

“Follow me.”

John 21.1-19

Reflection

Three times during the Passion, Peter denies Jesus. He is afraid, and the suffering and dying come as an unbearable shock. The cross is not what the disciples hoped for or expected. And it isn’t a disembodied, abstract idea. It happens in space and time, to real people in real relationships. Judas, the high priests and Pilate make choices that threaten everything. Jesus bleeds and loses breath. Most of the disciples flee. And the bruised, bloody body of the Messiah needs to be buried. A violent and oppressive killing was always intended to end things: the lamb is slaughtered, and so is hope. Just like the Passion, resurrection is completely unexpected and deeply embodied. The tomb is empty. Some see Jesus, and others understandably doubt that this could possibly be true. The trauma makes them forget what they have known before. And so Jesus helps them with fishing and breakfast. Jesus asks three times if Peter loves him. The work of rising is a healing of the pain of the dying. Resurrection is the power of love and hope in the face of destruction and violence. Jesus calls Peter back and sends him out again, in spite of the denial and betrayal. It will not be without struggle, but still we are all called and sent – to follow him to our own crosses and rising.

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First Reading: Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41
Responsorial Psalm:
*I will extol you, Lord,
for you have raised me up.*
Second Reading: Revelation 5.11-14
Gospel: John 21.1-19

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

– THIS WEEKEND –

– MAY –
THE MONTH OF MARY

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.

Sacrament of Marriage

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

Anna Maria Lipien,
daughter of Stanislaw and Janusz
& **Robert Straczek,**
son of Katarzyna and Andrzej

Victoria Mlynarczyk,
daughter of Malgorzata and Bogdan
& **Daniel Kowalik,**
son of Ewa and Stanislaw

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.

Ariella Ramlochan
and **Julius Matthew Ramlochan,**
children of Abbiegail and Justin

Leo Kornecki,
son of Ninel and Wojciech

Logan Porter,
son of Anna and Kyle

Filip Mroczkowski,
son of Iwona and Cezary

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

May 4 – Oblate Youth
May 11 – Families of John Paul II

Hot Lunch

Youth traveling to Rome for the Jubilee Year celebrations are fundraising for their trip. If you would like to support their endeavours, please stop by the parish hall this Sunday for some delicious food.

– COMING UP –

Meetings

Kolbe Seniors Club
Tuesday, May 6 at 10 a.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

Secular Franciscans

Saturday, May 10, 12 – 2 p.m.
in Fr. Eugene Room

First Holy Communion

This month, children will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist on the following days:
Saturday, May 10 at 4 p.m.
Sunday, May 11 at 2:30 p.m.

White Week

Monday, May 12 – Friday, May 16, 7 p.m.

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

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, May 9**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

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, May 4** in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Dariusz at (647) 864-6099.

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.

– OTHER NEWS –

The Catholic Register

The Catholic Register newspaper is changing its delivery method. Starting this month, 50 copies will be delivered to our parish each week. Parishioners may pick up a free copy from the parish hallway.

The Catholic Register is the oldest English language weekly newspaper in Canada, launched in 1893 (and tracing its roots to The Catholic, 1830). It is circulated nationally, with 47 issues per year, and is owned by the Archdiocese of Toronto. News coverage includes local, national, and international church-related news (frequently reprinted from other Catholic news syndication services) plus various columns and editorials.

YTOL Retreat

YTOL (Youth Teams of our Lady) Canada is inviting young adults ages 18 to 30 for a retreat from **Friday, May 16 to Monday, May 19**. This year’s retreat entitled “A Study of the Book of Job” will dive deep into the Book of Job, exploring its timeless wisdom. Together, we’ll reflect on tough questions like “Why do bad things happen to good people?” For details, please contact Karolina Jach at ytolcanada@gmail.com or (226) 789-1228.

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 #11 leads the rosary this week.

Pilgrimage to Buffalo

Holy Rosary Family is organizing a one-day bus trip to Buffalo, NY on **Sunday, June 15**. The itinerary includes a visit to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and Our Lady of Victory Shrine and Basilica. Information and registration:

Teresa (905) 495-7035
Wieslawa (416) 799-2122

Second Collections
This Weekend

Second ShareLife Collection
Thank you for your ongoing support.



SHARELIFE: LIVING THE GOSPEL
BY PROVIDING FOR THOSE IN NEED

On the second ShareLife Sunday, we call upon your compassionate hearts to support your vulnerable brothers and sisters in need. More people than ever are turning to our agencies for help. The kindheartedness of ShareLife supporters like you enables access to essential programs and services, such as the treatment program and transitional housing at St. Michael’s Homes. For Jack, your support was transformative. After moving to start a physically demanding job, he suffered a knee injury which ultimately left him unemployed and addicted to pain medication. Thanks to your empathy, Jack had a safe space to overcome his addiction and gained the power to build himself back up.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

Elections in Poland

On **Wednesday, May 7**, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., staff at the John Paul II Cultural Centre will be assisting those who wish to register for the upcoming elections in Poland. Please bring your current Polish passport.

Assumption Cemetery

Assumption Catholic Cemetery has a limited inventory set aside exclusively for the Polish community. For inquiries, please call Marcos Carvajal at (905) 670-8801 ext. 1

Job Offer

Sacred Heart Parish in Kitchener is looking to hire an organist. For more information, please contact Barbara from the Parish Council: (519) 896-7881.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY May 5

8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents Kazimiera and Julian Gozdicki, Szczepan and Anna Cichy, Rozalia and Jan Gozdicki – Irena and family
18³⁰ **Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Rogala and Dabrowski families
✠ Jan and Wiktoria Wytrwal – daughter with family

TUESDAY May 6

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and life according to the teaching of the Catholic Church – father and grandfather
10⁰⁰ ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club
18³⁰ **Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and Mary’s protection for Jean and Dan on their wedding anniversary

WEDNESDAY May 7

8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria Urbanczyk
✠ Michal and Maria Swiatek
18³⁰ **Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY May 8

8⁰⁰ ○ For faith, God’s blessing, and help in finding a job for son – parents
18³⁰ **Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Barnach
✠ Eugeniusz and Eugenia Hul – sister

FRIDAY May 9

8⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia Talarek (8th anniv.)
18³⁰ **Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw, Wladyslaw, Stanislaw, and deceased from Debinski family – daughters
✠ Wiktoria and Stefan Witkos, Stanislaw and Piotr Stachura

SATURDAY May 10

8⁰⁰ ✠ Ryszard Targonski (1st anniv.) – brother Wladyslaw
16⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for all children receiving First Holy Communion
18³⁰ **Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw Kozacz (4th anniv.) – wife with family

SUNDAY May 11

8⁰⁰ ✠ Brothers Lucjan, Wacław, Antoni Nowotnik, sister Alina Skalimowska, husband Antoni Pasiak – family
9³⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Sulej and Wojcik families
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✠ Helena, Jan, Czeslaw, Hieronim, deceased from family – Boleslaw
14³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for all children receiving First Holy Communion
18³⁰ **Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
19⁰⁰ ✠ Adam, Aniela, Eugeniusz, Jan, Stanislaw Wasik

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