

...was taken to Auschwitz. *In the camp, he volunteered to die in place of a stranger. * Maximilian Kolbe is most remembered for his devotion to Mary and this humble act of giving his life so, another may live. **NIEDZIELA pl NEWS:** A Novena was started on August 5; it will go on until his memorial day on Aug. 14. This is the link for its Litany <https://www.niedziela.pl/artykul/103615> English/Polish.

6. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aug.15) * Following the Polish tradition, remember to bring your herbs, flowers, and first fruits of the season to blessed. *This celebration of the dogma of the Church [a fixed belief or set of beliefs that an organization expects people to accept as absolute truth without any doubt or question] that Mary was taken body and soul into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. * This feast was first celebrated in Rome by the 7th Century. It is a reminder of the words of the Apostles Creed where we :“profess our faith in the Resurrection of the body and in life everlasting "a privilege given to the Blessed Mother of Jesus that death was not going to corrupt her body– and because she was free from sin– she should not be affected by this natural law. This is the focus of this mystery of her “assumption into heaven”. The fact that Mary has already been assumed into heaven is a reason to celebrate, to rejoice, to hope in the “already and the not yet”. One of God’s creatures – Mary – is already in heaven. With her, and like her, we too, who are God’s creatures, will one day be there too. Mary’s destiny, united to the transfigured and glorious body of Jesus, is, therefore, the destiny of all those who are united to the Lord Jesus in faith and love. In 1950, Pope Pius XII declared this belief as dogma in his Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*. *It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

7. St. Stephen of Hungary (Aug.16) *Known as King Saint Stephen. *First king of Hungary (11th.Century) * Born a pagan; eventually baptized with his father when he was 10. *Succeeded his father as chief of the Magyars, when he began to Christianize his country. *He asked for the Pope’s assistance in his evangelical mission and was named Stephen the King of Hungary on Christmas Day in 1001. St. Stephen is the patron of Hungary.

8. St. Roch (Aug. 16) Also known as Roch, or Rock. *French nobleman, pilgrim and Catholic confessor (14th Century) *He gave away his earthly possessions and began a pilgrimage to Rome. * In Italy, he witnessed the massive epidemic they were experiencing. Kept traveling through the country performing miracles and healings. When he fell sick at Piacenza, he was expelled from the city and was about to perish. Luckily, a dog found him, and brought its owner who aided Roch. *He returned to France, was arrested and jailed where he later died. *He is the patron saint of surgeons and pilgrims. He is also invoked for protection against epidemics and the plague.

9. NEWS FROM THE VATICAN: Pope Leo XIV will visit Uruguay, Argentina and Peru in November 6-18, 2026. He has accepted the invitation of the heads of state and it will be his first visit to South America since his election. The Pope also stated that, overall prayer is disappearing from Christian families. He urged Catholics to rediscover prayer in its true form, and embrace the Liturgy of the Hours as a daily school of Christian prayer. In our time, society is dominated by efficiency and consumerism, prayer seems pointless and trivial, -he said. The world values science and technology over other important topics; it claims that these areas provide answers, so prayer is believed to be a way to “escape” reality! Nothing could be further from the truth.

10. MINI-THOUGHTS: ..”If you sin and continue to fail, PRAY anyway; God keeps on loving you! “Pray when you are worried; pray puts everything in perspective”

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WEEKEND MASSES	Sat. - 8:30am - Bilingual - 4:00pm - English
	Sun. - 9:30am - English - 11:00am - Polish

WEEKDAY MASSES: See Announced Masses

SACRAMENTS:

Reconciliation: 30 minutes before & after Mass

Baptism: Meet with Fr. Boguslaw
Instructions required

Marriage: Contact Office at least eight months before desired date —Instruction required

Children’s Sacraments:
Contact Fr. Boguslaw

Hospital Visits: Request Nurse at hospital to contact “Priest on Call”.

Home Shut-ins: Contact Parish Office

Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time
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August 9, 2026

When we are gathered for the celebration of any Liturgy, everything seems clear and simple, joyful and good. When we participate in Holy Mass, we sing and pray with others. When we are alone in Church, we tend not to sing, although we pray. Serving God requires self-discipline and self-control. In every situation, we should pray: "Lord, command me to come to you." Jesus will answer us: "Come." He will lead each of us into the company of his disciples and followers. Please do not run away from Jesus, but draw close to Him and ask: "Arise, O God, defend your cause and do not forget the cry of those who seek you." We dare to call you Father... strengthen the spirit of adopted children in our hearts, so that we may attain the inheritance promised to us. God revealed Himself to Elijah on Mount Carmel, and Elijah triumphed over the prophets of Baal. Elijah had them killed, and now he finds himself weak and alone. Therefore, fearing revenge, he flees to the desert and desires to die there. The phenomena accompanying the revelation of God taught Elijah that the essence of God is expressed by "the sound of a gentle breeze." God prefers to soften the heart of the sinner with the breath of His love, rather than destroy it with the fire of His anger. Thus instructed, we pray: "Show your grace and grant us salvation," for "we hope in the Lord, we trust in His word." To look and listen, to understand and believe—these are the characteristics of a disciple of Christ. The community of the Church is built on these characteristics. Disciples know what doubt and weakness are. The boat in which they sail is tossed by wind and waves. External dangers are not as threatening to the Church as the doubt and weak faith of its followers. Strong faith and courage are evident in the attitude of Peter walking on water. St. Matthew recounts that the disciples fell before Jesus and confessed, "Truly, you are the Son of God." St. Paul teaches that "the Gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone...

