

“If anyone wants to become my follower,  
let him deny himself  
and take up his cross  
and follow me.”

Matthew 16.13-20

Reflection

Today’s interaction between Jesus and his disciples is jarring, for we see Jesus rebuke Peter, the rock on whom he will build his church. In this moment, we encounter both Jesus’ humanity and divinity. We see him, as a man, struggle under the burden of the task to which God has called him. As the Son of God, he will ultimately give his life for those who he has never met and whom he loves unconditionally. Peter cannot fathom the possibility of this sacrifice, so he attempts to deny it. His response is unhelpful to Jesus. Pretending his death will not happen does not allow Jesus to prepare his disciples for the horror to come or to fill their hearts with the hope of the Resurrection.

Like Peter, we often try to insulate ourselves from hardships. We expect power, perfection or wealth will protect us from suffering. Yet Jesus warns us that there can be no hope of eternal life without these trials. Our God, having lived as one of us, knows our pain intimately. We must remember this hope in the fact of overwhelming grief. We must place our trust in him to guide us and share our burdens. Following Jesus, may we respond with empathy, compassion, and action as we share our burden and those of the people around us.

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First Reading: Jeremiah 20.7-9

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12.1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16.21-27

Rosary Intention for September

Let us pray for a just and wise use of water,  
essential to life, so that everyone has equal  
access to it.

Rose #24 leads the rosary this week.

– PARISH NEWS –

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:

- 65<sup>th</sup> Joanna & Jerzy Cierpich
- 56<sup>th</sup> Anna & Wladyslaw Malina
- 53<sup>rd</sup> Maria & Zdzislaw Pracon
- 53<sup>rd</sup> Elzbieta & Tadeusz Golen
- 51<sup>st</sup> Grazyna & Adam Stankiewicz
- 50<sup>th</sup> Grazyna & Edward Ekiert
- 50<sup>th</sup> Danuta & Andrzej Bartosiewicz
- 50<sup>th</sup> Danuta & Piotr Fujarczuk
- 50<sup>th</sup> Malgorzata & Jerzy Gancarz
- 49<sup>th</sup> Regina & Stanislaw Skiba
- 45<sup>th</sup> Teresa & Ryszard Anisko
- 45<sup>th</sup> Teresa & Ryszard Gorgon
- 45<sup>th</sup> Krystyna & Zygmunt Tomaszewski
- 43<sup>rd</sup> Teresa & Andrzej Kuczynski
- 42<sup>nd</sup> Ewa & Andrzej Leszczynski
- 30<sup>th</sup> Bernadette & Witold Malinowski
- 29<sup>th</sup> Sylwia & Krzysztof Kogut
- 20<sup>th</sup> Malgorzata & Marek Baran
- 10<sup>th</sup> Anna & Daniel Lubera
- 10<sup>th</sup> Magdalena & Adam Lomotowski
- 1<sup>st</sup> Natalia & David Czubat
- 1<sup>st</sup> Klaudia & Andrian Rusnak

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, **Amelia Krystyna Michniewicz Adamcewicz**, daughter of Aleksandra and Adrian will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate her parents and Godparents.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

August 30 – Oblate Youth  
September 6 – Altar Servers

Second Collection

This weekend’s second collection is for the building maintenance fund. Thank you for your contributions to the beautification and care of our parish.

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!

In Memoriam

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

- ✠ Bohdan Buczynski, 86
- ✠ Jadwiga Szymak, 80
- ✠ Czeslaw Ramotowski, 76
- ✠ Zygmunt Kulina, 75
- ✠ Henryk Jasinski, 71
- ✠ Elzbieta Stec, 70
- ✠ Tadeusz Bil, 67
- ✠ Bartosz Koczwar, 49
- ✠ Pawel Paziewski, 37

– COMING UP –

Kolbe Seniors Club

Members of the Kolbe Seniors Club are invited for Mass on **Tuesday, September 1** at 10 a.m., followed by a meeting at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre.

Upcoming Devotions

**First Thursday of the month, Sep. 3**  
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

**First Friday of the month, Sep. 4**  
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, Sep. 5**  
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

**First Sunday of the month, Sep. 6**  
Holy Rosary Devotion at 7:15 a.m.

Radosc-Joy Dance Ensemble

Registration, Auditions, Rehearsals  
~St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall~

**Juniors and Mini Juniors (Ages 4-11)**  
Wednesday, September 9 and 16  
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Intermediates (Ages 11-15)**  
Thursday, September 10 and 17  
7:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

**Seniors (Ages 16+)**  
Wednesday, September 9 and 16  
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you seeking to learn about the Catholic faith or complete your initiation in the Church? Are you missing a sacrament? Our RCIA program will begin on **Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m.** and continue weekly until April.

**Who is it for?** • Adults who have never been baptized • Adults baptized in another Christian tradition • Catholics baptized but not yet confirmed or receiving Eucharist • Catholics who have drifted and wish to renew their faith.

The sessions will explore the Mass, the Sacraments, prayer, Mary and the Saints, Catholic doctrine, Holy Week, and Christian living.

If you (or someone you know) would like to become Catholic, enter full communion through **Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist**, or re-discover your faith please email Gabriela at catholics2be@gmail.com or contact the parish office at (905) 848-2420.

Catholic Moms Group

Catholic Moms Group is back! Moms are invited to join us every second Thursday of the month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in St. Eugene’s Room. Meetings are held in English. For more information, contact: Contact: kolbe@catholicmomsgroup.com

– CATECHESIS –

Preparation for First Communion  
Important Information

Preparation for the sacrament of First Communion includes a number of lessons, first reconciliation, and a rehearsal, as outlined in a calendar provided to parents at the start of classes. In addition, there will be two formation meetings for parents. We encourage children (dressed in their Communion albs) and their parents to participate in a “White Week”, which begins immediately after the First Communion, from Monday to Friday at the 7 p.m. Mass. According to the Polish tradition, “White Week” is an extension of the First Holy Communion celebration; it deepens the faith and joy of receiving the sacrament. During the “White Week”, children will receive a rosary, a prayer book, and a First Holy Communion certificate.

