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Feast of All Saints

"Blessed are you…"

Matthew 5.1-12a

Reflection

Pope Francis reminded us often during his pontificate that we are called to holiness. It is constitutive to our baptism. We are made in the image and likeness of God, and there is a deep longing within us to be perfect in how we love. We strive to love as God, who is perfect, loves. The sacraments, especially the Eucharist, feed and encourage us to become what we receive.

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus offer the Beatitudes to the crowds. These statements seem paradoxical when understood as the world might understand them. Jesus is teaching his disciples, and us, how grace works for those with faith, no matter the circumstances.

Whatever path we walk, we know that God's grace is enough. We are blessed when we embrace these teachings and live as they prescribe: we become holy as God is holy. If we spend time in prayer with the Beatitudes this week, we will be led by the Spirit to dwell in their meaning.

On this feast of All Saints, let us take up the challenge. Let us emulate the saints and Jesus, our brother and friend, by loving fully and completely all whom we meet. When we do not make the mark, let us ask for forgiveness and seek grace in the sacraments, in order to start again.

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First Reading: Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm:
Lord, this is the company of those who seek your face.

Second Reading: 1 John 3.1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12a

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

– ALL SAINTS' DAY –
– ALL SOULS' DAY –

Join us this month as we offer our prayers and devotions for the souls of all the faithful departed.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

– in Polish –

Prayers on the occasion of All Souls' Day will take place **this Sunday, November 1** at the following cemeteries:

2 p.m. Meadowvale, Brampton

2^{30} p.m. Queen of Heaven, Woodbridge

3 p.m. Park Lawn, Toronto
Sanctuary, Toronto

4 p.m. Assumption, Mississauga
St. John's, Mississauga
St. Mary's, Mississauga
Mount Peace, Mississauga

Rosary for the Faithful Departed

November 2 – 7
Monday to Friday at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Mass for the faithful Departed

In November, 30 Masses for all faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes are being celebrated in the Provincial House of the Missionary Oblates in Toronto.

All Souls' Day Mass

– in English –
Saturday, November 7 at 2 p.m.
Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum
Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga

Plenary Indulgence

From November 1st to 8th, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting a cemetery and praying for the deceased. Plenary indulgence can be gained under regular prescribed conditions, obtained once a day, and applied to one soul in purgatory.

Memorial Candles

Memorial candles are still available for purchase this weekend after each Mass. They may be lit in remembrance of our loved ones who have passed away into eternity. **For safety reasons, candles may only be lit by the statue of John Paul II. No candles should be lit near the Missionary Cross or by the Divine Mercy statue.**

– PARISH NEWS –

Would the person who requested a Mass intention for Sunday, November 22 at 9:30 a.m. please contact the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

November 1 – Knights of Columbus
November 8 – Holy Rosary Family

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life – Campaign Closing Mass
Sunday, November 1 at 12 noon
St. Francis of Assisi Church

Special Presentation

Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites everyone to a special presentation with Kathy Matusiak, Director of *Compassionate Community Care*, on **Monday, November 2, at 8:15 p.m.** in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room. The presentation will focus on the dignity of human life, palliative care, and supporting seniors and those experiencing loneliness. The presentation will be in English. All are welcome!

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, November 5
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, November 6
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, November 7
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8 a.m. Mass

Meeting for Parents: Confirmation

Formation meeting for parents of students preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation at our parish will take place next **Sunday, November 8 at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

Meetings

Kolbe Seniors Club
Tuesday, November 3 at 10 a.m.
Mass followed by a meeting
at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre
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

– SACRAMENTS –
– IN OUR PARISH –

Anointing of the Sick

●A hospital chaplain – a Roman Catholic priest – is employed full-time at local hospitals and is on-call 24 hours a day. To arrange a **hospital visit**, please ask a nurse to call the priest on duty.
●Please contact the parish office if you or your loved one requite a **home visit** from a priest.

