

“Receive
the Holy Spirit.”

John 20.19-23

Reflection

As disciples of Christ, we have received the Holy Spirit, just as the disciples did on the day of Pentecost. In common with the early Church, we all have moments of darkness that threaten to overcome us. There is a coldness in the darkness that can only be held at bay by the flames of faith.

These flames are a gentle light for others. When we listen to the troubles of others, we can be a gentle light. Through our acts of charity, mercy and kindness, we can bring the flame of faith to others. Likewise, when we meet darkness in the world, we can offer our prayers to dispel the darkness.

With darkness often comes cold. The flames we carry are not harsh or scorching, but sources of warmth and welcome to those in need of love and belonging. When we are merciful and accepting, when we forgive and seek forgiveness, when we offer a kind word or gesture, the warmth of the Holy Spirit can bring comfort to those who need it most.

May we also, in our own times of darkness and cold, seek and welcome the light and warmth offered by others in our faith community. We are never truly alone. We are guided by the light and surrounded by the warmth of a God who loves us.

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First Reading: Acts 2.1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, send forth your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12.3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20.1-23

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

– THIS WEEKEND –

Today the Church celebrates Pentecost, a feast day that always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It marks the end of the Easter Season. We start Easter by recalling Christ’s Resurrection and we end it by recalling the sending of the Holy Spirit. We start Easter by recalling how Christ died for us all and how it is our calling as followers of Christ to bring that love to all corners of the world. We end Easter by recalling how we have now been given the gifts to do just that. We are called to be witnesses to and agents of Christ’s love in the world, and in our own Church. *Rebecca Spellacy (Archdiocese of Toronto)*

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.

Kayce Conner Heatherington,
son of Patrycia and Robert

Oliver Henry Zysk,
son of Katarzyna and Lukasz

– 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 24 – Oblate Youth
May 31 – Altar Servers

Second Collections

This Weekend – Building Renovation Fund
May 30/31 – ShareLife
Thank you for your ongoing support.

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 #8 leads the rosary this week.

– COMING UP –

In the Footsteps of Polish Pioneers and Settlers in Central and Atlantic Canada

A meeting with Lech and Grażyna Gałęzowski from Calgary – enthusiasts and researchers of Polish roots in Canada and authors of three publications about Polish pioneers and settlers. Their latest book is entitled *In the Footsteps of Polish Pioneers and Settlers in Central and Atlantic Canada. Honouring the Past, Preserving Their Legacy 1875-1945.* You can meet the authors **this Sunday, May 24** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish hall, and afterwards in the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre.

Memorials and Feasts

Monday, May 25

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church

Tuesday, May 26

Saint Philip Neri – Priest

Wednesday, May 27

Saint Augustine of Canterbury – Bishop

Thursday, May 28

Blessed Stefan Wyszyński
– Bishop and Primate of Poland

Friday, May 29

Saint Paul VI – Pope
Saint Urszula Ledochowska – Religious

Meetings

M.A.M.I. – Friends of the Missions

Thursday, May 28 at 7 p.m.
Mass followed by a meeting
in Sister Faustina Room

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

Lost and Found

If you have lost something in the church, please take a moment and look through the lost and found shelf located downstairs, in the hallway by the parish hall. Valuable items, such as jewellery, prescription glasses, keys, and electronic devices are kept in the parish office. Stop by during office hours.

– 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.

Catholic Estate Planning

Free Online Webinar on Zom
Saturday, June 6 at 9 a.m.

All are welcome to join this free webinar hosted by the Archdiocese of Toronto. Participants will learn about: • How to avoid problems in your Will, Powers of Attorney, and Estate Trustee selection • How to create your own Catholic legacy • Catholic traditions around cremation, burials, and funerals.

Register through this link: qrco.de/WebJun6
Or send an email to: contacting.Development@ArchToronto.org and write “Webinar June 6” in the subject line + your name in the body of the message.

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.

– COMMUNITY NEWS –



ShareLife
Your gift to ShareLife invests
in the future of our Church

Your support of ShareLife helps form future priests—men who will listen, accompany, comfort, and offer Christ to the world. Rev. James Cyfko spent a decade in formation at St. Augustine’s Seminary, preparing to lay down his life for the people of God.

“I deeply appreciate the ongoing charity of ShareLife,” says Rev. James Cyfko. “I am eager to give back to the community which has helped me focus on faithfully following my vocational calling.” Your devotion lifts the burden of financial worry, enabling men to embrace God’s call fully in preparation for a life of service.

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

International Children’s Day

Sunday, May 31

Lots of fun, games, and Polish food for children of all ages. This event is organized by the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre and Polish Teachers’ Union (Mississauga Branch)

Pilgrimages

Quebec: June 27 – July 1

For more information please contact:
Mariya and Bogdan (416) 949-3033

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

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

Japan: October 12-23

Guadalupe: November 9-15

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

* See posters for details. *

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.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

May 25

8⁰⁰ ○ For health and God’s providence for family
18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
19⁰⁰ ✚ Deceased from the Choczynski family: Anna, Adam, and Piotr
✚ Deceased from the Fajarczuk, Krzyczewski, Dziadek, Baczkowski, Cybuch families

TUESDAY

May 26

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and grace – own intention
18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
19⁰⁰ ✚ Stanislaw, Anna, Andrzej, Czeslaw Dudek, Rozalia and Jozef Drapala
○ For God’s blessing, strengthening of faith and Mary’s protection for Matthew and Adam Attard – parents Jadwiga and Leonard Attard

WEDNESDAY

May 27

8⁰⁰ ✚ Antonina and Stanislaw Goralski
✚ Maria and Michal Swiatek
18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY

May 28

8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Izabela and Justin and their families – mother
18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
19⁰⁰ ✚ Aleksandra and Wladyslaw Rydzewski – daughter
✚ Krzysztof and Mieczyslaw Biegajlo, Helena Betlej

FRIDAY

May 29

8⁰⁰ ○ For faith and conversion for son – parents
✚ Karol and Maria Brynczka, brothers and sisters – son
18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
19⁰⁰ ○ For health, God’s blessing, Mary’s protection, gifts of the Holy Spirit and grace for children: Anna and Jolanta and for grandchildren – grandparents

SATURDAY

May 30

8⁰⁰ ○ For help in overcoming addiction
8³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
17⁰⁰ ✚ Joseph Konarkowski – niece and family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Adam Zajac (1st) – parents and grandparents

SUNDAY

May 31

8⁰⁰ ✚ Jozef Murzydlo (3rd) – family
9³⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Zofia and Eleanor – grandparents
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✚ Otolia and Franciszek Ratowski, Leokadia and Eugeniusz Kanigowski, deceased from their families – children and family
14³⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s blessing for the Oswiecinski, Milewski, Kolba families
18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
19⁰⁰ ✚ Eugeniusz Grudzinski

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