

*"I am the way,
and the truth,
and the life."*

John 14.1-12

Reflection

When Pope Francis announced the Synod on Synodality, a three-year global conversation (2021-24) with the People of God to discern together how to be a Church where we walk together, reactions from Catholics ranged from amazement to cynicism to hope. The massive project reached from the Vatican to the tiniest faith community through small groups wrestling with questions about where the Church is and where it could go.

I guess not much has changed in 2,000 years: the early Church wrestled with these same questions, as we see in today's first reading. What are the priorities? Who can carry them out? How can we best serve those we care for? Confident in God's love and God's word, believers made decisions together and kept on working for the kingdom. They were (and we are) "living stones": "a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people," as the first Letter of Peter puts it.

Just as he beckoned his disciples, Jesus invites us to follow him. In today's Gospel, Thomas asks, "How can we know the way?" As we continue to walk together on the synodal path, we at times wonder the same thing. But by keeping our eyes on Jesus – the Way, the Truth and the Life – we cannot go astray.

Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you.

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First Reading: Acts 6.1-7

Responsorial Psalm:

*Let your love be upon us, Lord,
even as we hope in you.*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2.4-9

Gospel: John 14.1-12

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

– THIS WEEKEND –

MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

Solemnity of Our Lady Queen of Poland

On **May 3**, the Catholic Church in Poland celebrates the solemnity of Our Lady Queen of Poland. This solemnity highlights the country's great faith in God's protection that Poles have experienced and continue to experience through Mary's intercession.



Loreto Litany

Join us as we pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Litany) daily at 6:30 p.m.

Fatima Devotions

From May to October, on the 13th day of the month, join us as we pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. After the evening Mass, we walk in procession to the Rosary Garden. Please bring a candle.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Madison Teresa Starecki**, daughter of Sandra and Dawid will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate her parents and Godparents.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

May 3 – Knights of Columbus
May 10 – Holy Rosary Family

Tiramisu

Back by popular demand! This Sunday after Mass, there is an opportunity to pre-order this delicious dessert for pick-up next Sunday. Please see youth representatives in the parish hall.

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 #5 leads the rosary this week.

– COMING UP –

Kolbe Seniors Club

Members of the Kolbe Seniors Club are invited for Mass on **Tuesday, May 5** at 10 a.m., followed by a meeting at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre

Upcoming Devotion

First Thursday of the month, May 7
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, May 8**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

First Holy Communion

This month, children will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist on the following days:
Saturday, May 9 at 4 p.m.
Sunday, May 10 at 2:30 p.m.

White Week

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

Anniversary of Holy Communion

Sunday, May 17 at 1 p.m.

March for Life in Ottawa

The Kolbe ProLife Group is organizing a one-day trip to Ottawa for the *March for Life* on **Thursday, May 14**. Last chance to register is this Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parish hall. A ProLife volunteer wearing a white t-shirt will answer all your questions.

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! More information at the Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday youth groups, or email us at oblatyouthcanada@gmail.com

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.

– OTHER NEWS –

ShareLife

Your gift to ShareLife can build the path to hope



Bradley's life was in ruins, shattered by addiction and a pain so deep, he couldn't escape. At just 14, drugs became his refuge, a desperate attempt to numb the emptiness that consumed him. He fought to build something—a job, a home, a family—but addiction tore it all apart.

For Bradley, the road to healing seemed impossible—until you stepped in. Through your kindness, he found the Good Shepherd's DARE Program, made possible by your support of ShareLife. Without this opportunity, Bradley's story would have been one of loss and despair, but because of you, he found a second chance. With the alarming increases in mental health and addictions, there are so many more people waiting for someone like you to help turn their broken road into a path of hope.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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.

YTOL Retreat

YTOL (Youth Teams of our Lady) Canada is inviting all young adults ages 18 to 30 for a retreat from **Friday, May 15 to Monday, May 18**. The theme of this year's retreat is: *Thy Will Be Done – Knowing the difference between God's will and your own. Providence or Self Interest?* For more details, please contact Karolina Jach at (226) 789-1228 or ytolcanada@gmail.com

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 –

Constitution Day

Today, **Sunday, May 3**, the Canadian Polish Congress in Mississauga is organizing the commemorations of the 235th anniversary of the enactment of the Polish Constitution. The festivities will commence at 11 a.m. with Holy Mass at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Afterwards, a short ceremony will take place at the Polish Patriots' monument square adjacent to the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. All are welcome!

Polish Heritage Month

On **Sunday, May 10**, the Canadian Polish Congress invites the Polish community to a celebration of Polish Heritage Month and the 235th anniversary of the Constitution of May 3rd 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>

A bus will be leaving from the John Paul II Centre. Tickets are \$10 for adults, free for children and youth. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call (647) 539-6248

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

**Medjugorje
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 4

8⁰⁰ ✚ Parents – daughter Maria
18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
19⁰⁰ ✚ Stanislaw Barnach
✚ Jacek Biazik, deceased from the Chabowski family – wife and daughter

TUESDAY May 5

8⁰⁰ ✚ Deceased from the Rygiel family – Zofia
10⁰⁰ ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club
18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
19⁰⁰ ✚ Barbara-Maria Mahon – husband Robert and family

WEDNESDAY May 6

8⁰⁰ ✚ Beata Suwara, Maria Maciata, Andrzej Mrugala
✚ Deceased from the Cyborowski family
18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY May 7

8⁰⁰ ✚ Michal and Maria Swiatek – son and family
18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for all Priests and Religious
✚ Grandparents and great grandparents from the Bigos, Reszla, Bedzieszak, Slonczewski, Zahorenko families

FRIDAY May 8

8⁰⁰ ✚ Eugenia and Eugeniusz Hul – sister and family
18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
19⁰⁰ ✚ Janina and Jan Sadowski, grandparents, deceased from the Sadowski and Jagiello families – son and grandchildren
✚ Stanislaw, Wladyslaw, Stanislaw, deceased from the Bebinski family – daughters

SATURDAY May 9

8⁰⁰ ○ For protection and God's blessing for the Kruszynski, Pay, MacCann families
16⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for all children receiving First Holy Communion
18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
19⁰⁰ ✚ Wiktoria and Jan Wyrwal – daughter and family

SUNDAY May 10

8⁰⁰ ✚ Bozena Sniezek and deceased from family
9³⁰ ✚ Mieczyslaw Stanuch, deceased from the Stanuch and Szot families
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for grandchildren and children – grandmother and mother
14³⁰ ○ For God's blessing for all children receiving First Holy Communion
18³⁰ *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
19⁰⁰ ○ For God's blessing for grandchildren:
Emilia, Olivia, Julia, Filip – grandparents

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