

“Whoever exalts himself
will be humbled,
and whoever humbles himself
will be exalted.”

Luke 14.1, 7-14

Reflection

What’s our wedding feast? Where in our lives are we striving for that recognition and praise? Who are we trying to impress? And why? These are huge question. Challenging ones that – with time, thought and prayerful reflection – likely reveal rich insights from God about ourselves.

Be it in our work, parish, neighbourhoods or homes, we long to be noticed for the good we do. It’s natural to enjoy someone’s gratitude and feel see, appreciated and affirmed. It’s nice when our kindness is recognized and reciprocated. But when the good we do is done for that accolade, it’s a sure sign that weed of pride has taken root. We will feel snubbed, dismissed or overlooked because we aren’t getting the attention we think we deserve. In time, the garden of our heart is overrun with outrage (why not me?), envy (why them?), or apathy (why bother?). These choke the growth – and limit the fruitfulness – of all the good we can do.

Weeding pride is uncomfortable, difficult and ongoing work, but it’s so worth it. Thankfully, our God is the God of comfort – not the comfortable. He is with us, eager to help us flourish. So today, let us get on our knees, humble our hearts, and ask God to show us our weeds, thankful that with God we’ll cultivate more of what’s truly good and beautiful.

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First Reading: Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29
Responsorial Psalm:
*In your goodness, O God,
you provided for the needy.*
Second Reading: Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24a
Gospel: Luke 14.1, 7-14

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

– PARISH NEWS –

Farewells

This weekend we bid farewell to Fr. Jan Kobzan and Fr. Piotr Nowak. We thank them for their years of work in our parish and wish them the guidance of the Holy Spirit and lots of joy in their new ministry.

Thank you

Thank you for your prayers, for the requested Mass intention, and for sending condolences after the death of my mother. I’m very grateful. Sister Halina

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:

- 64th Joanna & Jerzy Cierpich
- 50th Danuta & Zbigniew Pyz
- Grazyna & Edward Ekiert
- Maria & Zbigniew Bandziorowski
- Zofia & Mieczyslaw Kajda
- Jadwiga & Marian Wasik
- 45th Waleria & Jozef Gerech
- Elzbieta & Pawel Woszczyna
- 40th Regina & Ryszard Swiatowiec
- 30th Marzanna & Jan Marcinkiewicz
- 1st Pauline and Robert Wojciechowski

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Wesley Michal Rapacz**, son of Nathalie and Lukasz will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate his parents and Godparents.

86th Anniversary of the Outbreak of World War II

The Canadian Polish Congress – Mississauga District invites you on **Monday, September 1** to commemorate those who died fighting for freedom during World War II. All are invited for Mass at 7 p.m., followed by a short ceremony at the Patriot Monument beside the John Paul II Cultural Centre.

Upcoming Devotions

- First Thursday of the month, Sep. 4**
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.
- First Friday of the month, Sep. 5**
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, Sep. 6**
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass
- First Sunday of the month, Sep. 7**
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

– IN THE PARISH –

Preparation for First Communion
Important Information

Preparation for the sacrament of First Communion includes a number of lessons, first reconciliation, and a rehearsal, as outlined in a calendar provided to parents in October. In addition, there will be two formation meetings for parents. We encourage children (dressed in their Communion albs) and their parents to participate in a “White Week”, which begins immediately after the First Communion, from Monday to Friday at the 7 p.m. Mass. According to the Polish tradition, “White Week” is an extension of the First Holy Communion celebration; it deepens the faith and joy of receiving the sacrament. During the “White Week”, children will receive a rosary, a prayer book, and a First Holy Communion certificate.

First Communion classes will be held on Tuesdays and Saturdays. First Communion Mass is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 4 p.m. in English and Sunday, May 10, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. in Polish.

Preparation for Confirmation
Important Information

Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation includes a number of lessons and a rehearsal, as outlined in a calendar provided to parents in October. In addition, candidates for confirmation are expected to attend one all-day retreat, which will take place at the Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre. Finally, there will be two formation meetings for parents.

Confirmation classes will be held on Thursdays. Confirmation Mass is scheduled for April 11, 2026 at 4 p.m. in English.

* REGISTRATION *
First Communion & Confirmation

- Sunday, September 14**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
in the parish hall
- Tuesday, September 16**, 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
in the Good Shepherd room
- Thursday, September 18**, 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
in the Good Shepherd room

Registration forms will be available on our parish website under the Liturgy and Sacraments tab starting September 10 and in-person during registration. Material fee is \$100 – cash or cheque payable to St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Copy of Baptism Certificate is required for all students, even if the baptism took place at our parish.

– COMING UP –

Radosc-Joy
Song & Dance Group
* Registration in the Parish Hall *

Mini and Junior Groups
Wednesday, September 3 and 10
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Intermediate Group
Thursday, September 4 and 11
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Senior Group
Wednesday, September 3 and 10
8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Catholic Moms Group

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.

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.

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!

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

August 31 – Friends of the Missions
September 7 – Adoremus



– IN MEMORIAM –



The following parishioners passed away recently. Let us keep them in our prayers.

- ✠ Maria Stepkowska, 95
- ✠ Tadeusz Czajka, 87
- ✠ Waldemar Markiewicz, 84
- ✠ Irena Rzotkiewicz, 83
- ✠ Natalia Kwapisz, 76
- ✠ Zdzislaw Boruch, 71
- ✠ Andrzej Kot 69
- ✠ Ireneusz Mantaj, 67
- ✠ Zbigniew Rafalko, 64
- ✠ Zbigniew Rafalski, 62
- ✠ Leszek Szostak, 62



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.

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

Second Collection

This weekend’s second collection is for the ongoing maintenance and renovation of our parish. Thank you for your support.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY September 1

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Kazimierz, Janina, Jozef Kurek and Zofia Wojtowicz – Leszek
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Diana, Michael, and their children
- ✠ Katarzyna and Michal Mrowca – daughter Malgorzata
- For our Motherland and all who gave their life for Her freedom

TUESDAY September 2

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Ingrid, Aleksandra, Tudor Dornescu
- Hakina Rembisz – daughter and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ John Jedrzejek

WEDNESDAY September 3

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from Redczak, Kaczmarek, Blaszczyk, and Bubas families – family
- ✠ Walenty Siuda and deceased from the Kolodziejczak family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY September 4

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Mirosława Biskupska
- ✠ Parents Irena and Henryk Parafianowicz – son and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for all Priests and Religious

FRIDAY September 5

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Parents – Adam
- 10⁰⁰ ○ For health, God’s blessing, Mary’s protection, and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Maciej and Samantha Kowaliszyn – family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Helena and Stanislaw Romasz – daughter-in-law

SATURDAY September 6

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 17⁰⁰ In gratitude for the heart donor, asking for eternal life for him
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Trocki – wife and children

SUNDAY September 7

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate
- 9³⁰ ✠ Jozef Taborowski (19th anniv.) – wife and children
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Bolejszo (19th anniv.) – wife and children
- 14³⁰ ✠ Zdzislaw Kucharczyk (1st anniv.)
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Agnieszka Budzinski (2nd anniv.) – parents

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

Rose #30 leads the rosary this week.