

“Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.”

Matthew 10.37-42

Reflection

In my mother’s arms, I learned my first prayers. A lullaby or a hymn sung softly in her soothing voice comforted my rest. From her heartfelt descriptions, I first learned about an all-important person she had befriended – someone called Jesus. I imagine it was our parents who first brought many of us to learn Bible stories and worship in Christian communities.

Matthew’s Gospel invites believers to live into a more radical love – a love even beyond that which we might hold for our biological families. Jesus calls us to serve others with unconditional love – concretely, he tells us, by giving a cup of cold water to “one of these little ones.”

Followers of Jesus are called to opt for a life practice more worthy, more selfless, more difficult, than we could ever imagine: to “take up” the “cross and follow me.” Whoever welcomes someone sent by the Lord welcomes the Lord himself. By responding to the cry of the poor, and of the Earth, we “walk in the newness of life.”

The call of Jesus is not a call to negation of love of our parents: it is deeper – a renewed invitation. Today’s text challenges us to place the love of Jesus’ mission above all else. How will we respond to Jesus’ invitation to live a broader, more profound, more worthy love of God, today?

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First Reading: 2 Kings 4.8-12a, 14-16

Responsorial Psalm:
Forever I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 6.3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10.37-42

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

– THIS WEEKEND – – IN OUR PARISH –

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Today at the 11 a.m. Mass, we pray for God’s grace and blessing for the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries:

- 67th Czeslawa & Stanislaw Janik
- 56th Barbara & Mariusz Kwiecinski
- 40th Ewa & Zbigniew Ek
- 33rd Dorota & Marek Manturowicz
- Renata & Marek Slotwinski
- 28th Ragina & Jozef Wajdzik
- 25th Agata & Marian Glen
- 17th Katarzyna & Marcin Legiezynski
- 8th Anna & Witold Reiss

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Livia Kasperski**, daughter of Elizabeth and Patryk, will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate her parents and Godparents.

Rosary Intention for July

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Rose #14 leads the rosary this week.

Second Collection

This weekend’s second collection is for the ongoing maintenance and renovation of our parish. Thank you for your support.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

Coffee and donut schedule for 2026-2027 is ready for pick up in the parish office.
June 28 – Jubilee 2000
July 5 – Altar Servers

The Catholic Register

A free copy of *The Catholic Register* newspaper is available in the church hallway. Please take one home.

Happy Birthday Fr. Marcin!



Wishing you a wonderful birthday, filled with lots of joy and kindness from those around you. May God shower you with His blessing and Mother Mary intercede for you. Happy Birthday and Sto Lat!

– SUMMERTIME –



The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, July 1.

The summer months tend to be more relaxed and give us an opportunity to take a break from our regular activities. As much as a physical break is necessary and encouraged, a spiritual break from God is not. Whether on vacation or staycation, let us remember to set aside time for daily personal prayer, regular confession, and attendance at Sunday Mass.

To find the location of the nearest Roman Catholic Church, Mass times, or confession schedule, to go www.masstimes.org or visit the website of the nearest diocese.

Although the summer months might best be characterized as “casual”, we respectfully ask that all parishioners make an effort to dress modestly for the Sunday Eucharist. Our respect for the Lord and the other members of Christ’s body requires that we dress appropriately. Please also remember to turn your cell phones off as you enter the church and deposit chewing gum in garbage bins.

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SUMMER Parish Office Hours

- Monday: closed
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday: closed
- Sunday: closed
- Lunch break: 12 noon – 1 p.m.

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, July 2

Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, July 3

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses.
Confession starts at 6 p.m.

First Saturday of the month, July 4

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

First Sunday of the month, July 5

Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

– SACRAMENTS – – IN OUR PARISH –

Anointing of the Sick

●A hospital chaplain – a Roman Catholic priest – is employed full-time at local hospitals and is on-call 24 hours a day. To arrange a **hospital visit**, please ask a nurse to call the priest on duty.
●Please contact the parish office if you or your loved one require a **home visit** from a priest.

