

Ascension of the Lord

*"I am with you always,
to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28.16-20

Reflection

An emailed invite come with three options: *Yes, No* and *Maybe*. As the event approaches, why are so many people still a *Maybe*? Surely they know if they are free or not. Perhaps they just don't want to commit. A wishy-washy *Maybe* gives them the guilt-free option to bail last minute, because they hadn't promised anything. Not really. Honestly, they've probably forgotten about the invitation altogether. That's why a half-hearted *Maybe* is worse than a *No* because no decision is made, no action is taken and the one inviting is left wondering who's in.

In Jesus' last words in Matthew's Gospel, he gives his disciples the Great Commission, the invite of all invites: *Go. Make disciples. Baptize. Teach. And remember.* Jesus is inviting them to continue his mission. To build his Church. To live his love. And to remember he is always with them. Just imagine them giving a half-hearted *Maybe*.

Every day Jesus sends us countless invitations. They come through his Word, through the people we meet, the needs we encounter and the challenges we face. They come through the deepest desires of our hearts. Jesus is the one stirring us to act or rest, to start or let go, to reflect, remember and commit. He knows exactly what we need.

A personal invite to collaborate with him. You in?

Caroline Pignat
Kanata, ON

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

First Reading: Acts 1.1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

*God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20

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

– THIS WEEKEND –

Anniversary of First Holy Communion

This Sunday at the 1 p.m. Mass we will pray with and for all children who have been receiving the Body of Christ in Holy Eucharist for the past year. May they continue to grow in their life-long love of the Eucharist.

The Sacrament of Marriage

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

Gabriela Piwowar,
daughter of Ewa and Stanislaw
& **Adrian Pietrzyk,**
son of Beata and Zenon

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, the following children will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We pray for God's blessing for them and congratulate their parents and Godparents.

Emilia Kalicki,
daughter of Kamila and Chrystian
Lily Maria Iafrate,
daughter of Aleksandra and John Paul

– 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.



Coffee and Donuts Schedule

May 17 – Friends of the Missions
May 24 – Youth

Second Collections

This Weekend – Pope's Pastoral Works
May 23/24 – Building Renovation Fund
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Book by Sister Halina

Sister Halina has written a book entitled "Z Nadzieją na Przetrawanie" which contains a collection of inspiring interviews with men and women who were exiled to Siberia. The book is available for purchase this Sunday after each Mass.

– COMING UP –



Monday, May 18

Wishing everyone
a safe, sunny,
and relaxing
long weekend.

Kolbe Seniors Club

Meeting on Tuesday, May 19 at 11 a.m.
at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

May 21st

Memorial of St. Eugene de Mazenod

Charles Joseph Eugène de Mazenod was born in France in 1782. Ordained in 1811, his religious experience led him to minister to the poor and the young. Interested in popular missions, Eugène founded a missionary institute of priests and lay brothers in 1826, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. By the middle of the 19th century, in response to requests for help from North American bishops (...) the congregation sent several of its small number to Canada. Within 10 years of their arrival, the Oblates had covered all of Canada and expanded into the United States. Today, the members of this community work around the world in remote missions and in education. In Canada, Oblates established St. Paul University and Novalis, as well as numerous parishes and dioceses from coast to coast. Eugène de Mazenod was canonized on December 3, 1995 by Pope John Paul II.

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, May 22**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

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.

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 #7 leads the rosary this week.

– REMINDERS –

Collective Mass Intentions

A reminder about collective Mass intentions which are celebrated on most Wednesdays:

- Collective Masses are not perpetual Masses. They were introduced for parishioners who do not have a chance to request Mass intentions during the year.

- In the collective Holy Mass, we offer current matters such as: surgery, travel, anniversaries of important family events (birthday, wedding, death of a loved one).

- All other family matters are offered in the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

- Reciting of intentions cannot take up half of the time of the Holy Mass.

- There are three categories of intentions: *in thanksgiving* for specific graces received, *petitions* for particular matters, and *in memory* of a deceased person.

- Please ensure that the content of the requested intention is concise.

- Intentions that are requested repetitively or for an extended period of time will still be accepted, but they will be combined under one general intention.

- Collective intentions should be requested by phone or in-person in the parish office by Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the latest.

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.

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

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 Klaudusz at (647) 281-5990 for more information.



ShareLife Through ShareLife, you support human connection

On the 60th World Day of Social Communication, we are invited to pause and connect with each other—for the Church, for the world, and for the future we are helping to shape together. In this moment, one truth remains clear: the Church endures because of the strength and love of parishioners like you.

Your support of ShareLife supports human connection across the world, making a difference in the lives of thousands of people in our community and beyond—funding more than 40 agencies, which help children and youth, families in crisis, seniors, immigrants and refugees, people with special needs, international development and missions, and vocations.

The third ShareLife Sunday is May 31. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Pilgrimages

**Buffalo, NY
Sunday, June 14**

Holy Rosary Family is organizing a one-day bus trip to Buffalo, NY to visit Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and Our Lady of Victory Shrine and Basilica. Information and registration:

Wieslawa (416) 799-2122
Teresa (905) 495-7035

**Medjugorie
May 11-21, 2026**

For more information please contact:
Marzena (647) 284-1631
Malgorzata (416) 859-8469

**Portugal, Spain, France
September 27 – October 10**

Spiritual leader: Fr. Tomasz Jarosz OMI
For more information please contact:
Stan (647) 463-9057

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY May 18

8⁰⁰ ✚ Tadeusz Michniewicz (20th) – daughter and family

18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing, grace and Mary's protection for Piotr and Kacper on their upcoming birthday
✚ Jan, Zofia, Jerzy, Janina, Marian, Wanda, Elzbieta from the Jakubik family

TUESDAY May 19

8⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for the Kawa, Dziedzic, Sopinski families

18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mary's protection for Paulina and Damian on their 16th birthday and for Izabela, Ethan, Elena – grandparents
○ For God's blessing, grace and Mary's protection for Pelagia Lyczko – daughter and family

WEDNESDAY May 20

8⁰⁰ ○ Edward and Roman Calko, deceased from the Calko, Ochocinski, Gwizdala families – family
✚ Franciszek Kobylarz – cousins

18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY May 21

8⁰⁰ ✚ Brothers Lucjan, Waclaw, Antoni Nowotnik, sister Alina Skolimowska, husband Antoni Pasiak – family

18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

19⁰⁰ ✚ Stefan and Marianna Mazur – son and family
○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God's continued blessing for the Prucnal and Batruch families

FRIDAY May 22

8⁰⁰ ○ For health and grace for the Pawka and Radej families

18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

19⁰⁰ ✚ Katarzyna Bedzieszak and deceased from family – children, grandchildren, great grandchildren
○ For God's blessing and protection for Pawel and Ewa, and their children: Maciej, Adam, Robert

SATURDAY May 23

8⁰⁰ ✚ Jan Aksamit, Piotr Aksamit, Janusz Pikul

8³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

17⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mary's protection for Pawel and his family, Piotr and Urszula – parents

19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and Mary's protection for Filomena, Malgorzata, and their families

SUNDAY May 24

8⁰⁰ ✚ Alina Kopalka – daughter and family

9³⁰ ✚ Wladyslaw and Anna Ozga – daughters and families

11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors

13⁰⁰ ✚ Parents Kazimiera and Julian Gazdzicki, Szczepan and Anna Cichy, Rozalia and Jan Gazdzicki – daughter Irena, granddaughter, fam.

14³⁰ ○ For gifts of the Holy Spirit for Antoni, Katarzyna, Magdalena

18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for Urszula and her children

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