

“Have mercy on me,
Lord, Son of David.”

Matthew 15.21-28

Reflection

In today’s Gospel, we learn about a Canaanite woman who demands Jesus help her daughter who is possessed by a demon. Initially, Jesus does not respond and his disciples urge him to ignore her. Surely we have experienced times when God seems to answer our prayers with silence. We pray for family, friends, the world – and wonder if God is listening. We can learn from the Canaanite woman’s tenacity and humility, for she changed her demanding approach, humbled herself and showed great faith in order to save her daughter. Love motivated her; her faith moved Jesus.

Are we motivated by love – love of God, family, neighbour, fellow citizens? Can we humble ourselves? And how strong is our faith – can it move mountains? There is no doubt that God invites us to grow closer in love so we can hear through the silence. When we humble ourselves, our faith grows and we are nearer to God.

Let us follow the examples of both Jesus and the Canaanite woman. When we cherish our relationship with God and love our fellow human beings despite our differences, we are following Jesus’ example – he ignored his disciples and listened to the woman. When we persist in prayer, we are humble and tenacious like the Canaanite woman. Loving God and our neighbour will bring peace in our hearts and in the world.

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First Reading: Isaiah 56.1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Let the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you.

Second Reading: Romans 11.13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15.21-28

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– PARISH FEAST DAY –

Holy Mass

This Sunday, our parish community celebrates its feast day. We welcome Fr. Piotr Nowak who will preach at both English Masses this weekend. High Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., followed by a Eucharistic procession. Representatives of parish organizations are asked to prepare their banners and line up in the parish hall after Holy Communion.

Plenary Indulgence

Parishioners who devoutly visit the parochial church on its titular feast day have the opportunity to receive plenary indulgence.

As defined in the Code of Canon Law (can. 992) and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (n. 1471), “An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints”.

A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace: have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin; have sacramentally confessed their sins; receive the Holy Eucharist (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required); pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

In the Parish Hall

In the parish hall there will be lots of delicacies available for purchase (while quantities last): sausage, pork knuckle, hunter’s stew, schnitzels, pierogi, and crepes.

Blessing of Vehicles

If you wish to have your car, motorcycle, or bicycle blessed, please come to the parish parking lot at 4 p.m.

– IN OUR PARISH –

The Sacrament of Marriage

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

Karina Grzywa,
daughter of Bogumila
& Peter Kosinski,
son of Krystyna and Janusz

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.

Aleksander and Daniel Mularski,
sons of Agata and Michal

Emmanuel Julian Gronski,
son of Katarzyna and Maciej

Liliana Maria Kulig,
daughter of Marta and Piotr

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

August 16 – Church Committee

August 23 – Knights of Columbus

Second Collection

Today, there will be a second collection for Canadian Missions. Catholic Missions in Canada and the selected dioceses in Northern Canada will benefit from your generosity to sustain and extend the Catholic faith to isolated, poor and hard-to-reach mission areas in our country. Thank you for your support of this important work!

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.

– COMING UP –

Kolbe Seniors Club

Kolbe Seniors Club will meet on Tuesday, August 18 at 11 a.m. at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre. All seniors are welcome.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, August 30 at 11 a.m.

If your wedding anniversary is in July, August, or September and you would like to be included in a special prayers and blessing, please contact the parish office.

Marriage Preparation Course

Marriage Preparation Course for couples who were never married will take place on seven Mondays, from October 5 to November 23, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Meetings are in-person and attendance is mandatory at all sessions. Fee: \$100 per couple. To register, go to www.kolbe.ca and click on *Liturgy and Sacraments* and then *Marriage*. Next course will be offered in February 2027.

Offertory Envelopes

This month we have to place an order for offertory envelopes for 2027. Families who currently do not use envelopes but would like to have their own set are asked to contact the parish office at kolbe@kolbe.ca or (905) 848-2420. Please do not use envelopes from previous years!

Sacramental Records

Under Ontario privacy legislation and the Archdiocese of Toronto privacy policy, sacramental records or information about a sacramental record will only be released:

- to the person to whom the document pertains and whose name appears on the record,
- OR to the parent or legal guardian of an individual under 18 years old,
- OR if there has been prior authorization for the release of this information.

Golf Tournament

The Maximilian Kolbe Foundation invites you to a golf tournament on Saturday, September 12 at the Granite Ridge Golf Club in Milton. Details are available at jp2pcc.ca, by phone at (905) 306-9900, or in person at the Center. Proceeds from the tournament support the John Paul II Polish Cultural Center.

Parish Website

www.kolbe.ca

– OTHER NEWS –

Memorials and Feasts

Monday, August 17

Saint Hyacinth – Priest

Wednesday, August 19

Saint John Eudes – Priest

Thursday, August 20

Saint Bernard

– Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday, August 21

Saint Pius X – Pope

Saturday, August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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:

Mocni w Duchu

rekolekcjeignacjanskicusa@gmail.com

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. *

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

August 17

8⁰⁰ ✠ Louis Herbert – wife

19⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Nowek (8th), deceased from the
Szczeny, Fidera, Nowek

TUESDAY

August 18

8⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslaw Kotlarz, souls in purgatory –
daughter and family

19⁰⁰ ✠ Isabel Mota – friends

WEDNESDAY

August 19

8⁰⁰ ✠ Jan and Stanislaw Stepien, Jan

Surowanec – daughter and family

19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY

August 20

8⁰⁰ ✠ Bogdan Oles (7th) – wife and children

19⁰⁰ ✠ Henryk Waszkiewicz (6th) – family

FRIDAY

August 21

8⁰⁰ ✠ Agnieszka Kloc – parents and family

19⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Wasaznik family

SATURDAY

August 22

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for all graces received
by Maria Bukowska

17⁰⁰ ✠ Walter and Magdalena Jedrzejek

19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving on the 10th wedding
anniv. of Sylwia and Michal and for God’s
continued blessing for them

SUNDAY

August 23

8⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia Pierozak (1st) – daughter

9³⁰ ○ For health, God’s blessing, Mary’s
protection for Christian and family

11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors

13⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia Makowska, Eugeniusz Jurski –
daughters and families

14³⁰ ○ For health, God’s blessing, gifts of the
Holy Spirit for Marcin on his 50th birthday
and for Cecilia, Dominik, Jakub, Julia,
Adam and their parents – parents

19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and
for God’s blessing, Mary’s protection and
gifts of the Holy Spirit for Joanna, Dawid,
and Gabriel – mother

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

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 #22 leads the rosary this week.

“The Cross is the school of love.”
~ St. Maximilian Kolbe