

“For God so loved the world
that he gave his only-begotten Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish
but may have eternal life.”

John 3.13-17

Reflection

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son.” That profound sentence of unconditional love is foundational to our faith. God’s love is not limited by geography, ethnicity, background, or merit; it is all-encompassing, for all of creation.

This is the salvation and redemptive power of Christ’s sacrifice. The analogy of Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness is a metaphorical bridge to the crucifixion of Jesus. Just as the Israelites were healed by looking at the raised bronzed serpent, we too are healed by believing in the redemption brought by Jesus when he is lifted on the Cross.

God’s love, personified by Jesus’ willing sacrifice for the salvation of all, requires us to look deeply to extend that same love and mercy to ourselves, no matter our sins, and to others. His mission was not to condemn the world but to save it. Our current world is often quick to judgment and condemnation. The gospel calls to us through the centuries offering a different perspective, a longer view to our life. The path to salvation, the sense of completeness and peace offered by the way of the Cross, requires us to emulate love and mercy to all, extending the same compassion and forgiveness we have received.

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First Reading: Numbers 21.4-9
Responsorial Psalm:
Do not forget the works of the Lord!
Second Reading: Philippians 2.6-11
Gospel: John 3.13-17

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

– PARISH NEWS –

Devotion to St. Maximilian Kolbe

Join us for a devotion to St. Maximilian Kolbe, patron saint of our parish – this **Thursday, September 18** after the evening Mass.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

September 14 – Oblate Youth
September 21 – Polish Scouts

Pope’s Rosary Intention
– September –

Let us pray that, following the example of St. Francis, we may love God and humanity and see all of creation as God’s gift.

Rose #33 leads the rosary this week.

Youth Group Meetings
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

Upcoming Second Collection
September 20/21

Building Renovation Fund

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Becoming a Catholic

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.

40 Days of Life

Kolbe ProLife Group invites parishioners to participate in the “40 Days for Life” campaign: **September 24 to November 2.**

Opening Mass

September 21 at 11 a.m.
Sts. Martha and Mary Church, Mississauga

Prayer Vigil Location

In front of the Women’s Clinic in Mississauga
101 Queensway Ave. W.
(Queensway and Confederation)

Vigil hours: daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Vigil dates for our parish:

Saturdays, from September 27 to November 1

Coordinator: Izabela Dabrowski
mississauga40days@gmail.com

– CATECHESIS –

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 are available on our parish website under the Liturgy and Sacraments tab 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 –

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.

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.

Pilgrimage and Retreat

The Saint Joseph’s Group invites you to a pilgrimage and a three-day silent retreat under the theme: *Thanksgiving, the Source of Hope*.

The program includes a Pilgrimage to St. Joseph’s Oratory and Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal as well as a three-day silent retreat at the Benedictine Monastery in St. Benoit du Lac.

Dates: **October 31 - November 2, 2025**
Cost: \$530

The price includes travel, 2 nights’ accommodation with the Benedictine Fathers, and 6 meals at the Benedictine Monastery. The cost of meals outside the program and voluntary offerings at holy sites are not included.

Contact: call/text (416) 949-3033
Registration deadline: October 1, 2025



– COMMUNITY NEWS –

Catholic Estate Planning

Free Webinar

Saturday, September 27 at 9 a.m.

Learn:

- how to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection;
- how to create your own legacy;
- about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals.

Register through this link: [qrco.de/ WebSept27](http://qrco.de/WebSept27) or send an email to:

Development@ArchToronto.org and write “webinar September 27” in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

Polish Scouting in Canada

Szczep *Wieliczka* is still accepting registrations. We welcome you to our first meetings on **Monday, September 22** and **Tuesday, September 23** at 6 p.m. in the parish hall. For more information, please contact: Olivia Pacyna at wieliczka@zhp.ca

Scout Group *Wigry* (Mississauga) is still accepting registrations for our boy scout troops. We welcome you to our first meetings on **Tuesday, September 23** (grades 5-10) and **Friday, September 26** (grades 2-4). For more information, please contact: Thomas Pisarek at szczep@wigry.ca

Dance – Disco

Canadian Polish Congress cordially invites you to an annual Dance – Disco on Saturday, September 20 at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. Dinner prepared by Jan Gromada, music by DJ Kompot, dancing in the rhythms of the 80s and 90s. Tickets at \$55 can be purchased from Leszek (289) 768-6056 or at the Centre. We hope you’ll join us and support our Congress!

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY September 15

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Olszewska – son Stanislaw, granddaughter Katarzyna
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s blessing and Mary’s protection for Jan, Teresa, and their children ✠ Parents Lucyna and Alfons, parents-in-law Franciszka and Henryk

TUESDAY September 16

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Tomasz Ujda – mother
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For reconciliation, concord, love and health for the Sawoniuk and Praniuk families ✠ Parents Leonard Sr. and Teresa Attard, brother Charlie Attard – on Leonard Jr. and wife

WEDNESDAY September 17

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Tomasz Ujda (24th anniv.) ✠ Zygmunt (anniv.) ○ For God’s blessing and grace for the sick
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY September 18

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Stanislaw and Michal Kular; Helena, Piotr, Edward Oles ✠ Filip and Elzbieta Prelich – daughter and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for children and grandchildren

FRIDAY September 19

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Marian Kardys (2nd anniv.) – wife and family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving on the 20th wedding anniv. of Arleta and Mariusz Mis – parents ○ In thanksgiving on the wedding anniv. of Karolina and Adam and for God’s blessing for them and their family

SATURDAY September 20

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for son and his family – mother
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Jozef, Maria, Edward Bajon – granddaughter, niece, family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Jerzy and Karol Rogowski; Helena and Jan Gryglik

SUNDAY September 21

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia, Stanislaw, Roman Piekarz – daughter, sister, family
- 9³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Dorota Skorupski on her 50th birthday – children and parents
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors ○ For all children, youth, and teachers on the start of the new school year
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Otolia and Franciszek Ratowski; Leokadia and Eugeniusz Kanigowski; deceased from family – family
- 14³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Magdalena and Piotr Kucharski on their 20th wedding anniv.
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For health and God’s blessing for Monika and Luka

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