

# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”*

Mark 9.30-37

## Reflection

As someone who wears glasses, I know that it doesn't take much for them to become ineffective. They might just have been cleaned, but eat a salad and they are suddenly spotted with dressing; or go outside in cold weather and they are fogged up. Likewise, our ego can prevent us from seeing clearly and living out our faith.

When Jesus tells the disciples about his impending death and resurrection, it doesn't sink in. Perhaps this is because his death is too awful to contemplate or because resurrection is a difficult concept. However, the timing of their argument about who is the greatest suggests that they are too busy thinking about themselves, to think about him. Jesus is someone they dearly love, yet they are unable to respond to his news with compassion. Jesus has taught them not to be afraid, yet they cannot summon the courage to ask him to explain. They are hamstrung by their ego. As Jesus shows by likening welcoming a child to welcoming God, his definition of greatness is our ability to love.

Perhaps today is an opportunity for us to ask Jesus to subdue our egos so that we can see him as he is and ourselves as he is asking us to be.

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**First Reading:** Wisdom 2.12, 17-20

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*The Lord upholds my life.*

**Second Reading:** James 3.16 – 4.3

**Gospel:** Mark 9.30-37

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

## – PARISH NEWS –

### Sacrament of Marriage

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

**Joanna Syzdek,**  
daughter of Anna and Marek  
& **Matthew Waszewski,**  
son of Maria and Jerzy

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Maximillian John Doron**, son of Monica-Marie and Pawel, will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We pray for God's blessing for Maximillian and congratulate his parents and Godparents.

### Second Collection – Flood Relief

On September 28/29 a second collection will be taken in support of floor-stricken Poles. Please keep in your prayer the people of Poland, especially those who lost their home and means of livelihood.

### Coffee and Donuts Schedule

October 22 – Polonia Brass Band  
October 29 – Altar Servers

### Rosary Prayer

Rose #40 leads the rosary this week.



### Altar Servers

If you're in grade 3 or up and would like to become an altar server, please pick up a registration form from the sacristy, fill it out, and hand it in to any one of our parish priests.

### Registration for Catechesis

Registration for First Communion, Confirmation, and Good Shepherd Catechesis is now closed. Parents who missed the registration deadline are asked to contact Sister Halina until the end of September. No registrations will be accepted after September 30. Sister Halina can be reached at (647) 205-7297.

### First Communion Mass:

Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 4 p.m. in English  
Sunday, May 11, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. in Polish

### Confirmation Mass:

Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 4 p.m. in English

## – COMING UP –

### Meetings

#### Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, September 24 at 11 a.m.  
at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

#### 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



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.

#### 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](mailto:mississauga40days@gmail.com)

#### Details:

[40daysforlife.com/Mississauga](http://40daysforlife.com/Mississauga)

### 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](http://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](http://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 or personal 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 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.

### Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, September 27**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

**April 21 – 30, 2025**

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

## – 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.

### Life Chain

You are invited to be a part of an important pro-life witness on **Sunday, October 6**, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Cawthra Rd. and Meadows Blvd. At this location and hundreds of others across North America, we will form a "Life Chain," bearing signs with messages like "Abortion kills children" and "Adoption: a loving option" and there we will pray silently for the hour. Everyone is welcome to peacefully, publicly, and safely call upon our community to protect human life. Simply show up and follow the directives of the local organizer. Let's advocate for the innocent; as Christ Himself reminds us, "Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me" (Mt 25:40).

### 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](mailto:director@qoa.ca)

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY September 23

8<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving on the 1<sup>st</sup> wedding anniv. of Roza and Franciszek and for God's grace and protection of Mary and St. Joseph for them and their children  
✠ Edward, Waclaw, Stefania Sadowski and deceased from the Siwicki family  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Monika and Luka on their 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniv. – parents

### TUESDAY September 24

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Milan Grobarczyk (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.)  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Michal, Krzysztof, Katarzyna, and Danuta  
○ For God's blessing and health for Katarzyna, Lunda, and Robert with families

### WEDNESDAY September 25

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Slawomir Pliszka – Gabriel and family  
○ For God's blessing and health for Christian and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY September 26

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and health for Magdalena and Jaroslaw Sawarski on their 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv. – mother  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and health for Marianna  
○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's protection for Grazyna and Adam Stankiewicz on their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.

### FRIDAY September 27

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Daniela and Kazimierz Guminski – son with wife  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Otolia, Franciszek Ratowski; Leokadia, Eugeniusz Kanigowski, deceased from their families – family  
✠ Antoni Oleszczuk and grandparents from Oleszczuk and Kraska families

### SATURDAY September 28

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Zofia Szymula – granddaughter and family  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Ewa Chabowska – daughter and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing for Aneta and Piotr Bryla on their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv.

### SUNDAY September 29

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Miroslaw Szewc (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – Magda  
9<sup>30</sup> ✠ Daughter Diana Pereira (4<sup>th</sup> anniv.) and deceased from Lipowicz, Kokosza, Nowocin families  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ✠ Bronislawa and Kazimierz Oblak – family  
14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Andrzej, Boleslawa, Henryk, Filomena, Czeslaw, Waclaw Zalewski  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for the Sitnik family, their children and grandchildren – Sitnik family