

“Some are last who will be first,
and
some are first who will be last.”

Luke 13.22-30

As a child, I used to play hide-and-seek with my young cousins. Being an older cousin, I was amazed at the places where the younger ones were able to hide. My mind wandered back to those memories while meditating on Jesus’ words: “Strive to enter through the narrow door.”

I think of my small cousins hiding in narrow spaces and wonder if being childlike could be a key to entering through this much-desired door. Children trust and depend greatly on their parents, and don’t carry heavy burdens. These burdens can be unhealthy attachments to earthly things, or sinful lifestyles. Letting go of these burdens is a necessary step to entering the kingdom of God.

The second reading also relates to children and teaches us that part of God’s fatherly love includes discipline. Discipline can be seen as our training to enter through the narrow door; it helps us develop holy habits, forming an obedient heart that is open and responsive to the promptings of the Father.

We are invited today to examine our hearts: What baggage should we be leaving behind as we approach the Lord today? Leave it at the foot of the cross, and give the Lord permission to guide you, so that you may one day be able to enter through the narrow door and take part in his heavenly banquet.

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First Reading: Isaiah 66.18-21

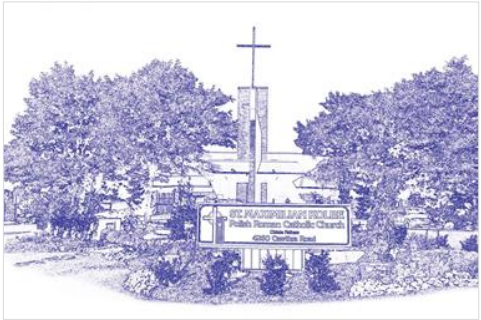
Responsorial Psalm:

Go into all the world
and proclaim the good news.!

Second Reading: Hebrews 12.5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13.22-30

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



– PARISH NEWS –

THANK YOU!

Last weekend, our parish community celebrated its feast day. We would like to express our appreciation to the following businesses who generously donated their products for the feast:

- Eddie’s Meat and Deli Market
- Odra Deli
- Sweet Temptation Bakery Inc.
- Tymek’s Natural Foods Ltd.

It takes lots of people and lots of time to organize an event this size. We thank God for the generosity and talent of the many people who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. THANK YOU to all those who:

- made flower arrangements for the church
- prayed with us
- took part in the Eucharistic procession
- decorated the parish hall
- prepared and cooked the delicacies
- served food and cotton candy
- washed all the pots and pans
- helped clean up the parish hall
- took beautiful photos in remembrance of the feast

May the God Lord reward you for all your hard work and dedication, and may Saint Maximilian Kolbe intercede for you.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Victor Putro**, son of Anna and Christopher will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate his parents and Godparents.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

August 24 – Church Committee
August 31 – Friends of the Missions

– IN THE PARISH –

First Communion / Confirmation

Parishioners who are planning on registering their children for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation are asked to prepare their child’s baptism certificate, available from the church where they were baptized. A copy of this document will be required during registration. More information will be provided in next week’s bulletin.

Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will take place on seven Mondays, from **October 6 to November 24**, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Meetings are in-person and attendance is mandatory at all sessions. Fee: \$100 per couple. To register, go to www.kolbe.ca and click on *Liturgy and Sacraments* and then *Marriage*. Next course will be offered in February 2026.

Marriage Preparation Course for couples where one or both partners were previously married is facilitated by Catholic Family Services. Contact www.cfstoronto.com to register.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples wishing to be married at St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Church must contact the parish office in-person 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.

Anointing of the Sick

- A hospital chaplain – a Roman Catholic priest – is employed full-time at local hospitals and is on-call 24 hours a day. To arrange a **hospital visit**, please ask a nurse to call the priest on duty.
- Please contact the parish office if you or your loved one requite a **home visit** from a priest.

Second Collection

August 30/31 – Renovation Fund
Thank you for your continuous support.

– COMING UP –

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Next Sunday, August 31 at 11 a.m.
Please call the parish office if you wish to have your name added to the list of couples celebrating their wedding anniversary.

Pilgrimage and Retreat

During the Jubilee Year, the Saint Joseph group invites you to a pilgrimage and retreat for those discerning their vocation under the theme *Spes non confudit*.

