

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Heaven and earth
will pass away,
but my words
will not pass away.”*

Mark 13.24-32

Reflection

The news was curt. It was not, however, unexpected. After ten years with the company in a struggling industry, I lost my job.

What can get us through the darkness? I admit, I first grappled with despair and fears about the future. As I heal from being laid off, I am finding hope and peace, knowing suffering is temporary. Most of all, I know God’s purpose for us is to be with him in heaven.

Today’s readings highlight the need to be vigilant about what matters: setting our sights on God and following his path to eternity. Hopelessness is useless because God won’t abandon us. He wants us to use our gifts, in our jobs and all aspects of our lives, as a way to help fulfill his will. And ultimately, the end times will come one day. Suffering will end for God’s children.

On this World Day of the Poor, we remember those who suffer and struggle to make ends meet. Let us give thanks to God for giving us the hope of heaven. With God, darkness won’t extinguish hope. We only have to follow the light of our faith. One day, that little light will lead us to a place where brightness in all its glory endures, and we will be united with God forever.

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First Reading: Daniel 12.1-3

Responsorial Psalm:

*Protect me, O God,
for in you I take refuge.*

Second Reading: Hebrews 10.11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13.24-32

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

– PARISH NEWS –

Commitment Mass

This Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, 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.

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.

Maya Victoria Dougall

daughter of Caroline and Alexander

William Mete Bostan

son of Kornelia and Levent

Meeting for Parents: Communion

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

Second Collections

This Weekend – Shepherds’ Trust



The mission of The Shepherds’ Trust is to help support our elderly and disabled priests. Many of them do not have sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry.

Your generous gift will help our priests, who have devoted their life to serving us in our communities, to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, The Shepherds’ Trust supports many of them with access to nursing home facilities and medical care.

November 23/24

Building Renovation Fund

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

November 17 – Domus Ecclesiae
November 24 – Oblate Youth

– PARISH NEWS –

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College

This Sunday, parishioners are invited to the parish hall to visit an information booth of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College – a private Catholic Liberal Arts College in Barry’s Bay, Ontario (4 hours Northeast of Toronto). The College offers a one-year certificate, a three-year Bachelor of Catholic Studies, and four-year Bachelor of Arts in History, Literature, and Classical and Early Christian Studies.

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.

Rosary Prayer

Rose #43 leads the rosary this week.

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.

Parish Calendar 2025

New 2025 Parish Calendar is now available. It features beautiful sacred art and excerpts from Pope Francis’ *Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025*. As always, it includes Church feast days, solemnities, holy days of obligation, patron saints, and lots more. The calendar is available in the parish hall and in the parish office at only \$5 each.

Silver Jubilee

Jubilee 2000 Children’s Choir will be celebrating its silver jubilee next year. If any former choir members would like to share photos or stories from past years, please speak to Sister Halina before the end of the year.

Communion Albs

If anyone has a communion alb they would like to donate, please speak to Sister Halina before the end of the year.

– COMING UP –

Meetings

Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, November 19 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 Fr. Bak Room



This feast originates as a commemoration of the dedication of the Basilica of St Mary’s the New in Jerusalem in 543. An apocryphal source recounts that Mary’s parents brought their three-year-old daughter to the Temple in Jerusalem to offer her to God, as was the custom. Inspired by a priest’s vision, they left her there to serve God. This custom continued for centuries. The feast entered the Western calendar in 1585. Today it celebrates the recognition of Mary as a temple where God lives.

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, November 22**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

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.

– 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)

– 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.*

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY November 18

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Aleksandra Sudol – son and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ God God’s blessing and health for Grazyna and Marek on their birthday
- ✠ Lucja and Jozef Nartowicz – daughter

TUESDAY November 19

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz Bialy – son
- For God’s blessing, Mary’s protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Michal on his birthday – parents
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Boleslaw Wojna (2nd anniv.) and deceased from the Wojna family – wife, children, grandchildren

WEDNESDAY November 20

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Tomasz Ujda – mother
- ✠ Zofia and Wladyslaw Grodecki – family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY November 21

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Ewa Rodrigues; Wanda and Wladyslaw Ostapowicz
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimiera, Edward, Tadeusz Studzinski and grandparents – son and family
- ✠ John Ziolkowski – Lucy Dworak and family

FRIDAY November 22

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna and Stanislaw Stanislawczyk – daughter with husband
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Czeslaw Perkowski (3rd anniv.) – family
- ✠ Leszek Piatkowski – wife and children

SATURDAY November 23

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Antonina and Boleslaw Kozemba, sister-in-law Zenobia – daughter and family
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Bozena Kurek (6th anniv.) – family and friends
- 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued blessing for Elzbieta and Jan Cabaj on their 50th wedding anniv.

SUNDAY November 24

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Zenon Koczwarza (13th anniv.) – wife
- 9³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued blessing for the Zamarlik family
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued blessing and Mary’s protection for Julian on his 2nd birthday and for his family – parents and grandparents
- 14³⁰ ✠ Jan Matulis, Karol and Danuta Pisarkiewicz, Romuald Tomkiewicz, Maria and Bronislaw Zajda
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Janina and Franciszek Wos – daughter and family

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