

“Ephphatha,”  
that is,  
“Be opened.”

Mark 7.31-37

### Reflection

Oh, the power of a simple word! “Ephphatha!” Jesus says in today’s Gospel, and with that one word, the deaf man’s life changes forever. No longer would he be set apart, isolated from everyone around him. No more would he have to endure the looks that said his disability was somehow his own fault. “Be opened,” Jesus commands, and his life begins anew.

And what about his friends, those who had brought him to Jesus? They would have been familiar with the words of the prophets, like Isaiah in the first reading, who spoke of the coming of God as a time when the ears of the deaf would be unstopped and the speechless would sing for joy. Imagine their amazement, then, when it happened to one of their own, in their very midst. To them, too, Jesus speaks: Ephphatha! Be open, always, to the signs that God is right here among you.

We hear the same word spoken in today’s celebration: Ephphatha! Perhaps we need to open ourselves to the surprising ways God enters our lives anew, disguised in the ordinary events of each day. Or we need to be open to new ways in which we are being called to bring God’s love into a world wounded by division and despair. With gratitude and humility, we pray for hearts open to hear God’s call.

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**First Reading:** Isaiah 35.4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

**Second Reading:** James 2.1-5

**Gospel:** Mark 7.31-37

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

## – PARISH NEWS –

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Nikolas Noah Brozda**, son of Lindsay and Tomasz, will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We pray for God’s blessing for Nikolas and congratulate his parents and Godparents.

### Sacrament of Marriage

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

**Katherine Markudis**,  
daughter of Zofia and Waldemar  
& **Andrew Williams**,  
son of Maureen and Brian

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**Joanna Lachut**,  
daughter of Zofia and Leszek  
& **Miroslaw Chudaszek**,  
son of Boguslawa and Stanislaw

### Coffee and Donuts Schedule

September 8 – Polish Scouts  
September 15 – Oblate Youth

### Second Collection

The September 14/15 second collection is for the Building Renovation Fund. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### Rosary Prayer

Rose #38 leads the rosary this week.

### 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: 9 a.m. – 12 noon  
Sunday: closed  
Lunch break: 12 noon – 1 p.m.



## – COMING UP –

### Meetings

**Kolbe Seniors Club**  
Tuesday, September 10 at 10 a.m.  
Mass followed by a meeting  
at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

**Knights of Columbus**  
Tuesday, September 10 at 7 p.m.  
Mass followed by a meeting  
at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

**Secular Franciscans**  
Saturday, September 14, 12 – 2 p.m.  
in Fr. Eugene Room

### Evening of Adoration

On **Thursday, September 12**, immediately after the evening Mass, Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites one and all to take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation to Lord Jesus for sins against life and its dignity.

### Heart-to-Heart Vigil

Rosary Family at St. Eugene de Mazenod Church is organizing a 24-hour vigil, led by Fr. Krzysztof Czaplak, Director of the Fatima Secretariat in Zakopane. The vigil begins on **Thursday, September 12** with Holy Mass at 8 p.m. and ends on Friday, September 13 with Eucharist at 7 p.m., followed by a procession with Our Lady of Fatima.

### Fatima Devotion

Join us on **Friday, September 13**, as we pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. After the evening Mass, we will walk in procession to the Rosary Garden. Please bring a candle.

### Radosc-Joy Dance Ensemble Registration and Rehearsals

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

**Intermediates**  
Thursday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.

**Seniors**  
Wednesday, September 11, 7:45 p.m.

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

### Blessing of Children

Blessing of children who are being homeschooled will take place on **Sunday, September 15**, at the end of the 1 p.m. Mass.

## – 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 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](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.

## – COMMUNITY NEWS –

### 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)



### 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](http://www.millenniumfund.ca)

### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet

**Sunday, September 15, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

This banquet fundraiser commemorates the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre and recognizes the Ontario Trillium Foundation for issuing a grant to renovate the Grand Hall. The event includes dinner by MasterChef Jan Gromada and performances by Polish artists. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.jp2pcc.ca](http://www.jp2pcc.ca) or contact (905) 306-9900 or [events@jp2pcc.ca](mailto:events@jp2pcc.ca)

### 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](http://www.pielgrzymka.ca).

### Pilgrimage to Medjugorje April 21 – 30, 2025

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

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY September 9

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God’s blessing and health for the Tarnowski and Tarnawski families  
○ In thanksgiving for Jozefa and Stanislaw on their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv. and for God’s continued blessing for them  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God’s blessing and health for the Miskowiec family – Maria

### TUESDAY September 10

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For health for Marlena Matulis  
10<sup>00</sup> ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Barbara Mahon – husband Robert and family

### WEDNESDAY September 11

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Parents Ewa and Tadeusz Slodzinski  
✚ Deceased from the Olszanski family – family  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY September 12

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Tomasz Ujda – Godmother  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Aleksander and Michalina Lisek – daughter and family  
✚ Helena and Stanislaw Romasz – daughter-in-law

### FRIDAY September 13

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Stanislaw, Marianna, Bronislaw Kuk  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Parents Zofia and Tomasz Potasz, brother Tadeusz, deceased from family – Zdzislaw and family  
✚ Janina, Wladyslaw, deceased from the Warpas family – family

### SATURDAY September 14

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Anna Olszewski – son and granddaughter  
17<sup>00</sup> ✚ Jan Jaskiewicz (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – siblings and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Deceased from the Mazurkiewicz, Zembik, Stolarz, Moryson families

### SUNDAY September 15

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Jozef Taborowski (18<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – wife and children  
9<sup>30</sup> ○ For God’s blessing and Mary’s protection for Jennifer, Tammy, and Maria  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
○ For all children and youth on the start of the new school year  
13<sup>00</sup> ✚ Jan Jaskiewicz (1<sup>st</sup> anniv.) – Barbara and family  
14<sup>30</sup> ○ For God’s blessing for children – parents  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for Agnieszka and Wiktoria and for gifts of Holy Spirit and Mary’s protection for them – Joanna

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