

*"She gave everything."*

Mark 12.38-44

### Reflection

The clattering coins of the wealthy donations likely turned heads. But it's the poor widow's offering that gets Jesus really excited. Clink. Clink. Two copper coins. A penny's worth. Hardly noticeable, really. Except to Jesus. He's so moved by the widow's generosity, he calls the disciples over. A teachable moment for them. And for us.

Be is our treasure, talent or time, it's hard not to be tightfisted with our "last penny." I would donate but... I would be more patient but... I would volunteer but... It's so easy to rationalize it to ourselves.

Now, imagine if the boy in John 6.9 had done that with his loaves and fish. "Sorry, Jesus. I can't. I need it. I'm hungry. Besides, it wouldn't feed 5,000 people anyway." But because Jesus asks, the boy – hungry as he is – give. Because God asks, the widow – poor as she is – gives. Their trust in God helps them see the opportunity of giving. It inspires true generosity. And God works through them.

God calls us to be cheerful givers. To give what we can with gratitude. To be generous, simply because God asks us through the needs of others. Generosity is not about turning heads, it's about touching hearts. What time, talent or treasure is God asking of you this week? It's a great opportunity. Are you all in?

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**First Reading:** 1 Kings 17.10-16

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 9.24-28

**Gospel:** Mark 12.38-44

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

## – THIS WEEKEND –

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, the following children will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We pray for God's blessing for them and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

**Maria Teresa Sojska  
and Zofia Gloria Sojska**  
daughters of Agnieszka and Krzysztof

**Thomas Joseph Kleinsteuber**  
son of Caroline and Derek

### Meeting for Parents: Confirmation

Formation meeting for parents of students preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation at our parish will take place this **Sunday, November 10 at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

### Independence Day Remembrance Day



**Independence Day** is a national holiday in Poland celebrated every year since 1937 on November 11<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the anniversary of Poland's assumption of independent statehood in 1918 after 123 years of partition by Russia, Prussia and Austria.

**Remembrance Day** is a statutory holiday dedicated to the memory of Canadian soldiers who died in the cause of freedom. Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community, and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world.

### 106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Poland's Independence

This Sunday the Canadian Polish Congress in Mississauga is organizing commemorations of the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Poland's Independence and Remembrance Day. After the 11:00 a.m. Mass, a short ceremony will take place at the Polish Patriots' Monument Square adjacent to the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre and will include the singing of the two national anthems and laying of wreaths. Then, everyone is invited to the Centre for speeches and a musical concert entitled *Remembering Independence*.

## – COMING UP –

### Meetings

**Knights of Columbus**  
Tuesday, November 12 at 7 p.m.  
Mass followed by a meeting  
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 Fr. Bak Room

### Evening of Adoration

On **Tuesday, November 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.

### Commitment Mass

Next **Sunday, November 17** at 9:30 a.m., students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will take part in a Commitment Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to learn the basic teaching of the Catholic Faith, strive to give evident signs of their faith, and show responsibility and dedication while preparing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

### Meeting for Parents: Communion

Formation meeting for parents of students preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation at our parish will take place next **Sunday, November 17 at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

## – IN MEMORIAN –

### Mass for the faithful Departed

Thirty Masses for all faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes are being celebrated in the month of November in the Provincial House of the Missionary Oblates in Toronto.

### Memorial Candles

Please remember that for safety reasons, candles may only be lit by the statue of John Paul II. No candles should be lit near the Missionary Cross or by the Divine Mercy statue.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## – OTHER NEWS –

### Second Collection

November 16/17 – Shepherds' Trust



The Shepherds' Trust supports the needs of the retired diocesan clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served our family of faith, bringing us the sacraments and enriching our parishes, homes, schools, hospitals and countless other gatherings through their ministry.

The Trust was started by lay people who recognized the needs of our retired priests and helped to establish the Trust as a reflection of the gratitude and appreciation of the faithful parishioners in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Through your support of The Shepherds' Trust, our retired priests are given the dignity of adequate monthly allowance, health care and other assistance in their golden years – often well beyond the recognized retirement age of 75.