Baptism

Parents who are registered members of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church and would like to baptize their child must contact the parish office at least six weeks before the anticipated date of baptism. Preparation course is mandatory for all parents and Godparents. Baptisms take place during Mass:

- on Saturdays at 5 p.m. in English
- on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. in Polish
- on the last Sunday of the month at 2:30 p.m. – Mass in Polish; baptism in English

Godparents must meet all requirements outlined in Canon 874, paragraph 1:

- be at least 16 years old
- be fully initiated into the Catholic Church
- be in good standing with the Church (not married outside of the Church and not cohabitating)

Matrimony

Couples wishing to be married at St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Church must contact the parish office at least one year prior to the anticipated date of the wedding in order to open a wedding file and obtain a list of required documents. In addition, marriage preparation course is mandatory for all couples. Please keep in mind that our priests can only officiate at marriage ceremonies of registered members of our parish who reside within the geographical boundaries of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Otherwise, permission of the local ordinary is required. For more information, couples should contact the parish office or send an email to kolbemagda@gmail.com. No inquiries by parents, friends, or other family members.

Reconciliation

Confession takes place 30 minutes before each Mass, in the confessionals.

– COMMUNITY NEWS –

Film Music Gala

Celebrity Symphony Orchestra and Maestro Andrzej Rozbicki warmly invite you to "Film Music Gala – From Poland to Canada," on **Saturday, November 7 at 7 p.m.** at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga. Enjoy an unforgettable evening of Polish and international film music featuring Krystian Ochman, Jacek Wójcicki, Milena Lange, Jakub Milewski, and Holly Chaplin. For information and tickets, call (905) 306-6000 or visit rozbicki.com.

Movie Screening "Mistyczka"

Sunday, November 8 at 4 p.m.
John Paul II Cultural Centre in Mississauga
Tickets: $30
For details, please contact the Centre directly:
(905) 306-9900

The St. Eugene Foundation "With Hope for the Future"

The St. Eugene Foundation - "With Hope for the Future" invites you to a banquet on **Saturday, 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. We cordially invite Polish communities who would like to support people with disabilities to join our Foundation.

Musical Concert

The Novi Singers choir, under the direction of Maciej Jaśkiewicz, invites you to a concert marking Remembrance Day and Polish Independence Day. The program will feature W.A. Mozart's *Requiem* along with other beautiful pieces. Performers include the Novi Singers, guest choirs, and Karolina Podolak. The concert will take place on **Sunday, November 15, at 4:00 p.m.** at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Etobicoke.

Memorials and Feasts

Monday, November 2
All Souls' Day

Tuesday, November 3
Saint Martin de Porres – Religious

Wednesday, November 4
Saint Charles Borromeo – Bishop

Rosary Intention – November –

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY November 2
8[00] ✞ Faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes
10[00] ✞ Faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes
17[00] ✞ Faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes
18[30] ***Rosary for the Faithful Departed***
19[00] ✞ Faithful departed listed on memorial envelopes

TUESDAY November 3
8[00] ✞ Deceased from the Gajcy, Janicki, Sobiech, Bleszcz, Filiczkowski families
10[00] ○ For members of Kolbe Seniors Club
18[30] ***Rosary for the Faithful Departed***
19[00] ✞ John Jedrzejek

WEDNESDAY November 4
8[00] ✞ Deceased from the Gajos, Styczynski, Dec, Kobylarz families
✞ Father Jan Kot, deceased from the Kot and Usinski families
18[30] ***Rosary for the Faithful Departed***
19[00] ○ Collective Intentions

THURSDAY November 5
8[00] ○ For God's blessing for Artur and Jessica on their 1st wedding anniv.
✞ Andrzej (10th) and his parents
18[30] ***Rosary for the Faithful Departed***
19[00] ○ For God's blessing for all Priests and Religious – Gold Rose Apostolate

FRIDAY November 6
8[00] ✞ Aleksandra Sudol – son and family
10[00] ✞ Edward Kolodziej, deceased from the Kolodziej family
18[30] ***Rosary for the Faithful Departed***
19[00] ✞ Bill and Nelly Tsiklis

SATURDAY November 7
8[00] ✞ Stanislaw Kolakowski (2nd) – wife and son
8[30] ***Rosary for the Faithful Departed***
17[00] ✞ Aniela and Andrzej Tokarz
19[00] ✞ Marek, Genowefa, Jan Chojecki

SUNDAY November 8
8[00] ✞ Edmund Szantyr (9th) and Wladyslawa Szantyr (1st)
9[30] ✞ Deceased from the Raczywolski, Sitko, Kraska, Kamycki families – Kraska family
11[00] ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13[00] ✞ Miroslawa and Kazimierz Ptak – children
14[30] ✞ Alina Kulina (3rd) – sister and husband
19[00] ✞ Deceased from the Mazur, Grela, Mateja, Dlugopolski families – daughter and family

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

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.