

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”
John 20.19-31

Reflection
Have you ever felt yourself to be a “Doubting Thomas?” I certainly have!
I look upon God’s world, but doubt that the Creator really intended this – a world where social justice is lacking in so many ways, where environmental damage is increasingly threatening, and where peace is so evidently lacking. It is easy to doubt that Jesus is present in this mess. It is much harder to accept that Jesus gave people like me and you the power – and the mandate – to bring about a better world.
Here arises the implication of belief – if we believe Jesus came and remains among us, we must respond as he asked us to act. In John’s Gospel, just as in some situations today, we and our faith communities can be found “with the doors locked for fear.” Yet, while “the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord,” they also understood that they were being sent to continue Christ’s mission – to cure the sick, to comfort the afflicted and even to afflict the comfortable! After all, it is “through believing that you may have life.”
Maybe all of us “Doubting Thomases” will one day proclaim today’s beatitude: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” And that the Giver of Life would see our faith communities share our belief to the full.
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First Reading: Acts 5.12-16
Responsorial Psalm:
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.
Second Reading:
Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Gospel: John 20.19-31

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– THIS WEEKEND –



Divine Mercy Sunday
Today, on the first Sunday after Easter, the Catholic Church celebrates **Divine Mercy Sunday**, a feast day established by St. John Paul II. The cult of Divine Mercy is associated with the apparitions experienced by St. Faustina Kowalska, to whom Jesus appeared in 1935, recommending that she spread the message of God's Mercy to the whole world. On August 17th, 2002, during a pilgrimage to Poland, John Paul II entrusted the whole world to God's Mercy.

Parishioners and guests are invited to take part in a Eucharistic procession following the 11 a.m. Mass.

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.
Alicja Paulina Burek,
daughter of Paulina and Damian Filip Niziol,
son of Kinga and Przemyslaw
Nicole Regina Singh,
daughter of Monika and Davinder
Victoria Anna Dozmorov,
daughter of Veronica and Viktor-Yohann

Meeting for Parents of First Communion Children
A meeting for parents of children currently preparing to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist at our parish will take place this Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Coffee, Donuts, Zapiekanki
This Sunday, Knights of Columbus are serving coffee, donuts and zapiekanki. What is a zapiekanka? It is a Polish-style mushroom and cheese bruchetta. It’s served warm.

– PARISH NEWS –

Sacrament of Confirmation
This Saturday, April 26, **Bishop Ivan Camilleri** celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at our parish, with 85 young people receiving the final sacrament of Christian initiation.
Congratulations to all who were confirmed and a big thank you to their parents and catechists who helped prepare the youth for this important spiritual milestone:
Sister Halina Pierożak, Justyna Armatowicz, Claudia Ogorek, Monika Rapacz, and their assistants:
Nicole Chmiel, Urszula Beben, Patricia Paradiuk, Patryk Swidergal
Marta Kawa, Justina Zych, Bartosz Lewy
Magdalena Terlecka, Maksymilian Kozlowski



Pope Francis 1936 – 2025
Pope Francis was a "witness of faith, hope and deep love", and his service to the Church was full of love for Christ and the Church. He paid special attention to the poor, saying he wished for a Church that is poor and is for the poor.
Thank you, Holy Father, for the lessons of modesty, for your testimony of serving man, and for your presence among the rejected and lost. Thank you for your pontificate.

Wedding Anniversary Mass
Today at the 11 a.m. Mass, we pray for God’s grace and blessing for the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries:

- 57th Danuta and Henryk Pyz
- 51st Elzbieta and Edward Sowa
- 45th Stanislaw and Jozef Sobura
- 42nd Beata and Jan Nicki

Second Collections This Weekend
Building Renovation Fund
May 2/3
Second ShareLife Collection
Thank you for your ongoing support.

– COMING UP –

MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY
Solemnity of Our Lady Queen of Poland
On **May 3**, the Catholic Church in Poland celebrates the solemnity of Our Lady Queen of Poland. This solemnity highlights the country’s great faith in God’s protection that Poles have experienced and continue to experience through Mary’s intercession.