### English Lectors Needed

A lector is a proclaimer of God's Word and is a key part of Sunday Mass. If you are a practicing Catholic who attends English Mass in our parish, enjoys public speaking, and is able to read sacred texts in a loud, clear voice, please consider becoming a lector. Being a lector is a great honour and a beautiful experience. For details, please contact Teresa at (905) 896-7238.

### Coffee and Donuts Schedule

**November 10 – Friends of Oblate Missions**  
This Sunday coffee and donuts will be served by Friends of Oblate Missions. There will also be an opportunity to purchase St. Martin's Croissants. These delicious pastries are a specialty from Poznań and are very popular around the Memorial Day of St. Martin.  
**November 17 – Domus Ecclesiae**

### Pope's Rosary Intention – November –

**FOR ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A CHILD**  
We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

## – SACRAMENTS –

### Matrimony

Couples wishing to be married at St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Church must contact the parish office at least one year prior to the anticipated date of the wedding in order to open a wedding file and obtain a list of required documents. In addition, marriage preparation course is mandatory for all couples. Please keep in mind that our priests can only officiate at marriage ceremonies of registered members of our parish who reside within the geographical boundaries of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Otherwise, permission of the local ordinary is required. For more information, couples may e-mail the parish office at kolbemagda@gmail.com.

### Baptism

Parents who are registered members of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and would like to baptize their child must contact the parish office at least six weeks before the anticipated date of baptism. Preparation course is mandatory for all parents and Godparents. Baptisms take place during Mass:

- on Saturday at 5 p.m. in English
  - on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Polish
- Godparents must meet all requirements outlined in Canon 874, paragraph 1:
- be at least 16 years old
  - be fully initiated into the Catholic Church
  - be in good standing with the Church (not married outside of the Church and not cohabitating)

## – OTHER NEWS –

### YTOL Retreat

YTOL (Youth Teams of our Lady) Canada is inviting young adults ages 18-28 for a retreat from December 28, 2024 to January 1, 2025. This year's retreat entitled "A Deeper Dive into the Eucharist" will focus on the true presence and implications of Mass and Adoration, their importance and the graces we receive from them. For more details, please contact Natalia at (647) 517-2541.

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

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

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY November 11

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Antonina and Feliks Lyzwa, Teresa Aniol – family  
✠ Ryszard Mantaj and deceased from Mantaj and Krygier families – daughter and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from Mendela, Bogusz, Powalowski families – family

### TUESDAY November 12

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from Gajos, Styczynski, Dec, and Kobylarz families  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Irena Kasprzyk, Janina Werdel, her parents-in-law Helena and Jan  
✠ Mirosław Szewc – Burzynski family

### WEDNESDAY November 13

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Parents Jan and Władysława Cabaj, Marek Chalupczak – Jan and family  
✠ Michalina and Jan Grodecki – daughter with husband  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY November 14

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Michal Puzio – daughter and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Wawrzyniec and Weronika Kuziora  
✠ Edward Kolodziej

### FRIDAY November 15

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ For God's blessing, Mary's protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Samanta and Maciej Kowalyszyn  
✠ Maria Jankowska – son and daughter  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Mieczysław Ciesla (5<sup>th</sup> anniv.), parents Maria and Stanisław Kucz, Balbina and Walerian Ciesla

### SATURDAY November 16

8<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving on the 33<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniv. of Anna and Stanisław and for God's blessing and Mary's protection for them and their family  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Sabina Silininkas (7<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – Zebrowski family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Eliza, Kazimierz, Waldemar Prawdzik – family

### SUNDAY November 17

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Edward Kuziora  
9<sup>30</sup> **Commitment Mass**  
✠ Apolonia and Leopold Czuba – daughter with family  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ✠ Władysława and Stanisław Rygiel – daughter  
14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Maria, Julia, Władysław Koniewicz  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from Halawa and Krzeczowski families

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