Baptism

Parents who are registered members of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and would like to baptize their child must contact the parish office at least six weeks before the anticipated date of baptism. Preparation course is mandatory for all parents and Godparents. Baptisms take place during Mass:

- on Saturday at 5 p.m. in English
- on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Polish

Godparents must meet all requirements outlined in Canon 874, paragraph 1:

- be at least 16 years old
- be fully initiated into the Catholic Church
- be in good standing with the Church (not married outside of the Church and not cohabitating)

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 should contact the parish office or send an email to kolbemagda@gmail.com. No inquiries by parents, friends, or other family members.

Reconciliation

Confession takes place 30 minutes before each Mass in the confessionals.

Church Dress Code

The Mass is a stupendous miracle, and those who partake of the heavenly banquet are tremendously privileged. Polite decorum and appropriate attire are simply one way of acknowledging this privilege. With the summer weather just around the corner, please be mindful of what you wear to church.

– IN MEMORIAM –



The following parishioners passed away recently. Let us keep them in our prayers.

- † Zofia Wieczorek, 100
- † Marianna Olkowicz, 98
- † Stanislaw Rychlicki, 85
- † Anthony Smyj, 82
- † Mirosława Dawidek, 79
- † Stefan Kopczynski, 72
- † Wojciech Ryczalek, 72
- † Piotr Maziec, 67
- † Roman Dziewiecki, 57

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

– COMMUNITY NEWS –



ShareLife

Your support of ShareLife connects young parents with necessary resources

Three months after welcoming her baby, young mother Annie was overwhelmed—physically exhausted, emotionally drained, and feeling completely alone. Thanks to you, she found Vita Centre, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife, where young parents receive counselling, education, and a supportive community to navigate life’s challenges.

Counselling and practical programs became her lifeline. Today, with renewed confidence and a sense of possibility, she is considering going back to school. You made this possible. You can help young mothers like Annie find hope, healing, and a brighter future.

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

Pilgrimages

Sicily: September 24 – October 10

Spiritual leader: Fr. Janusz Blazejak OMI

For more information please contact:

Polimex (416) 537-0000

Portugal, Spain, France

September 27 – October 10

Spiritual leader: Fr. Tomasz Jarosz OMI

For more information please contact:

Stan (647) 463-9057

Guadalupe: November 9-15

For more information please contact:

Marzena (647) 284-1631

Malgorzata (416) 859-8469

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

June 29

8⁰⁰ ◊ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s blessing for Anna and Bronislaw Grela on their 56th wedding anniv.

18³⁰ *Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

19⁰⁰ ◊ For God’s blessing for Kamil and Daniel on their birthday, and for Amanda, granddaughter Aubry, grandson Daniel
† Maria, Jozef, Wladyslaw Augustyn

TUESDAY

June 30

8⁰⁰ ◊ For God’s blessing for Fr. Marcin Mironiuk on his birthday

† Zofia Kajzer and Jerzy Kuczma

19⁰⁰ † Maria, Wladyslaw, Stanislaw, Roman, Maria, Marta Loboda

WEDNESDAY

July 1

8⁰⁰ † Deceased from the Blazejowski family – daughter and family

19⁰⁰ ◊ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY

July 2

8⁰⁰ † Magdalena Antkowiak – daughter and family

19⁰⁰ ◊ For God’s blessing for all Priests and Religious

FRIDAY

July 3

8⁰⁰ † Wladyslaw and Katarzyna Janczura – son

10⁰⁰ † Helena, Wladyslaw, Roman Srosrak – family

19⁰⁰ ◊ For health and God’s blessing for children and grandchildren

SATURDAY

July 4

8⁰⁰ † Parents Kazimiera and Wladyslaw Ogorzaly, sister Danuta – son and family

17⁰⁰ ◊ For God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Anna and Pawel on their 7th wedding anniv.

19⁰⁰ ◊ In thanksgiving on the 51st wedding anniv. of Jozefa and Stanislaw

SUNDAY

July 5

8⁰⁰ ◊ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate

9³⁰ † Eddy Niedziela

11⁰⁰ ◊ For Parishioners and Benefactors

13⁰⁰ ◊ For the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Mary’s protection for Halina and Stefan on their 54th wedding anniv. – children and families

14³⁰ † Beata Konaszenko (2nd) – parents

19⁰⁰ ◊ In thanksgiving on the 57th wedding anniv. of Anna and Stanislaw

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

Parish Website
www.kolbe.ca