Loreto Litany
Join us as we pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Litany) daily at 6:30 p.m.
Fatima Devotions
From May to October, on the 13th day of the month, join us as we pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. After the evening Mass, we walk in procession to the Rosary Garden. Please bring a candle.

Upcoming Devotions
First Thursday of the month, May 1
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.
First Friday of the month, May 2
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.
Confession starts at 6 p.m.
First Saturday of the month, May 3
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass
First Sunday of the month, May 4
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.


March for Life in Ottawa
Kolbe ProLife is organizing a one-day trip to Ottawa for the National March for Life on **Thursday, May 8**. Departure at 5:45 a.m. from St. Maximilian Kolbe Church parking lot. Registration takes place **this Sunday, April 27** in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Dariusz at (647) 864-6099.

First Holy Communion Anniversary
Sunday, May 18 at 1 p.m.

Pope’s Rosary Intention for May
Let us pray that through work every person may find fulfillment, that families may have decent living conditions, and that societies may become more humane and dedicated to God.
Rose #10 leads the rosary this week.



– IN MEMORIAM –


The following parishioners passed away recently. Let us keep them in our prayers.
✠ Jadwiga Szydłowski, 98
✠ Jolanta Bubienczyk, 90
✠ Jozef Grela, 88
✠ Janina Daniel, 86
✠ Marian Kubanski, 78
✠ Barbara Rosinska, 77
✠ Zofia Kajzer, 77
✠ Stanislaw Bartczak, 75
✠ Jan Władyka, 72
✠ Leszek Budzyna, 59


YOU ENSURE A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN

As many as 7,000 youth are homeless across Canada on any given night. Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, provides a refuge for at-risk youth. They offer safe housing alongside healthcare, education, and employment guidance. **Thanks to your compassionate heart, young people like David can move from a life on the street to a life with a future.** David first found safety in the emergency shelter and later moved into a transitional housing program, where he formed a life-long bond with his mentor, whose kind heart and patient guidance inspired David to pursue and complete post-secondary education.

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is May 4. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel!

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

Constitution Day
Sunday, April 27 – Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, followed by festivities at the Patriot’s Monument.
Sunday, May 4 – Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Toronto, followed by a parade and festivities at Nathan Phillips Square.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY April 28
8⁰⁰ ✠ Lukasz Majchrowicz (3rd anniv.) – wife
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graced received by the Krempaszanka family
○ For God’s blessing for family
TUESDAY April 29
8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving on the 50th wedding anniv. of Elzbieta and Tadeusz, for God’s blessing for family, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for grandchildren: Caleb, Christian, Cold, and Cole Queijo
19⁰⁰ ✠ Barbara Mahon – Robert and family
✠ Antonina and John Bielawski; Stan Modrowski
WEDNESDAY April 30
8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents and brothers from the Brzyski family – daughter and sister
✠ Anna Juszczyńska-Abranowska and deceased from family
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions
THURSDAY May 1
8⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from Smutek and Stec families and souls in purgatory – C.J. Stec
✠ Henryk, Stanislaw, and Andrzej Socha
18³⁰ **Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for all Priests and Religious
FRIDAY May 2
8⁰⁰ ✠ Julia, Aleksander, Wincenty Wroblewski
10⁰⁰ ✠ Helena, Wladyslaw, Roman Sroslak – family
18³⁰ **Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for continued protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Anna, Krzysztof, and their families – parents
SATURDAY May 3
8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
17⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Victoria and Peter on their wedding anniversary
18³⁰ **Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Cyborowski
SUNDAY May 4
8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
9³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for children and for freeing Ryszard from addiction
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Jan and Janina Piątek; grandparents Jan and Wiktoria – daughter and family
14³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued blessing and Mary’s protection for Monika and Jakub – parents
18³⁰ **Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Lukasz Dracz, Krzysztof and Katarzyna Komsa, Stanislaw Makiej, Anna Bialoszewska, deceased from Dracz and Komsa families

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