

“(Jesus) looked up to heaven,
and blessed and broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
and the disciples gave them
to the crowds.”

Matthew 14.13-21

Reflection

As she lay dying at home, my aunt talked about the future. She described her hope that someone would find a plant-based cure for cancer. She often felt weak, she said during a virtual call from the U.S., but she tried to muster enough strength to eat her favourite ube macapuno cheesecake. She had lost so much weight that she was unrecognizable in the final photo I saw of her, holding a sign proudly declaring that she had voted in the U.S. election.

My aunt’s heart was full and her spirit was strong when I spoke to her a week before she died from cancer. She reminded me of today’s Gospel. God can make miracles happen. He can make the weak strong, the poor rich and the hungry full in ways beyond what we can see with our eyes. Just like the miraculous abundance of fish and loaves in the Gospel, an abundance of faith, like my aunt demonstrated during her last days, can fulfill us.

My aunt, a devout Catholic, never lost faith and her belief in miracles. She was thankful for her blessings – her loved ones, her favourite cheesecake, her hope of a cancer cure and the freedom to vote. We give thanks to God for hope and strength, as we look forward to a beautiful eternity with him.

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Ajax, ON

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First Reading: Isaiah 55.1-3
Responsorial Psalm:
*You open your hand to feed us, Lord,
and satisfy our needs.*
Second Reading: Romans 8.35, 37-39
Gospel: Matthew 14.13-21

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

– IN OUR PARISH –

August: the month of sobriety
„Voluntary abstinence from alcohol, undertaken by adults in August, is a powerful testimony to the concern for sobriety of our friends, family, and community. It is also a valuable example for children, showing them that one can enjoy life without substance abuse.”

Bp. Tadeusz Bronakowski

If you are willing to refrain from consuming alcohol in August, consider signing your name in a special book located beside the Relics Altar.

Rosary Intention for August
Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Rose #20 leads the rosary this week.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule
August 2 – Friends of Oblate Missions
August 9 – Knights of Mary Immaculate

Bus to Midland
Those who have reserved a seat on a bus to Midland are asked to bring their payment to the parish hall this Sunday.

– SUMMERTIME –

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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– COMING UP –

Walking Pilgrimage to Midland
42nd annual walking pilgrimage to Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland leaves this **Monday, August 3**. Please keep all pilgrims in your prayers.

Kolbe Seniors Club
Members of the Kolbe Seniors Club are invited for Mass on **Tuesday, August 4** at 10 a.m., followed by a meeting at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre.

Transfiguration of the Lord August 6

The Feast of the Transfiguration has been observed on this day by the universal church since the 15th century. The experience on Mount Tabor is one where Jesus reveals his divinity and invites us all into a similar mystical encounter. The path up that mountain proceeds through prayer, and on this feast we are encouraged to read and reflect upon the biblical account of the Transfiguration.

Upcoming Devotions
First Thursday of the month, August 6
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

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

Novena to St. Maximilian Kolbe
In preparation for our parish feast day, and in honour of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, we will be praying a novena to our patron saint. Join us from Friday, **August 7** to Saturday, **August 15** at 6:30 p.m. (on Saturdays, after the morning Mass).

70th Pilgrimage of Polonia to Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland Sunday, August 9
This year’s celebrations will be presided over by Abp. Tadeusz Wojda, President of the Polish Bishops’ Conference. He will also bless the new Polish Altar.

The day’s program is as follows:
10:30 a.m. – Rosary; 11:15 a.m. – Arrival of the Walking Pilgrimage; 11:30 a.m. – Solemn Mass; 1:00 p.m. – Devotion, Blessing of Herbs and Flowers.

Please note that due to very limited number of priests traveling to Midland, the sacrament of reconciliation may not be available in Midland. Pilgrims are asked to seek confession in their home parishes.

– OTHER NEWS –

Parish Feast Day Sunday, August 16
Our parish feast day will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 16**. Stay tuned for details.

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed
Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on **Wednesday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m.** Cemetery locations and Celebrants for this year’s Annual Mass are as follows:

- Assumption Cemetery in Mississauga
Most Rev. John Corriveau
- Christ the King Cemetery in Markham
Most Rev. Robert Kasun
- Holy Cross Cemetery in Thornhill
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
- Mount Hope Cemetery in Toronto
Most Rev. J. Gerard Pettipas
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Woodbridge
Most Rev. Ivan Camilleri
- Resurrection Cemetery in Whitby
Most Rev. Vincent Nguyen
- St. Mary’s Cemetery in Barrie
Reverent Msgr. Owen Keenan

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.

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.

– OTHER NEWS –

Memorials and Feasts
Tuesday, August 4
Saint John Mary Vianney – Priest

Wednesday, August 5
Blessed Frederic Janssoone – Priest

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Thursday, August 6
Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday, August 7
Saint Sixtus II & Companions – Martyrs
Saint Cajetan – Priest

Saturday, August 8
Saint Dominic – Priest

Retreats
Ignatian Retreat August 21 – 30 Cornwall, ON
For more information please contact:
Mariya and Bogdan Kowalczyk
(416) 949-3033

Ignatian Retreat September 27 – October 4 Morristown, NJ
For more information please contact:
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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

* See posters for details. *

“When the heart is pure and simple
it cannot help loving,
because it has discovered
the source of love which is God.”
~ St. John Mary Vianney

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY August 3
8⁰⁰ ✚ Joanna and Tadeusz Mis – son and family
19⁰⁰ ✚ Alina and Zdzislaw Dranski and deceased from family – family

TUESDAY August 4
8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued blessing for Michelle Paradiuk on her 16th birthday
10⁰⁰ ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club
19⁰⁰ ○ For Blessed Mary’s continued protection for Teresa and Miroslaw Binkiewicz on their 40th wedding anniversary

WEDNESDAY August 5
8⁰⁰ ✚ Edward Dlugocki – wife
19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY August 6
8⁰⁰ ○ For health, God’s blessing, Mary’s protection, gifts of the Holy Spirit for William Balas on his 18th birthday – parents, sister, grandparents
19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for all Priests and Religious

FRIDAY August 7
8⁰⁰ ✚ Wladyslaw and Stefania Pietryszyn – family
10⁰⁰ ✚ Janusz, Helena, Stanislaw Wilk; Pawel Pietras
19⁰⁰ ✚ Parents Zofia and Tomasz Potasz, brother Tadeusz, deceased from family – Zdzislaw and family

SATURDAY August 8
8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Roman on his birthday
17⁰⁰ ○ Intention known to God
19⁰⁰ ✚ Krystyna and Stanislaw Kosalka – daughter Teresa and family

SUNDAY August 9
8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for children, grandchildren, great granddaughter – mother and grandmother
9³⁰ ✚ Leonard Attard Sr., Teresa Attard, bother Charles, Leokadia Szymczyk – Leonardo and Jadwiga
11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13⁰⁰ ✚ Iwona, Janusz, Bronislawa, Feliks Dudek
14³⁰ ✚ Janusz Bedzieszak (3rd) – children, grandchildren, sister, family
19⁰⁰ ○ For health and God’s blessing for Monika, Luke, Lara Sikura

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

Parish Website
www.kolbe.ca