

*"You shall love God...
You shall love
your neighbour..."*

Mark 12.28-34

Reflection

The churches in British Columbia had been allowed to re-open, after the first COVID-induced shut-down. Attendance required pre-registration, and the doors were closed to latecomers. It felt wonderful to be allowed back to our traditional form of worship. I was walking to Mass when I thought I heard my name being called. Then I heard my name being called again.

When I turned round, I saw Steve, the panhandler who used to keep an eye on my bicycle. He was running to catch up, so I stopped. He wanted to say hello, to know how I was. We chatted. He was doing okay. After we said our goodbyes I hurried to church, but the doors were locked. For a second, I was sad to have missed Mass. Then I realized: Our Lord was right here, on the street. He was the Love in this unexpected encounter.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the most important way to love God is through our neighbour. The crowd around Jesus was discussing the importance of traditional sacrifices. The wise scribe did not join the argument. Instead, he stopped and listened to Jesus. When the scribe took Jesus' answer into his heart, he was given the grace to understand the New Covenant.

Jesus teaches us to look at tradition with discernment and to love God through each of our neighbours.

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First Reading: Deuteronomy 6.2-6

Responsorial Psalm:

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7.23-28

Gospel: Mark 12.28-34

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

– PARISH NEWS –

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Louis Forrester**, son of Amanda and David, will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We pray for God's blessing for Louis and congratulate his parents and Godparents.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

November 3 – Jubilee 2000 Children's Choir
November 10 – Friends of Oblate Missions

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.

– IN MEMORIAM –

Join us this month as we offer our prayers and devotions for the souls of all the faithful departed.

Rosary for the Faithful Departed

November 1 – 8

Monday to Friday at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Plenary Indulgence

From November 1st to 8th, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting a cemetery and praying for the deceased. Plenary indulgence can be gained under regular prescribed conditions, obtained once a day, and applied to one soul in purgatory.

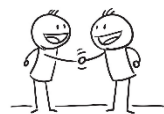
Memorial Candles

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.*

– THANK YOU –

Thank You for the Sweets!



A big *thank you* to the following individuals, families, businesses, and anonymous donors who donated treats for the All Saints Dance. With your generous gift of sugary sweets, children enjoyed chips, juice, cotton candy and took home bags filled with candy and chocolate. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Jan Janczura Elzbieta Zajac
Jadwiga Wasik Roman Wardzala
Andrzej Siemiginowski
Magda and Stanislaw Pierog
Jerzy and Emilia Budzik
Maria and Franciszek Brynczka
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Kolman Family Piascik Family
Kostuch Family Ruskowski Family
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Maggie Stoch – Remax
Akademia Malucha – przedszkole.ca
Numerous Anonymous Sponsors!

Thank You to the Organizers!



Thank you to everyone who helped organize this year's All Saints Dance for the youngest members of our parish. Children arrived dressed up in very creative costumes, so hats off to their parents and grandparents for their hard work. We began the festivities in the church where Fr. Jonas led us in prayer and gave us a blessing. Afterwards we headed to the parish hall where there was dancing, singing, face painting, and even cotton candy!

Thank you to all who made this event possible: Mariola Brozda, Sister Halina, Kacper Bronowicki, Rafal Cwalinski, Magdalena and Stanislaw Pierog, Radosc-Joy, Jubileusz 2000, Ryszard Koziol, Izabela Dabrowski, Karolina Radziwon, Magda Hofman, and all young people.

Finally, a huge *thank you* to Oblate Youth from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. They prepared candy bags, helped out throughout the evening, and made cleaning up a breeze.

Thank you ALL for your outstanding work!

– COMING UP –

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, November 7
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, November 8**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

Meeting for Parents: Confirmation

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

Meeting for Parents: Communion

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

Meetings

Kolbe Seniors Club

Tuesday, November 5 at 10 a.m.
Mass followed by a meeting
at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Gold Rose Apostolate

Thursday, November 7 after the evening
Mass in St. Eugene Room

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

Secular Franciscans

Saturday, November 9, 12 – 2 p.m.
in Fr. Eugene Room

106th Anniversary of Poland's Independence

The Canadian Polish Congress in Mississauga is organizing the commemorations of the 106th anniversary of Poland's Independence and Remembrance Day, on **Sunday, November 10**. The festivities will commence with Mass at 11:00 a.m. Afterwards, 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*.

– 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 –

Celebrity 30th Celebration

Celebrity Symphony Orchestra and Maestro Andrzej Rozbicki invite you to a concert on **Saturday, November 9** at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga. Performers include a 40-person orchestra and guests from Poland: Lukasz Gaj (tenor), Ewelina Szybilska (soprano), and Rafal Brzozowski (*Jaka to Melodia and The Voice Senior*). World hits will also be sung by Laura Sasiadek and Marcel Sokalski. Tickets are available at www.rozbicki.com and in Polish stores.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorie

April 21 – 30, 2025

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

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY November 4

8⁰⁰ ✠ Karol, Elzbieta, Marek Horochowski – Teresa and family
18³⁰ *Rosary for the Faithful Departed*
19⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimierz, Feliks, Waleria Buczynski
✠ Mother Salomea Sojak

TUESDAY November 5

8⁰⁰ ✠ Alojzy, Milan, Jozef Wisniowski – son and family
✠ Henryka, Tadeusz, Michal Bartczak – family
10⁰⁰ ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club
18³⁰ *Rosary for the Faithful Departed*
19⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimiera, Kazimierz, Boguslaw Budziak and deceased from Budziak family – niece Irena and family

WEDNESDAY November 6

8⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from Pyczak, Stankiewicz, Derwecki, Puchta families
✠ Tadeusz Chabowski – daughter and family
18³⁰ *Rosary for the Faithful Departed*
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY November 7

8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria and Mikolaj Miszczyk – daughter Danuta
18³⁰ *Rosary for the Faithful Departed*
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for all Priests and Religious
✠ Karol Warych and deceased from Warych and Kolodziejczak families – parents, brother, family

FRIDAY November 8

8⁰⁰ ✠ Karol and Helena Jarzabek
18³⁰ *Rosary for the Faithful Departed*
19⁰⁰ ✠ Krystyna and Dariusz Szklarczuk; Natalia and Henryk Milkowski
✠ Danuta and Aleksander Sidor (3rd anniv.) – daughter and family

SATURDAY November 9

8⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia, Wladyslaw, Kazimierz Kolecki
17⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz Zmijak and Jan Jaroszynski
19⁰⁰ ✠ Ewa and Mikolaj Typa – son Marian and family

SUNDAY November 10

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mary's protection for Katarzyna, Piotr, and their families – parents
9³⁰ ✠ Zofia i Marian Misztal
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ○ For God's grace and protection for the Branka family
14³⁰ ✠ Zbigniew Habel
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stefan Kalin, parents Anna and Piotr, brother Miroslaw

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