

“Lord, how often should I forgive
my brother or sister
if they sin against me?”

Matthew 18.21-35

Reflection

Today’s Gospel is challenging. When Peter asks Jesus how often he should forgive, Jesus replies that there is no limit to forgiveness. In the parable he uses to illustrate this, Jesus reminds us that, as we are forgiven, so we must show mercy to others. The ungrateful servant in the parable misses this aspect of mercy.

When I was in high school, one of our classmates suffered an unthinkable tragedy. Her father was shot and killed at work. Her family was never the same. Later in life, I was in an airport and saw her name on the cover of a magazine. She was telling the story of meeting the man who had killed her father. Since then, she has dedicated her life to advocating for justice and teaching about healing through poetry. Her work continues to honour her father’s memory.

Forgiveness is a messy business. We often hold onto grudges or hurts, rather than confront them. It is not in our nature to simply let go of injustice or pain. Such moments do, however, open a space for healing and transformation: the healing that was an integral part of Jesus’ ministry. If we strive to model Christ in our lives, forgiveness must be part of our mission.

Coming together in communion today, may we be strengthened to forgive as we have been forgiven.

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First Reading: Sirach 27.30 – 28.7

Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is merciful and gracious;
Slow to anger, and abounding in
steadfast love.

Second Reading: Romans 14.7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

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

– PARISH NEWS –

Sacrament of Marriage

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

Joanna Manturowicz,
daughter of Jozefa and Marek
& Juan Lopez Mora,
son of Gloria and Hernando

The Sacrament of Baptism

Through the sacrament of baptism, Antoni Franciszek Karp, son of Anna and Patrick will be initiated into the Catholic faith and welcomed into our parish community. We congratulate his parents and Godparents.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

September 13 – Polish Scouts
September 20 – Domus Ecclesiae

Jubilee 2000 Children’s Choir

New members welcome. Please contact Sister Halina for more information: (647) 205-7297.

Second Collection

September 19/20
Church Maintenance Fund
Thank you for your generosity.

Fatima Devotion

Join us this Sunday, September 13, as we pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. After the evening Mass, we will walk in procession and recite the Rosary. Please bring a candle.

Youth Group Meetings

begin this week

Grade 8 and 9 Students

Tuesdays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

Grade 10, 11, and 12 Students

Thursdays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

College and University Students

Fridays, 8:20 p.m. in Fr. Bak Room

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.

– CATECHESIS –

* REGISTRATION *

First Communion & Confirmation

Sunday, September 13, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

in the parish hall

Tuesday, September 15, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

in the Good Shepherd room

Thursday, September 17, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

in the Good Shepherd room

Registration forms are available on our parish website under the Liturgy and Sacraments tab 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.

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.

– COMING UP –

Radosc-Joy Dance Ensemble

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

Juniors and Mini Juniors (Ages 4-11)

Wednesday, September 16
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Intermediates (Ages 11-15)

Thursday, September 17
7:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Seniors (Ages 16+)

Wednesday, September 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.

Bereavement Ministry in Polish

This newly established group is for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one who passed away recently. The goal of this ministry is to provide a safe place where the bereaved can share their experiences with others and be supported by other parishioners who have also experienced the death of a loved one and who have received bereavement training. This parish-based bereavement group is a peer ministry, not a therapy support group.

The program will begin on October 19 and consist of 8 weekly meetings. To register, please contact the parish office.

Bereavement ministry in English is available in various churches in Mississauga. Please call the parish office for details.

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

Our Lady of Ludzmierz Feast Day
St. Eugene’s Church, Brampton

Sunday, September 13 at 12:30 p.m.

Solemn Parish Feast Day Mass, presided by Rev. Maciej Scibor, Rector of the Shrine of our Lady of Ludxmierz. Polish-style picnic after the Mass. *Please see poster for a detailed schedule of events.

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 20th 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.

In Support of Nepal and Colombia

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations for humanitarian relief efforts in Nepal and Colombia and will channel funds through trusted Catholic partners responding to the emergencies and assisting affected communities. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Donations Processing Centre – (437) 529-1287
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Maximilian Kolbe Church – Humanitarian Relief, Nepal Mudslides or St. Maximilian Kolbe Church – Humanitarian Relief, Colombia Earthquake.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY

September 14

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Olszanski family – family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for the children and grandchildren of the Opoka and Szaflarski families
- In thanksgiving on the 80th birthday of Jan – wife and children

TUESDAY

September 15

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Anna Olszewska – son Stanislaw and granddaughter Katarzyna
- ✠ Deceased from the Lewe, Balajewicz, Stanislaw families
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Leonarda and Jan Kirejczyk – son and family

WEDNESDAY

September 16

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For health and God’s grace for Magdalena and Jaroslaw Sawarski on their 17th wedding anniv. – mother
- ✠ Tomasz Ujda (25th) – mother
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY

September 17

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Daniela and Kazimierz Guminski
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing and health for Beata and Ewa – Maria
- ✠ Deceased from the Grudzinski, Czyzewski, Durlik families

FRIDAY

September 18

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Jan Stojak – daughter Beata
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Otolia and Franciszek Ratoswski, Leokadia and Eugeniusz Kanigowski, deceased family – children and families
- ✠ Wladyslaw Liczner – wife and family

SATURDAY

September 19

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Wladyslawa and Wladyslaw Jaskiewicz (anniv.) – children and families
- 17⁰⁰ ✠ Teresa Hajdasz – Edward and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Rozalia Gabiga (anniv.) – husband and children

SUNDAY

September 20

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Marianna and Jerzy Pogroszewski, Elzbieta and Zenon Wetoszka, deceased from the Pogroszewski and Wetoszka
- 9³⁰ ✠ Weronika, Franciszek and Michal Bulka
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ✠ Tadeusz Sudol (4th) – family
- 14³⁰ ✠ Parents Cecylia and Marian Budziak, deceased from the Czyzowicz family – daughter and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Marian Kardys (3rd) – daughter and family

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

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 #27 leads the rosary this week.