32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Keep awake,
for you know neither the day
nor the hour."

Matthew 25.1-13

Reflection

As we journey along the spiritual path, over time we gain human wisdom and experience. But divine wisdom offers us much more. Both human and divine wisdom are found in today's readings.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about wise and foolish bridesmaids, and their foresight or lack thereof. In researching why bridesmaids needed oil, I learned that, at that time, one task of the bridesmaids was to accompany the bridegroom at night, leading him through dark streets to his waiting beloved. If the bridesmaids ran out of oil, their lamps were useless.

Jesus' teaching about the bridesmaids is asking more of us as believers than simple vigilance. We too are invited to be aware and to prepare, as we continued to seek a deeper union with our Beloved. The way of faith, as we follow Christ, is as winding as a forest path. It takes human effort and divine wisdom to know what is ours to do along this path. It takes planning and awareness, patience and foresight as we journey towards the ultimate wedding banquet awaiting us.

What more am I being asked to do at this time, to be better prepared for union with my Beloved at the Eucharist? What deeper wisdom is available to me as I continue on my journey, towards everlasting divine union?

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First Reading: Wisdom 6.12-16

Responsorial Psalm:
My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.

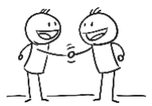
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13

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

– PARISH NEWS –

Thank You!



A big *thank you* to all children who dressed up as saints and took part in the Eucharist on October 31. *Thank you*, also, to the parents and grandparents who helped the children celebrate on the eve of All Saints Day. Last, but not least, *thank you* to those who donated candy for the youngsters: the Brynczka family, the Kosuda family, Anna and Piotr Wrona of Wrona Imports, Jolanta Szalanska, anonymous donors, Mrs. Halina, and Fr. Bogdan. *Thank you* for your kindness.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please join us in praying for God's blessing for the following couples as they celebrate Holy Matrimony.

Sarah Folk,
daughter of Elisabeth and John
& Maximilian Grodzki,
son of Malgorzata and Marek

♥

Karolina Gladecka,
daughter of Ewa and Jerzy
& Tomasz Stasiak,
son of Anna and Marian

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.

Boguslaw Aleksander Falba,
son of Olga and Eric

Milena Czan,
daughter of Julia and Pawel

Meeting for Parents: Confirmation

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

Meeting for Parents: Communion

Formation meeting for parents of students preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation at our parish will take place next **Sunday, November 15 at 3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

Coffee and Donuts Schedule

November 8 – Holy Rosary Family
November 15 – Polonia Brass Band

Upcoming Second Collection

November 14/15 – Shepherds' Trust

– COMING UP –

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.

A reminder that, 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.

Devotion to St. Maximilian Kolbe

Join us for a devotion to St. Maximilian Kolbe, patron saint of our parish – this **Thursday, November 12** after the evening Mass.

Evening of Adoration

On **Thursday, November 12**, immediately after the evening Mass and devotion, Kolbe Pro-Life Group invites one and all to take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation to Lord Jesus for sins against life and its dignity.

The Catholic Moms Group

The Catholic Moms Group at our parish warmly invites all moms to their monthly gathering on **Thursday, November 12**, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in St. Eugene's Room. The meeting will be held in English.

Evening of Praise

Adoremus Prayer Group is hosting an evening of praise on **Friday, November 13**, after the evening Mass. Join us for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, and prayer.

Meetings

Knights of Columbus
Tuesday, November 10 at 7 p.m.
Mass followed by a meeting
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
Secular Franciscans
Saturday, November 14 at 12 noon
in St. Eugene Room

Camino Fair

Those interested in walking the Camino are invited to the parish hall on **Saturday, November 14** at 6 p.m. for an informative meeting. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, learn about the Spanish and Portugese routes, and obtain information about the necessary equipment. All are welcome.

– 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 require 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 –

108th Anniversary of Poland's Independence

The Canadian Polish Congress in Mississauga is organizing the commemorations of the 108th anniversary of Poland's Independence and Remembrance Day, on **Sunday, November 8**. The festivities will commence with Mass at 11:00 a.m. Afterwards, a short ceremony will take place at the Polish Patriots' Monument Square adjacent to the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre and will include the singing of the two national anthems and laying of wreaths.

Movie Screening "Mistyczka"

This 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.

Pilgrimages

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

Rosary Intention for 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.

Rose #29 leads the rosary this week.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY November 9
8:00 ✞ Parents and siblings on both sides
19:00 ✞ Alina and Zygmunt Kulina – children
✞ Ewa, Tadeusz, Lukasz and Tomasz Chabowski – family

TUESDAY November 10
8:00 ✞ Adela and Wladyslaw Rak – daughter and family
19:00 ✞ Teresa and Jozef Czyzycki, Stefania Oleksy – Goddaughter
✞ Karol, Elzbieta and Marek Horochowski – Teresa and family

WEDNESDAY November 11
8:00 ✞ Deceased from the Lyzwa family – family
✞ Anna and Mikolaj Tchir
19:00 ○ Collective Intentions

THURSDAY November 12
8:00 ✞ Wladyslaw, Emilia and Adela Rak – son and family
19:00 ✞ Michal Puzio – daughter and family
✞ Halina and Stanislaw Irla, son Krzysztof

FRIDAY November 13
8:00 ✞ Marcin Szmelter – family
19:00 ✞ Jerzy and Karol Rogowski, Jan and Helena Gryglik
✞ Krystyna and Tadeusz Fijalkowski – sons

SATURDAY November 14
8:00 ✞ Paulina, Francisze and Lucyna Stachurski – children and grandchildren
17:00 ✞ Sabina Silininkas – Zebrowski family
19:00 ✞ Mieczyslaw Ciesla (7th), Balbina and Walerian Ciesla

SUNDAY November 15
8:00 ✞ Zenon Koczwara (15th) – wife
9:30 ✞ Jan, Jozef, and Bronislawa Ploskonka – daughter Grazyna
11:00 ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
13:00 ✞ Deceased from the Mendela, Powalowski and Bogusz families – family
14:30 ○ In thanksgiving for the sacrament of marriage and for God's continued grace for Anna and Stanislaw on their 35th wedding anniv.
19:00 ✞ Zofia and Henryk Sosnowski, deceased from the Gawlikowski and Sosnowski families

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

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.