

*"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."*

John 14.1-12

### Reflection

Today's readings resonate with our current conversations about our identity and presence as Church, as witness of the power of resurrection. The reading from Acts captures the joy, healing, and growth of a dynamic community as Jesus' disciples "proclaim the Christ" in their times and place. John's Gospel emphasizes the intimate relationship between humanity and divinity that emerges through the resurrection and the coming of the Spirit. All are one in love.

Immersed in divine presence, we are nurtured, affirmed and blessed. Living in love, and transformed by that love, we are empowered to "proclaim the Christ." The love modelled by Jesus directs and informs our practice as disciples. It is a generous love that recognizes and welcomes all despite differences in gender, status, race, culture, and it refuses to demean or to diminish.

So, we ask from within our struggle: how do we translate this love institutionally, share the corporate Body of Christ so that resurrection energy informs internal structures and radiates from external presence? How do we listen for and obey the Spirit who calls the Church to include, value and empower everyone who is baptized into the Body of Christ? How do we as Church see with Jesus' lens of love, see beyond our many differences, and open ourselves to the Spirit calling all to live Love?

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**First Reading:** Acts 8.5-8, 14-17

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Make a joyful noise to God,  
all the earth!*

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3.15-18

**Gospel:** John 14.15-21

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

## – THIS WEEKEND –

### First Holy Communion



This weekend, 72 children in our parish will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the very first time. Please keep them in your prayers as they celebrate this special day.

A big THANK YOU to **Sister Halina Pirożak MChR**, and to all the catechists and their assistants for helping prepare the children for the sacrament of Holy Eucharist: **Eva Labenda, Wiktorja Zdyb, Dominik Legiezynski, Karolina Kaczyński, Klaudia Belza, Konrad Stecki, Lena Lyp, Magdalena Nycz, Sophie Lisicki.**

May God bless them for their hard work, give them the wisdom to continue to teach, and the joy to proclaim the Good News of salvation.

### White Week

Monday, May 11 – Friday, May 15, 7 p.m.

### Anniversary of Holy Communion

Sunday, May 17 at 1 p.m.



**Happy  
Mother's  
Day**

### Prayer to the Mother of the Lord for all mothers

Dear Mother Mary, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

*Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
pray for our mothers.*

## – PARISH NEWS –

### – MAY – THE MONTH OF MARY



#### Loreto Litany

Join us as we pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Litany) from Sunday to Friday at 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays after the morning Mass.

#### May 13 - Fatima Devotion

Join us on Wednesday, May 13 as we pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. After the evening Mass, we will walk in procession to the Rosary Garden. Please bring a candle.

#### Coffee and Donuts Schedule

May 10 – Holy Rosary Family  
May 17 – Youth

#### Tiramisu

If you have pre-ordered tiramisu from our youth, please pick it up from the parish hall today.

#### Rosary Intention for May

Let us pray that all people will avoid food waste and strive to ensure that everyone has access to healthy nourishment.

Rose #6 leads the rosary this week.

#### Second Collection

May 16/17  
Pope's Pastoral Works  
Thank you for your ongoing support.



On **Saturday, May 16**, Fr. Jan Wadolowski will celebrate his birthday. Fr. Jan, we wish you joy, health, and strength in your ministry. Have a very happy birthday! 100 lat!

#### Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

You are warmly invited to participate in the perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament taking place in our parish continuously, 24 hours a day. This is a special time for personal prayer and contemplation in the presence of Jesus. Those interested can sign up for a special hour of Adoration by calling Margaret, the chapel coordinator, at (647) 888-7487.

## – COMING UP –

#### Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m.  
Mass followed by a meeting at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

#### Evening of Adoration

On **Tuesday, May 12**, 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.

#### Devotion to St. Maximilian Kolbe

Join us for a devotion to St. Maximilian Kolbe, patron saint of our parish – this **Thursday, May 14** after the evening Mass.

#### March for Life Oblate Youth Canada

OYC is inviting youth from Oblate parishes to attend the National March for Life in Ottawa **May 14-15**. We will be going for an overnight trip, where the youth will experience the march, an evening filled with community and the next day a youth summit on what it means to be pro-life! We invite all youth! Info at [oblateyouthcanada@gmail.com](mailto:oblateyouthcanada@gmail.com)

#### Book by Sister Halina

Sister Halina has written a book entitled "Z Nadzieją na Przetrvanie" which contains a collection of inspiring interviews with men and women who were exiled to Siberia. The book will be available for purchase next **Sunday, May 17** after each Mass.

