ✠ Janina and Walerian Kulinski
19⁰⁰ ✠ Rozalia Gabiga (7th anniv.) – husband and children

SUNDAY September 22

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and health for Wanda Bryk – daughter Joanna
9³⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Renata and Frank on their 31st wedding anniv. and for their children
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz Biel – daughter and family
14³⁰ ✠ Rafal Musial
19⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia, Jozef, Krzysztof, family members, souls in purgatory

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