

“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Matthew 14.22-33

Reflection

“I cannot bear to think of what will happen!” the woman cried into her rosary, as she sat by her husband’s bedside. “What if I have to stand by and watch him in pain? How will I live without him?” As she prayed, she heard the words from today’s Gospel reach out to her: “Do not be afraid.”

How often we are scared, especially when this everchanging life challenges us. Can we allow our fear to bring us to Jesus? When the disciples are afraid, they call out to Jesus. He answers immediately, saying, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” There are so many times we need courage to take the next step. Peter did take the first step, but then a very human moment of distraction caused him to falter. For an instant he doubted, but he did not lose sight of his guide. ““Lord, save me!” he called. Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him.”

When we are afraid, Jesus answers immediately. He is always here with us. It can be hard to find Our Lord through the turmoil. Elijah finds God in the silence. The disciples find Jesus in the storm. He is here today, in the Eucharist, in the Word, in the people gathered. He is always here with us. We need never be afraid.

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First Reading: 1 Kings 19.9, 11-13

Responsorial Psalm:

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 9.1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14.22-33

Moved? Please keep us up to date.
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– IN OUR PARISH –

Novena to St. Maximilian Kolbe

In preparation for our parish feast day, and in honour of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, we continue to pray the novena to our patron saint. Pray with us until Saturday, August 15. See *Mass Intentions* for specific times.

The Sacrament of Marriage

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

Laura Reid,
daughter of Michele and Marc
& Jakub Matusik,
son of Danuta and Piotr

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.

Damian Piorczynski,
son of Angelika and Alex

Gianna Vallery,
daughter of Paula and Jeff

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

August 9 – Knights of Mary Immaculate
August 16 – Church Committee

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 #21 leads the rosary this week.

– COMING UP –

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

Fatima Devotion

Join us on **Thursday, August 13** as we pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. After the evening Mass, we will walk in procession to the Rosary Garden. Please bring a candle.

Feast Day of our Parish Patron St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe Friday, August 14

Maximilian Kolbe was born in Poland in 1894. As a Franciscan, he worked to spread the Gospel in his native Poland as well as in Japan. He had a great devotion to Our Lady.

During the Nazi occupation of Poland, he helped thousands of refugees, including Polish Jews. He was arrested by the Gestapo in 1941 and imprisoned at Auschwitz. Three months after Maximilian’s arrival, a prisoner escaped. In retaliation, 10 men were chosen at random to die. One was a young father; Maximilian offered to take his place. His offer accepted, Maximilian died on this day in 1941 and was canonized on October 10, 1982, by Pope John Paul II.

Saint Maximilian is the patron saint of families, prisoners, journalists, political prisoners, drug addicts, and the pro-life movement.

– COMING UP –

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday, August 15

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary celebrates her being assumed – taken up body and soul – into heaven at the end of her earthly life. It began as a feast day in the Eastern Church after the Council of Ephesus (431) proclaimed Mary the Mother of God. The Western Church began to celebrate this feast around 650. **Blessing of flowers and herbs will take place on this day at the 8 a.m. Mass.**

Chapel of Perpetual Adoration Anniversary Mass

On the anniversary of the opening of the Divine Mercy Chapel, a thanksgiving Holy Mass will be offered for all those who participate in the Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, August 15** at 7 p.m. in our church.

Parish Feast Day Sunday, August 16

Our parish feast day will be celebrated next **Sunday, August 16**. High Mass, presided by Rev. Norbert Pikula, will be celebrated at 11 a.m., followed by a Eucharistic procession. We ask that parish organizations prepare their banners and line up in the parish hall after Holy Communion.

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 will take place at 4 p.m. in the parking lot.

Plenary Indulgence

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

Parish Website
www.kolbe.ca

– OTHER NEWS –

Memorials and Feasts

Monday, August 10
Saint Lawrence – Deacon, Martyr

Tuesday, August 11
Saint Clare – Virgin

Wednesday, August 12
Saint Jane Frances de Chantal – Religious

Thursday, August 13
Saint Pontian – Pope and Martyr
Saint Hippolytus – Priest and Martyr

Friday, August 14
Saint Maximilian Kolbe – Priest and Martyr

Saturday, August 15
Solemnity of the Assumption
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

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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. *

“No one in the world can change Truth.
What we can do and should do is seek truth
and serve it when we have found it.”
~ St. Maximilian Kolbe

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY August 10

8⁰⁰ ✠ Krystyna Arabska and Eugeniusz Hofman (anniv.)

18³⁰ Novena to St. Maximilian Kolbe

19⁰⁰ ✠ Maria and Jerzy Taborowski – daughter-in-law and family

TUESDAY August 11

8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna and Kazimierz Bzdyk

18³⁰ Novena to St. Maximilian Kolbe

19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Edward and Irena Over, their children and grandchildren

WEDNESDAY August 12

8⁰⁰ ✠ Edward and Roman Calko, deceased from the Calko, Ochocinski, Gwizdala families

18³⁰ Novena to St. Maximilian Kolbe

19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY August 13

8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria and Antoni, Helena and Jozef – daughter, son, family

18³⁰ Novena to St. Maximilian Kolbe

19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for health of body and soul of Wladyslaw Stachera on his birthday

FRIDAY August 14

8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received and for God’s grace and Mary’s protection for Evan, Lucas, Cameron, Madelyn and their parents – grandmother and mother

18³⁰ Novena to St. Maximilian Kolbe

19⁰⁰ ✠ Barbara Mialkowski

SATURDAY August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz and Jadwiga – sister and family

8³⁰ Novena to St. Maximilian Kolbe

17⁰⁰ ✠ Walerian Kedzia (21st) – Krystyna and Adam

19⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Palys family – daughter and family
○ Special intention for all those who take part in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

SUNDAY August 16

Parish Feast Day

8⁰⁰ ○ For health and peace in the family – Teresa

9³⁰ ✠ Joanna, Feliks, Jozef Pochodyniak – daughter, sister, family

11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors

13⁰⁰ ✠ Antoni Woloszczak (9th), deceased from the Woloszczak family – children and families

14³⁰ ✠ Stanislaw and Eugeniusz Paszkowski – daughter and family

19⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia and Michal Lukaszuk, souls in purgatory – son and family

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