

“The last will be first,
and the first will be last.”

Matthew 20.1-16

Reflection

Our God is so generous! We benefit from the gifts of God’s love and mercy. They are not earned: they are free gifts. As is our human nature, we can get caught up in what we think we deserve or what we felt we are entitled to, rather than receiving these gifts with awe and wonder at the generosity of God.

In the Gospel today, the workers hired at the beginning of the day thought they deserved more and complained that they received only what was promised when they saw others receive the same pay for less time worked. It is very human to want our “fair share,” but when it comes to what God gives to us, it isn’t about what we are entitled to, since we are not entitled to any of it. All is gift.

Entitlement and comparison can get in the way on our spiritual journey. If we could see, not from a self-centred perspective, but from God’s perspective, we would see that God gives us so much more than our “fair share” all the time! When we focus on an appreciation of God’s generosity to us and to others, and hold this view in our hearts, there is no room left for comparison and entitlement, only gratitude. May God grant us humble and grateful eyes to see and appreciate all God’s gifts.

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First Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9
Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is near to all who call on him.
Second Reading: Philippians 1.20-24, 27
Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

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. ♥
Magdalena Rogala,
daughter of Helena and Krzysztof
& **Jakub Wysokinski,**
son of Katarzyna 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.

Kaspian Antoni Nowak,
son of Joanna and Martin

Luna Milena Recinos,
daughter of Kelly and Edgar

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

September 20 – Domus Ecclesiae
September 27 – Oblate Youth

Youth Group Meetings

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

Opening Mass for Oblate Youth Canada

Sunday, September 27 at 4 p.m.
St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
Word Youth Day – South Korea
Information meeting after mass!’

A time for community, prayer and a new adventure!
bring a friend to celebrate mass with us!

Second Collections

September 19/20
This weekend’s second collection is for the building maintenance fund. Thank you for your contributions to the beautification and care of our parish.
September 26/27
Needs of the Church in Canada

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, September 25**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

– CATECHESIS –

40 Days of Life

Kolbe ProLife Group invites parishioners to participate in the “40 Days for Life” campaign: **September 23 to November 1.**

Opening Mass

September 20 at 9:30 a.m.
St. Joseph’s Parish in Mississauga

Prayer Vigil Location

In front of the Women’s Clinic in Mississauga
101 Queensway Ave. W.
(Queensway and Confederation,
near the candy cane-shaped vent stack
and the metal handrail.)

Vigil hours: daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Vigil days for our parish: every Saturday

Organizers: righttolifemb@gmail.com

Life Chain

On **Sunday, October 4**, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. we will gather by the church along Cawthra Road an hour of silent, peaceful prayer for the protection of life. We invite our entire parish community, especially families, to join us in prayer.

Jubilee 2000 Children’s Choir

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

Communion Albs

If anyone has a communion alb they would like to donate, please speak to Sister Halina before end of October.

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.

Parish Website
www.kolbe.ca

– COMING UP –

First Communion & Confirmation

Registration for preparation classes for the sacraments of First Communion (students in grade 2) and Confirmation (students in grade 7) is now closed. If you missed registration, you may still register your child until the end of September. Please contact Sister Halina directly: (647) 205-7297.

Becoming a Catholic

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the way that a non-baptized person is brought into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Roman Catholic, please call the parish office to register. Meetings are held on **Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.**

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.

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.

Memorials and Feasts

- Monday, September 21**
Saint Matthew – Apostle
- Wednesday, September 23**
Saint Pius of Pietrelcina – Priest
- Thursday, September 24**
Blessed Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin – Religious
- Friday, September 25**
Saint Cosmas and Damian – Martyrs
- Saturday, September 26**
Saint John de Brebeuf, Sain Isaac Jogues and Companions – Canadiana Martyrs

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

Addiction Therapy

The Cenacolo Community was founded in Italy in July 1983 by Sister Elvira Petrozzi. The community helps those lost in life and struggling with addiction. Therapy within the community consists of prayer, work, and relationships. There are currently four centers in Poland. For information and questions about joining the Cenacolo Community, please email: cenacolotarnov@onet.pl
Link to the Cenacolo Community in Florida, USA: <https://www.hopereborn.org/>

Canadian Polish Congress Mississauga

cordially invites you to ***Dance - DISCO***, on Saturday, **17.10.2026** in JPPII Polish Cultural Centre. Dinner by Jan Gromada, dancing to the 80-90 rhythms with great ‘DJ Jazda’. Tickets only \$55, Leszek: 289-768-6056 and Centrum – We hope you’ll join us & support our Congress!

The St. Eugene Foundation, With Hope for the Future

invites you to a banquet on November 14 at Millennium Gardens in Brampton to celebrate its upcoming 30th anniversary. Tickets and more information are available from Bożena at (647) 213-6493 or at www.bejsment. We cordially invite Polish communities who would like to support people with disabilities to join our Foundation.

Rev. Prof. Mirosław Kalinowski, Rector of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, cordially invites you to a seminar entitled: “I Was a Stranger. And It Gives Me Strength” September 26, 2:00 PM

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre in Mississauga Café Kultura Hall

Special attention will be devoted to the importance of family, faith, the support of loved ones, and the inner strength that helps individuals overcome the challenges of migration and adaptation to a new environment.

Pilgrimages

Guadalupe: November 9-15
For more information please contact:
Marzena (647) 284-1631
Malgorzata (416) 859-8469

Guadalupe: December 9 – 15
Organizers: St. Casimir’s Parish
For more information please contact:
Polimex (905) 238-6683

* See posters for details*

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY September 21

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Husband Antoni Pasiak, deceased from the Nowotnik and Pasiak families – family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Zbigniew, Helena, Bronislaw Dracz, Katarzyna Kedzierska, deceased from the Dracz and Zielinski families
- ✠ Matylda and Wojciech Glaz, Anna and Jan Armatowicz

TUESDAY September 22

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Helena and Leon Skrobucha
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ John Jedrzejek
- ✠ Jan Motyka – Krystyna

WEDNESDAY September 23

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Janina and Walerian Kulinski and deceased from family
- ✠ Roman Kowalski and Stanislaw Bronkowski
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Collective Mass Intentions

THURSDAY September 24

- 8⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving on the 16th wedding anniv. of Katarzyna and Mariusz and for God’s continued blessing for their family
- ✠ Renata Winkiel and Irena Slawkowska
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Parents and acquaintances (relatives) from the Bleka and Grela families

FRIDAY September 25

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Juliusz-Marek Popowicz
- ✠ Stanislaw Szewczyk (11th) and souls in purgatory – daughter and family
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Deceased from the Mazur, Stepien, Samolej, Gradziel families – family

SATURDAY September 26

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Halina and Zygmunt Lysak, Zdzislaw Stecki
- 17⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for graces received on the 33rd wedding anniv. and for God’s blessing for Renata and Franciszek and their children
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Zofia, Stanislaw, Roman Piekarz; Anna and Wojciech Czubek – daughter, granddaughter, family

SUNDAY September 27

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Barbara Malek (4th) – husband and family
- 9³⁰ ✠ Grace and Teresa Brynczka (2nd) – Marek, Jared and Caitlin Brynczka
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for the Przyslupski family
- 14³⁰ ✠ Diana Pereira (6th anniv.) – mother
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Jerzy and Karol Rogowski, Jan and Helena Gryglik

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 #28 leads the rosary this week