The program includes: 1) Pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, the Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the Basilica of Notre Dame, and a climb to the Mount of the Cross in Montreal. 2) Three-day silent retreat at the Benedictine monastery in San Benua du Lak. 3) Visit to the Benedictine monastery in San Benoit du Lak, convent of the Sisters Servants of the Cross in Cornwall, and the Madonna House Lay Apostolate in Combermere.

The retreat will be led by Master of Theology Ms. Mariya Kowalczyk, under the supervision of the Benedictine Fathers.

Dates: **August 28 – September 1, 2025**

Cost: \$670 includes travel, accommodations, and main meals. The cost of meals outside the program and voluntary offerings at holy sites are not included.

Contact: call/text (416) 949-3033

Catholic Moms Group

– in English –

Catholic Moms Group is a new ministry launching at our parish and its purpose is to uplift the vocation of motherhood. Meetings will be held once a month at two different times to accommodate moms at different stages of life. If you are a stay-at-home mom or on maternity leave, we invite you to attend the daytime meetings held on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. If you work during the day, there will be an evening group held on the 2nd Thursday of every month, from 8:20 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Both groups will meet in Brother Anthony Room.

Offertory Envelopes

This month we have to place an order for offertory envelopes for 2026. Families who currently do not use envelopes but would like to have their own set are asked to contact the parish office at kolbe@kolbe.ca or (905) 848-2420. Please do not use envelopes from previous years!



R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the way that a non-baptized person is brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Roman Catholic, please call the parish office to register. Meetings begin on **Wednesday, October 1** in the evening.

Bereavement Ministry in Polish

We are starting a bereavement ministry for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. The goal of this ministry is to provide a safe place where the bereaved can share their experiences with others and be supported by other parishioners who have also experienced the death of a loved one and who have received bereavement training. This parish-based bereavement group is a peer ministry, not a therapy support group.

The program will begin on **September 29** and consist of 7 meetings held once a week. To register, please contact the parish office.

Bereavement ministry in English is available in various churches in Mississauga. Please call the parish office for details.

Grant Applications

**Important announcement
regarding grant application
for students and descendants of
Polish Home Army (AK)!**

The deadline for submitting applications is **September 15, 2025**. Applications must be completed in full and submitted together with all supporting documents; otherwise, they will not be considered. Please mail to the Millennium Fund office:

3055 Lake Shore Blvd. W.
Toronto, ON M8V 1K6
More information at:
www.millenniumfund.ca

*“I cried to the Lord in my distress
and he answered me.”*

St. Monica

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY August 25

- 8⁰⁰ ◦ For God’s blessing, Mary’s protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Christine Mieczkowski on her birthday
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Maria and Jerzy Taborowski – daughter-in-law and family

TUESDAY August 26

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Maria Urbanczyk
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Deceased from the Hapek family

WEDNESDAY August 27

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Marianna and Jozef Pluto
- 19⁰⁰ ◦ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY August 28

- 8⁰⁰ ◦ For Mary’s protection and the gift of faith for Evan, Lukas, Cameron, Madelyn and their parents
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Klemens Wojciechowski, Aleksandra and Edward Bardecki – family

FRIDAY August 29

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Deceased from the Bilkiewicz and Ciesla families – Zofia and children
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Deceased from the Trojan, Paczkowski and Wilk families

SATURDAY August 30

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Wladyslawa and Wladyslaw Jaskiewicz (anniv.) – children and families
- 17⁰⁰ ◦ For God’s continued blessing for Edmund and Zofia Parwicki on their 50th wedding anniv.
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Henryka, Gustaw, Urszula

SUNDAY August 31

- 8⁰⁰ ✚ Deceased from the Tynus and Krempaszanka families
- 9³⁰ ✚ Sebastian Jakobisiak (13th anniv.) – parents, siblings, family
- 11⁰⁰ ◦ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ◦ For God’s blessing for sons Marek and Krzysztof and their families – parents
- 14³⁰ ◦ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s blessing for Grazyna and Adam on their 50th wedding anniv.
- 19⁰⁰ ✚ Katarzyna, Jan and Piotr Pyz – family

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

August: the month of sobriety

If you are willing to refrain from consuming alcohol in August, consider signing your name in a special book located beside the Relics Altar.

Rose #29 leads the rosary this week.