**First Communion classes** will be held on Tuesdays (6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.) and Saturdays (1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.). **First Communion Mass** is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2027 at 4 p.m. in English and Sunday, May 9, 2027 at 2:30 p.m. in Polish.

Preparation for Confirmation  
Important Information

Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation includes a number of lessons and a rehearsal, as outlined in a calendar provided to parents at the start of classes. In addition, candidates for confirmation are expected to attend one all-day retreat, which will take place at the Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre. Finally, there will be two formation meetings for parents.

**Confirmation classes** will be held on Thursdays (6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.). **Confirmation Mass** is scheduled for April 3, 2027 at 4 p.m. in English.

\* REGISTRATION \*

First Communion & Confirmation

**Sunday, September 13**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
in the parish hall

**Tuesday, September 15**, 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
in the Good Shepherd room

**Thursday, September 17**, 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
in the Good Shepherd room

Registration forms will be available on our parish website under the Liturgy and Sacraments tab starting September 11 and in-person during registration. Material fee is \$100 – cash or cheque payable to St. Maximilian Kolbe Church. Copy of Baptism Certificate is required for all students, even if the baptism took place in our parish.

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

87<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Outbreak  
of World War II

The Canadian Polish Congress – Mississauga District invites you on **Tuesday, September 1** to commemorate those who died fighting for freedom during World War II. All are invited for Mass at 7 p.m., followed by a short ceremony at the Patriot Monument beside the John Paul II Cultural Centre.

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.

St. Michael the Archangel Feast Day  
Sunday, September 13

**Michaelite Fathers Retreat Centre in Melrose 2751 Sunningdale Road West, London, Ontario 3:30 p.m.** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers for healing, led by Fr. Piotr Wojakiewicz, CSMA. **4:00 p.m.** Solemn Mass celebrated by Fr. Tomasz Wilisowski, CSMA. The homily will be delivered by Fr. Prof. Rafał Kamiński, CSMA. The liturgy will be celebrated in Polish and English. Devotional items from Mount Gargano will be available before Mass.

Grant Applications for Students  
Important announcement regarding grant  
application for students and descendants of  
Polish Home Army (AK)!

The deadline for submitting applications is **September 15, 2026**. Applications must be completed in full and submitted together with all supporting documents; otherwise, they will not be considered.

More information at: www.millenniumfund.ca

Catholic Moms Group  
Leader Breakfast Summit

**Saturday September 19**  
**Le Treport, Mississauga, Ontario**

**Speakers:** Fr. Tom Lynch (What Does It Take to Be a Flourishing Catholic Leader?) Adeodata Czink (The Art of Hospitality and Social Graces) Fr. Jonasz Lalik (More Than an Icon: The Story and Spirituality of Our Lady of Częstochowa) Nelcy Lopez (The Four S’s of a Catholic Moms Group) Dorothy Pilarski (Keep Them Coming Back!) Cathy Quartarone (Why Minister to Young Moms & How?) The registration fee includes breakfast, light lunch and a free gift. Register at: cmgsummit2026.eventbrite.ca

Roncesvalles Polish Festival  
September 19 & 20

Toronto’s Polish street festival returns for its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, celebrating food, music, and culture in the heart of Roncesvalles. Festival hours: Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is free and all ages are welcome.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

**MONDAY August 31**  
8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Kazimiera, Marian and Alicja Cieniak – son, brother, family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Walenty and Feliksa Siuda

**TUESDAY September 1**  
8<sup>00</sup> ○ In thanksgiving on the 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Zofia and Kazimierz  
10<sup>00</sup> ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For our Motherland and all who gave their life for Her freedom

**WEDNESDAY September 2**  
8<sup>00</sup> ○ For God’s blessing for Ingrid, Aleksandra and Tudor Dornescu  
✠ Filip and Elzbieta Prelich – daughter  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ Collective Mass Intentions

**THURSDAY September 3**  
8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanislaw, Jan, Franciszek, Aniela, deceased from the Miskowiec family, souls in purgatory  
✠ Deceased from the Kaczmarek, Blaszczyk, Redczak, Bubas, Wiclawek  
19<sup>00</sup> ○ For God’s blessing for all Priests and Religious

**FRIDAY September 4**  
8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Eugenia, Stefan, Witold Leonczuk – daughter-in-law  
10<sup>00</sup> ✠ Wladyslawa Sitarz – granddaughter and family  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Antoni Oleszczuk, grandparents from the Oleszczuk and Kraska

**SATURDAY September 5**  
8<sup>00</sup> ✠ Janina, Boleslaw and Stanislaw Konaszenko; Boleslaw and Franciszka Sawicki – daughter  
17<sup>00</sup> ✠ Bonnie Ginko  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Agnieszka Budzinska (3<sup>rd</sup> anniv.) – parents

**SUNDAY September 6**  
8<sup>00</sup> ○ For members of the Rosary Family and Knights of Mary Immaculate  
9<sup>30</sup> ✠ Jozef Taborowski (20<sup>th</sup>) – wife, children, grandchildren  
11<sup>00</sup> ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors  
13<sup>00</sup> ✠ Stanislaw and Michal Kular; Irena Grzeda – son and family  
14<sup>30</sup> ✠ Deceased from the Kacinski and Glaubert families  
19<sup>00</sup> ✠ Jan Jaskiewicz (3<sup>rd</sup>) – sister, brother, family

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

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