



HOLY TRINITY R.C. POLISH CHURCH

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Mass schedule at our church: Monday to Friday 7 pm (Polish);
Saturday 8 am (English);
Sunday 9 am (English), 10:30 am & 12:30 pm (Polish).

BULLETIN FOR TWO SUNDAYS

21th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 24, 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 31, 2025

The teaching contained in today's Gospel is Jesus' response to the question: *"Will only a few be saved?"* This question seems to echo the Pharisaic concept of salvation, according to which those who observe the Law of Moses and belong to the Chosen People would be saved. Jesus does not give a clear answer regarding the number of those who will be saved. Instead, He focuses the listeners' attention on the effort each person must make in order to be saved. He uses the image of entering through the narrow door. One must strive earnestly to enter. Salvation requires personal effort: turning away from sin, living a life of faith and love. Many will not be able to do this. The Lord wants to show that although God's saving will is

universal, it is not obvious that all will be saved. In further explaining this, Jesus uses the image of the Master of the house - who is Himself. He has the authority to open the door of Salvation to anyone and to close it to those who are unworthy. Mere formal belonging does not count: it is not enough just to eat and drink together. The Master of the house will express His refusal to admit them into His company with the words: *"I do not know where you come from."* They knew Jesus, but they did not acknowledge Him and denied Him; now He will deny them. New life opens for us in Jesus. Yet, it depends on us whether we will make use of this divine opportunity. (Fr. Z.S.)

Parish News

- *In August*, we pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (the Litany of Loreto).
- *Memorial of Our Lady of Czestochowa* - Tuesday, August 26. Holy Mass at 7 pm.
- *The priest will visit the sick* on Friday, August 29.
- *First Thursday, Sept 4*. Adoration and prayer for priests and vocations begin at 6 pm.
- *First Friday, Sept 5*. We honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus and make reparation for our sins and the sins of the whole world. Holy Mass at 7 pm. There will be no all-night Adoration.
- *First Saturday, Sept 6*. At 7:15 am there will be a fifteen-minute meditation on a Rosary mystery and a Rosary of reparations to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- *Sunday, Sept 21*. Mass to begin the school year at 12:30 pm. Blessing of students, backpacks and school supplies, and prayer for children, youth, parents, and teachers. During the week, there will be an opportunity for confessions.
- *Donations August 10*: W-D \$ 3,865; B-F \$5, Don. for missions \$20. *Donations August 17*: W-D \$ 3,271; B-F \$55. *Thank you!*

Deceased

**Jozef Bieć* passed away on July 30. The funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, August 1, in our church. We commend the deceased to God's mercy and extend our condolences to his family.

Thank You

**The youth, together with Fr. Stanisław and Sr. Elżbieta*, wish to express their heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to participate



“ The last will be first, and the first will be last.”
Mt, 20, 16

in the Jubilee of Youth in Rome. We thank our parishioners for their prayers and financial support throughout the year, as well as for all the kindness shown to us. We are also grateful to the Polonia Centre organization for their financial assistance and goodwill. Thanks to you, we were able to experience this unique encounter with our faith and a greater union with the universal Church. During our pilgrimage, we remembered you in our prayers.

Best Wishes

**Anthony Christopher Louis Sawicki*, son of Piotr and Marissa, received the Sacrament of Baptism. May God bless the family.

**The following couples celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony:*

-Adrian M. Nikolas and Katie M. Lalonde (August 16)

-Alexander Cypcarz and Grace M. Black (August 23)

We commend the young couples to your prayers.

Other Announcements

**Feast of St. Michael the Archangel in Melrose*. You are warmly invited to the celebrations, which will take place on September 14 in Melrose (2751 Sunningdale Rd W, London). At 2:30 pm, the Angelic Chaplet (to St. Michael the Archangel and the Choirs of Angels), followed by a solemn Holy Mass at 3 pm.

**75th Birthday of Bishop Fabbro*. On Thursday, October 30, at the Ciociaro Club in Windsor, we will celebrate the 75th birthday of Bishop Ronald Fabbro. Tickets are now available for purchase using the form at the bottom of on this page <https://dol.ca/bishop75> Doors open for cocktails at 5:30 and dinner will begin at 6:30 This celebration allows us to thank our bishop for his service and dedication to the Diocese.

**The Polish School at Holy Trinity Parish* will begin the new school year on Saturday, September 13, in the Holy Names School building, 1400 Northwood Street, Windsor. Registration is open from August 18 to September 7, online only: www.wecdsb.on.ca/programs/ilp For more information and assistance, contact Sr. Teresa at 519-990-3628. You are welcome to attend!

St. Monica and St. Augustine

St. Monica (memorial: August 27) and her son, St. Augustine (memorial: August 28), are remarkable figures of the Church who show the power of prayer, patience, and perseverance in raising children in the Faith. For many years, St. Monica prayed for the conversion of her son, who in his youth led a life far from God, indulging in worldly pleasures and youthful mistakes. Her unwavering prayer and care bore fruit: Augustine converted, was baptized, and became one of the greatest Fathers of the Church.

St. Augustine describes his mother as follows: *"She was also a servant of Your servants. Whoever knew her, praised, honored, and loved You in her. For they felt Your presence in her heart, which her entire holy life also testified to. She had only one husband. She repaid her parents for what she had received from them. She cared for the household diligently and piously, and was praised for her acts of mercy. She raised children and repeatedly experienced maternal sorrow whenever she saw them stray from You. And finally, O Lord, she cared for all of us, whom in Your goodness You allowed to serve You, when we received the grace of Baptism and lived in friendly union, before she fell asleep in the Lord. She cared for us as if she were the mother of us all, and served each person as if he were her own child."*

St. Monica also speaks of the fulfillment of her greatest desire - the conversion of her son: *"You know, Lord, that on that day, as we spoke these words, the temporal world with all its pleasures crumbled to nothing before us. Finally, she said: 'Son, nothing in this life gives me joy anymore. I expect nothing from it, so I do not know what I am still doing here or why I am here. There was only one wish for which I wanted to stay a little longer in this world: to see you as a Catholic Christian before my death. God has granted me more than my wish, for I see how, having despised worldly happiness, you have become His servant. What, then, am I still doing here?' The life of St. Monica and St. Augustine reminds us that patience, prayer, and living a faithful example in the family can transform the hearts of those closest to us. Their lives testify that God's grace works in the hearts of people who remain faithful and trust in Him, even when the path to conversion seems long and difficult.*