#### Beware of Scams

Please know that no priest, religious sister, or employee of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church will ever ask you for money, gift cards, or to make purchases by email, text, phone or any other means of social communication.

#### Matrimony

Couples wishing to be married at St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Church must contact the parish office 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. For more information, couples may e-mail the parish office at [kolbemagda@gmail.com](mailto:kolbemagda@gmail.com).

## – COMMUNITY NEWS –

#### Polish Heritage Month

This **Sunday, May 10**, the Canadian Polish Congress invites the Polish community to a celebration of Polish Heritage Month and the 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution of May 3<sup>rd</sup> at City Hall in Toronto, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The program includes a grand parade through the streets of Toronto, band performances, a Polonaise, many attractions for children and adults, Polish food, and a DJ. Parking at City Hall is only \$10 for the entire day. Let's celebrate together in red and white – let's be seen and heard! More information: <http://www.polishmayparade.ca>

#### Men's ACTS Retreat

Men's ACTS Retreat from **May 21 to May 24** at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre. ACTS stands for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Come and experience an encounter with Jesus to renew your spirit and experience God's love in a very special and unique way. Contact Willy Klodusz at (647) 281-5990 for more information.

#### ShareLife

Through ShareLife,  
you are the light in someone's darkest moment



Sarah arrived at the doors of one of the Catholic Family Services agencies you support through ShareLife on a desperate afternoon with her baby cradled tightly against her chest. Fleeing an abusive home, she had nothing but the clothes on her back and a fragile hope that someone might help. Because of your generous spirit, Sarah and her baby found the safety they so desperately needed when shelters were overwhelmed.

Your kindness provided the essentials to care for her baby, the counselling to begin healing, and the support to rebuild their lives. Now she and her baby are safe, cared for, and starting to look toward a brighter future. Yet, domestic violence is on the rise and countless others like Sarah are still in need. Your compassion has the power to change many more lives. It is because of people like you that their stories do not end in fear but begin again with love.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY May 11

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Ryszard Targonski (2<sup>nd</sup>) – brother Wladyslaw  
18<sup>30</sup> *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Ryszard Targonski (2<sup>nd</sup>) – Danuta and family  
✠ Jadwiga Krawczyk (1<sup>st</sup>) – sister and family

### TUESDAY May 12

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from the Przyslupski family – Zofia  
18<sup>30</sup> *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Deceased from the Wielgus and Luczak families  
○ For God's blessing for Kayla on her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday – grandparents

### WEDNESDAY May 13

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing and faith for Anna, Christopher, and Darrell  
○ For God's blessing for children and grandchildren – parents and grandparents  
18<sup>30</sup> *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for all First Communion and Confirmation catechists

### THURSDAY May 14

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For conversion and God's blessing for Oliwia, Wesley, and Antoni  
18<sup>30</sup> *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Janina and Jan Werenkowicz, deceased from the Werenkowicz and Brzozka families  
○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's blessing for Justyna and Stanislaw

### FRIDAY May 15

8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Uncle Karol and aunt Helena Jarzabek and family  
18<sup>30</sup> *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Zofia and Jan Borowski – daughter and family  
✠ Deceased from the Walczak and Nabzdyk families

### SATURDAY May 16

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for Fr. Jan Wadolowski on his birthday  
8<sup>30</sup> *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Ryszard Wojszel (4<sup>th</sup>) – wife, daughter, grandson  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Zofia and Jan Lasica

### SUNDAY May 17

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For gifts of the Holy Spirit, grace, and Mary's protection for Daniel, Mirosława, Sylvia, and family  
9<sup>30</sup> ✠ Zofia and Marcin Piersiak, deceased from the Piersiak and Ploszaj families  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ○ For God's blessing for all children celebrating an anniversary of their First Holy Communion  
14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Deceased from the Junczyk and Wojczak families  
18<sup>30</sup> *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for the sacrament of marriage and for God's continued grace for Patrycja and Kacper on their 1<sup>st</sup> wedding anniv.

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