



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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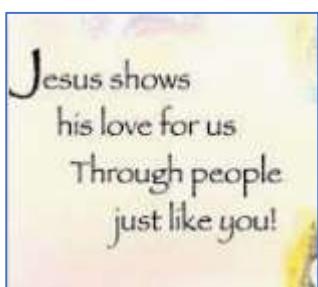
19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR AUGUST 10TH – AUGUST 15TH

Tues. August 10 th	8:30 a.m.	+ For all Souls in Purgatory
Weds. August 11 th	8:30 a.m.	– A Special Intention
Thurs. August 12 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Jack Morrissey, requested by Marie
Fri. August 13 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Anna Walsh, requested by Tanya & Nicole Cassion
Sat. August 14 th	4:30 p.m.	– Lorraine Taylor, requested by Lynn & Terri Nolan
Sun. August 15 th	9:30 a.m.	+ Fred Garvey, Sr., requested by Dave & Chris Smith
	11:30 a.m.	– <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception Parish</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Aleesha, Neave Alderson, Audrey, Tim Ayotte, Fr. Bart Burke, Gwendolyn Craigen, Joan Cross, Hender & Donna Ellis, Sawyer Growden, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Bill Heasely, Bradley L., Cathy Lochner, Marian, Peter McCarthy, Erin Sullivan, Linda VanTol, Rose Marie Vitarelli, Sally Weglarz and those who have no one to pray for them. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.

CONDOLENCES: The faith community of Immaculate Conception Parish extends to the family and friends of **Fred Garvey, Sr.** our deepest sympathy, love and support at this time of grief. MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE CHURCH CLEANERS: Now with the Ontario Government's Stage Three Reopening Plan, church cleaning procedures for pews, washrooms, confessionals, and reconciliation rooms are relaxed, so as to require only regular cleaning in accordance with pre-Covid-19 routines, with the only exception being when someone with suspected or known Covid-19 has attended, in which case the space will be disinfected as per the pandemic manual requirements. **The parish extends its heartfelt thanks to the cleaning volunteers who pitched in to disinfect and help keep us safe. The “temporary” volunteer effort has lasted almost two years!** If you

happen to see any of the following volunteers, give them a huge thank you: Susan Crowley, Derrill Gallant, Paul & Bernadette Guyatt, Katherine & Lisa Hiltz, Lidia Jakubiak, Cathy Kinmond, Malgesia Michalozewska, Marie Morrissey, Norma & Nora O'Miller, Kazimiera Tryba and Bogda Tyka. And thanks as well, to anyone else who pitched in along the way!

JULY OFFERTORY COMPARISON

Thank you for your ongoing generosity, especially during these trying times!

2021	\$ 9,481.10 (4 Sundays)	2020	\$ 15,134.00 (4 Sundays)
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MORE THANKS! Through God's Grace and your willingness to dig deep, we have now raised \$27,334 for our 2021 Pledge Campaign...**49% of our target.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated! The campaign ends this November, so if you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, you can [access our Pledge Form.](#)

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program within Catholic parishes to prepare those who wish to become Catholics and for those who wish to “brush up” on their knowledge of the Catholic faith. If you would like to become a Catholic, or should you know of anyone who would like to become a Catholic, please let the parish office know by calling the office. We welcome anyone who would like to join these sessions which will begin September 2021.

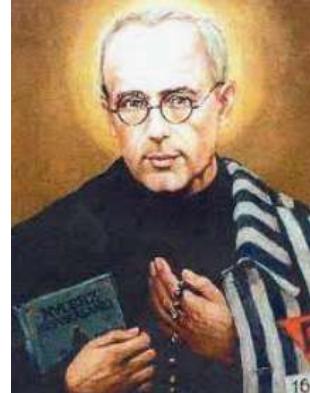
SOMETHING EASY YOU CAN DO TO HELP OUT: The Knights of Columbus are holding a fundraiser for church projects and are making it easy for you to participate. Starting now, save all your returnable cans and bottles and then bring them to the church between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on **Saturday, August 28th**. We are funded “per container”, so let’s see how many we can accumulate!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE — AUGUST 14TH

“I don’t know what’s going to become of you!” How many parents have said that? Maximilian Mary Kolbe’s reaction was, “I prayed very hard to Our Lady to tell me what would happen to me. She appeared, holding in her hands two crowns, one white, one red. She asked if I would like to have them—one was for purity, the other for martyrdom. I said: ‘I choose both.’ She smiled and disappeared.” After that he was not the same.

He entered the minor seminary of the Conventual Franciscans in L’viv--then Poland, now Ukraine—near his birthplace, and at 16 became a novice. Though Maximilian later achieved doctorates in philosophy and theology, he was deeply interested in science, even drawing plans for rocket ships.



Ordained at 24, Maximilian saw religious indifference as the deadliest poison of the day. His mission was to combat it. He had already founded the Militia of the Immaculata, whose aim was to fight evil with the witness of the good life, prayer, work, and suffering. He dreamed of and then founded *Knight of the Immaculata*, a religious magazine under Mary’s protection to preach the Good News to all nations. For the work of publication he established a “City of the Immaculata”—Niepokalanow—which housed 700 of his Franciscan brothers. He later founded another one in Nagasaki, Japan. Both the Militia and the magazine ultimately reached the one-million mark in members and subscribers. His love of God was daily filtered through devotion to Mary.

In 1939, the Nazi panzers overran Poland with deadly speed. Niepokalanow was severely bombed. Kolbe and his friars were arrested, then released in less than three months, on the **feast of the Immaculate Conception**. In 1941, Fr. Kolbe was arrested again. The Nazis’ purpose was to liquidate the select ones, the leaders. The end came quickly, three months later in Auschwitz, after terrible beatings and humiliations.

A prisoner had escaped. The commandant announced that 10 men would die. He relished walking along the ranks. “This one. That one.” As they were being marched away to the starvation bunkers, Number 16670 dared to step from the line. “I would like to take that man’s place. He has a wife and children.” “Who are you?” “A priest.”

No name, no mention of fame. Silence. The commandant, dumbfounded, perhaps with a fleeting thought of history, kicked Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek out of line and ordered Fr. Kolbe to go with the nine. In the “block of death” they were ordered to strip naked, and their slow starvation began in darkness. But there was no screaming—the prisoners sang. By the eve of the Assumption, four were left alive. The jailer came to finish Kolbe off as he sat in a corner praying. He lifted his fleshless arm to receive the bite of the hypodermic needle. It was filled with carbolic acid. They burned his body with all the others. Fr. Kolbe was beatified in 1971 and canonized in 1982.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-maximilian-mary-kolbe>

“The crisis has shown us that, especially in times of need, we depend on our solidarity with others.

In a new way, it is inviting us to place our lives at the service of others. — Pope Francis