

“Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14.25-33

Reflection

Today’s Scriptures seem to have a theme. It starts with a how-to on relationships with those in authority, both those who might be opposed to us and acquaintances. The first reading gives a prescription for diplomacy – not to go along to get along, but a how-to in fostering good ties.

Jesus upends this. The cost to follow him will mean breaking ties. There are times when relationships must be risked. The loss could be profound, indeed, a complete break from family, friends or community. We have brothers and sisters in the Lord who have sacrificed this to follow Christ. Their heartache is real. Only Jesus can bring comfort in such a situation.

But true to his word, Jesus’ love also transforms relationships and, if allowed, eventually whole societies. Paul gives us a glimpse of this powerful redemptive love when he calls a runaway slave who robbed his master a brother in Christ, an equal in the kingdom of God. Another family, another community emerges.

The love of Christ reconfigures relationships. It takes us from diplomatic survival practices to a new human family. There can be a difficult cross to carry in making a choice for Christ. But there is comfort in Paul’s words: “Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever.”

Johanne Brownrigg; Orleans, ON

© Living with Christ/Novalis/Bayard Presse Canada. Used with permission.

First Reading: Wisdom 9.13-18

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Second Reading: Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14.25-33

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

– PARISH NEWS –

Welcome Fr. Pawel!



Today our parish community welcomes Fr. Pawel Ratajczak OMI. We wish Fr. Pawel lots of perseverance, zeal, and joy in his new ministry. Welcome home!

Sacrament of Marriage

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

Georgina Rafanan,
daughter of Remedios and George
& **Andrew Pikula,**
son of Halina and Lech

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

September 7 – Adoremus
September 14 – Oblate Youth

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 #31 leads the rosary this week.

Meeting

Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, September 9 at 7 p.m.
Mass followed by a meeting
at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Evening of Adoration

On **Thursday, September 11**, immediately after the evening Mass, Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites one and all to take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation to Lord Jesus for sins against life and its dignity

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, September 12**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

Fatima Devotion

Join us **Saturday, September 13**, as we pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. After the evening Mass, we will walk in procession and recite the Rosary. Please bring a candle.

– 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 *

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

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

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

Registration and Rehearsals take place in the Parish Hall.

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.

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.

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.



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

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.

Canadian Polish Congress: Mississauga

cordially invites you to our yearly Dance - DISCO, on Saturday, 20.09.2025 in JPPI Polish Cultural Centre. Dinner prepared by Jan Gromada, dancing in the 80-90 rhythms with great ‘DJ Kompot’. Tickets only \$55, Leszek: 289-768-6056 and in Centrum – We hope you’ll join us & support our Congress!

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY September 8

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for children and grandchildren and God’s continued blessing, health, Mary’s protection, grace, gifts of the Holy Spirit for Stolarz family
- 19⁰⁰ ☩ Janusz Szajna, Sabina and Jan Cwalinski – family
- ☩ Antoni Oleszczuk and grandparents from the Oleszczuk and Kraska families

TUESDAY September 9

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For the grace of conversion, God’s blessing, Mary’s protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Oliwia, Wesley and Antoni
- For Mary’s protection and wise choices for children and family
- 10⁰⁰ ○ For members of Kolbe Senior Club
- 19⁰⁰ ☩ Izabel Mota – friends

WEDNESDAY September 10

- 8⁰⁰ ☩ Deceased from the Olszanski family – family
- For God’s blessing for the Cichy family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY September 11

- 8⁰⁰ ☩ Parents Wladyslawa and Edward Chojacki
- 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving on the wedding anniv. of Zofia and Kazimierz and for God’s grace for their family
- ☩ Edward Kuziora (17th anniv.) – daughter Wieslawa

FRIDAY September 12

- 8⁰⁰ ☩ Helena Czubryj and deceased from family
- 19⁰⁰ ☩ Aleksander and Michalina Lisek – daughter and family
- In thanksgiving on the 80th birthday of Tadeusz Golec and for God’s blessing and Mary’s protection for him – daughter

SATURDAY September 13

- 8⁰⁰ ☩ Jan Jaskiewicz (2nd anniv.) – Barbara and family
- 17⁰⁰ ☩ Barbara Mahon (3rd anniv.) – Robert and family
- 19⁰⁰ ☩ Zofia Bazner (4th anniv.), Bronislawa and Wladyslaw Dorobek, Stanislaw Flak

SUNDAY September 14

- 8⁰⁰ ☩ Parents Zofia and Tomasz Potasz, brother Tadeusz, deceased from family – Zdzislaw and family
- 9³⁰ ☩ Maria Michalski – daughter and family
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ☩ Cecylia and Maria Budziak, deceased from Czyzowicz family – daughter Irena and family
- 14³⁰ ☩ Andrzej, Boleslawa, Henryk, Filomena, Czeslaw, Wacław Zalewski
- 19⁰⁰ ☩ Marek Krol