

*“Come to me,  
all you that are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest.”*

Matthew 11.25-30

### Reflection

Sin is often not a popular topic in our day, but it provides the background to today’s readings. Both the Jewish and the Christian traditions take sin’s reality and power very seriously. Both recognize that, since the time of our first parents, all human beings are subject to realities that lead them to death rather than life.

The law of Moses was offered by God as a remedy – to give life – but it was often used instead to create heavy burdens that weighted people down like a death sentence. Still, the prophets and psalmists, like Zechariah and David, could see, rejoice in and give witness to the faithful love of God for humanity – and indeed all created things – that continued to work tirelessly to restore the communion lost at the Fall and to bring about salvation.

The definitive revelation of this loving intention of God towards humanity is found in Jesus Christ (the Son, and God-with-us). In his passion and death, he put an end to the stranglehold of sin, and, in giving his own Spirit, afforded the baptized the power to live according to that Spirit, instead of the flesh.

Anyone with the simplicity of heart to respond in discipleship is assured of finding rest (salvation), peace, mercy and true freedom in Christ. For such a wondrous gift, we offer our love and praise.

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**First Reading:** Zechariah 9.9-10

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*I will bless your name for ever,  
my King and my God.*

**Second Reading:** Romans 8.9, 11-13

**Gospel:** Matthew 11.25-30

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

## – THIS WEEKEND – – IN OUR PARISH –

### Welcome Fr. Pawel Petelski OMI

Today, our parish community welcomes Fr. Pawel Petelski OMI, a missionary who lives and works in Madagascar. Fr. Pawel will preach the homily and tell us about his work on the Great Red Island. Offerings collected during the second collection will support the pastoral work of Polish missionaries in Madagascar. Envelopes are located at the entrance to the church.

### The Sacrament of Marriage

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

**Martha Dybas,**  
daughter of Anna and Andrzej  
& **Lukasz Dlugosz,**  
son of Jozefa and Marek

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Ewelina Leokadia Jaremko**, daughter of Jessica and Pawel, 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 #15 leads the rosary this week.**

### Coffee and Donuts Schedule

**Coffee and donut schedule for 2026-2027 is ready for pick up in the parish office.**  
July 5 – Altar Servers  
July 12 – Kolbe ProLife

## – COMING UP –

### Kolbe Seniors Club

Members of the Kolbe Seniors Club are invited for Mass on **Tuesday, July 7** at 10 a.m., followed by a meeting at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre.

### Devotion to St. Maximilian Kolbe

Join us for a devotion to St. Maximilian Kolbe, patron saint of our parish – this **Thursday, July 9** after the evening Mass.

## – PILGRIMAGES –

### Walking Pilgrimage to Midland

Annual Walking Pilgrimage to Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland, Ontario will take place from **August 3 to 9**.

To register, visit [www.pielgrzymka.ca](http://www.pielgrzymka.ca)

### Who can participate in the pilgrimage?

Anyone who has the strength and perseverance can participate in the pilgrimage. We do not, however, encourage elders, those who are sick, those with weak hearts or with very small children to participate. Youth up to 19 years of age may participate in the pilgrimage only after receiving writing permission from their parents or guardians.

### What is there to do during the pilgrimage?

Each day is filled with prayer, conferences, singing, and camaraderie. Attendance at Mass is mandatory.

### What do I bring with me on the pilgrimage?

Rosary, intention, OHIP, tent, warm sleeping bag, metal or plastic dishes and utensils, can opener, water bottle, good quality socks, shirts with sleeves, comfortable (not brand new!) shoes, hat, raincoat, sunscreen with UV protection, toiletries, toilet paper, mosquito repellent, basic medicine (pain relievers, band aids, vitamins).

### Pilgrimage of Polonia to Midland

The Conference of Polish Priests for Eastern Canada cordially invites all members of the Polish community to the 70<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage of Polonia to the Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland, Ontario. This event will take place on **Sunday, August 9**. This year’s celebrations will be presided over by Archbishop Tadeusz Wojda, President of the Polish Bishops’ Conference. During the pilgrimage, the new Polish Altar will be solemnly blessed.

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.

All are warmly invited to take part in this special celebration of faith and heritage.

**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.**

## – 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](mailto:kolbemagda@gmail.com). No inquiries by parents, friends, or other family members.

### Reconciliation

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

*“Listen and attend  
with the ear of your heart.”  
~ St. Benedict*

## – COMMUNITY NEWS –



**ShareLife**  
Your gift to ShareLife  
transforms fear into peace

Matthew’s mother, Anna, spent years lying awake at night, fearing for her son’s future. Diagnosed with autism as a baby, Matthew’s needs became more complex as he grew. She did everything she could to support him, but when his aggression became too difficult to manage, she made the heartbreaking decision to find community housing for him.

Through your generous heart, Matthew found Mary Centre, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife, where he is truly understood. From the moment he arrived, he was met with patience, kindness, and the care he needed to thrive. For the first time in years, Anna could finally breathe again. “I never thought I’d find a place where my son would be safe,” Anna shares. “Now, I finally have peace.” Your gift to ShareLife gives mothers peace of mind and a future filled with hope.

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

### 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.

## – MASS INTENTIONS –

### MONDAY July 6

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Adam Duszewski, Wojciech Lukasik, his son Piotr; Wanda Czyszczonek, her son Roman – Henryk and Irena Tomczyk  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s blessing and protection for the Gorecki family

### TUESDAY July 7

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Deceased from the Chrzaszcz family – Ryszard  
10<sup>00</sup> ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Kazimiera, Kazimierz, Boguslaw Budziak, deceased from the Budziak family – niece Irena and family

### WEDNESDAY July 8

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Boleslaw and Roman Sudol – son and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY July 9

8<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s continued grace for Elzbieta  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Regina Szejnoch (23<sup>rd</sup>) – son and family  
19<sup>45</sup> *Devotion to St. Maximilian Kolbe*

### FRIDAY July 10

8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God’s blessing for Piotr and his family – mother  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Aleksander and Aniela Jablonski

### SATURDAY July 11

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Andrzej Michalak (1<sup>st</sup>)  
17<sup>00</sup> ✚ Jozef Szurski (1<sup>st</sup>) – wife and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God’s blessing for Czeslaw Frejlich on his birthday

### SUNDAY July 12

8<sup>00</sup> ✚ Kazimierz Stec and his parents – Janina Stec  
9<sup>30</sup> ○ For God’s blessing for Elizabeth on her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday – husband and children  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ✚ Danuta and Zygmunt Kluszczynski (anniv.) – son, daughter, family  
14<sup>30</sup> ✚ Pawel Chrzaszcz – parents  
19<sup>00</sup> ✚ Ryszard Bielecki (4<sup>th</sup>) – wife and daughters

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

**Parish Website**  
[www.kolbe.ca](http://www.kolbe.ca)