...who believes..." St. Paul is a son of the chosen people and thanks God for everything, even though he feels sadness and constant pain because his own nation rejected Jesus, the Messiah. The same is true for us. Many people from various Christian nations have fallen into neo-paganism. For us, their attitude is a warning, because faith in Jesus Christ must be guarded as the greatest treasure that ensures our salvation and strengthens us in the Truth of God. Therefore, Praise the Lord!"

Readings: (a) God always defends and forgets not, the cries of those who seek Him. He promises us to call Him “Our Father” and strengthens in our hearts the spirit of adoption as His sons and daughters. **(b)** God appears Himself to us. He shows His grace and gives salvation to His people, Israel, God's people. The Church is the new God's People, who trust in the Lord and put in Him their hope. Jesus is walking on the sea strengthens the faith of His disciples. He helps them to believe that **He truly is the Son of God.**

FROM CHURCH & PARISH

1.St. Lawrence (Aug. 10) *Deacon in the early Church in Rome. *Martyred by the Roman Emperor Valerian yr.250. *Patron saint of librarians, archivists, comedians, and cooks. * Martyred on a grill. With saintly humor he famously quipped, “you can flip me over; I’m done on this side while he was being tortured.

2. St. Clare (Aug.11) *Follower of St. Francis of Assisi. *Foundress of the Poor Clares Order. At 15, she refused to marry and began following St. Francis. *At 18, she escaped from her father’s house, met by Friars and was taken to St. Francis’ little chapel called the Portiuncula. There she traded her riches for a woolen habit. *St. Francis placed Clare in a Benedictine convent. * Soon, other women, including her sister, joined her. *They all lived in seclusion, praying constantly, according to a rule given to them by St. Francis. *St. Clare served as abbess from the time she was 21 years old until her death over 30 years later.

3. St. Jane Frances de Chantal (Aug.12) * Founder of the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary in 1610. *At 21, she was happily married and had four children, but she was left a widow at the age of 28 when her husband died in a shooting accident. *Was not able to forgive the man who was behind the shooting accident until hearing a sermon by Francis de Sales.* With his help, Jane founded her Order which grew to have 86 houses offering charity and help to poor, unemployed and orphans. She is the patron saint of forgotten people, people troubled with in-laws, loss of parents, and widows.

4. Sts. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest (Aug.13) *Both Italian martyrs of the faith. Although they both would die in a salt mine in Sardinia, their lives beforehand could not have been more different. *Pontian was the Pope before resigning the papacy and being forced into exile by Emperor Maximinus Thrax. *Hippolytus was the first "anti-pope," although he was also forced to mine salt on the island Sardinia. While in the mines, Hippolytus reconciled with the Church and was martyred alongside Pontian.

5. St. Maximilian Kolbe (Aug.14) *Polish Conventual Franciscan Friar.* Arrested by the Nazis...

ANNOUNCED WEEKLY MASSES

Mon. Aug.10 St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr
9:30 a.m. Joceline Walton blessings to keep growing in faith on her Baptismal Day from Laurie & Tom

Tues. Aug.11 St. Clare, Virgin

9:30 a.m. + Deceased members of my family by Maria Salazar

6-7:00 p.m. HOLY FACE DEVOTION Prayer, Adoration & Communion. All Invited

Wed. Aug. 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious-
9:30 a.m + Third month anniversary of the passing of Venerina Paci from Gaby & Bernie

Thur. Aug. 13 Sts. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

9:30 a.m. + Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Alan Campeau from the CWL

Fri. Aug. 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr
The hour of God’s mercy & day of atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world

3: 00 p. m. Health & Blessings for Dean Lennox from Marion & Bob Leach

Sat. Aug.15 The Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary
Special Patron of Acadians-Solemnity

8:30 a.m. + Antoni Kamzol from the family

4:00 p.m. + Ida, Gennaro, Christine Spina by Frank

Sun. Aug. 16 Twentieth Sunday O.T. Yr.A– St. Stephen of Hungary– St. Roch

9:30 a.m. + Michael Guzzo from the family

11:00 a.m. Za parafian

Daily Readings Aug. 10-16

Mon. Aug.10 2 Corinthians 9.6-10’ Ps 112; Gospel John 12.24-26

Tue. Aug. 11 Ezekiel 2.8-3.4’ Ps 119; Gospel Matthew 18.1-5, 10, 12-14

Wed. Aug. 12 Ezekiel 9.1-7; 10.18-22; Ps 113; Gospel Matthew 18.15-20

Thur. Aug.13 Ezekiel 12.1-16; Ps 78; Gospel Matthew 18.21-19.1

Fri. Aug. 14 Ezekiel 16.1-15, 60, 63; Canticle Isaiah 12; Gospel Matthew 19.3-12

Sat. Aug.15 1Reading Revelation 11.19a; 12.1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 2Reading 1 Corinthians 15.20-26; Gospel Luke 1.39-56

Sun. Aug.16 1Reading Isaiah 56.1, 6-7; Ps 67; 2Reading Romans 11.13-15, 29-32; Gospel Matthew 15.21-28

Pray for the sick:

Richard, Judy, Angus, Patty-Anne, Deacon Larry, Joan, Lillian, Alice, Rita, Mike, Anna, Fred, Yvonne, Lucrezia, Kristina, Frances, Carmen, Nisha, Ralph, Richard, Marcel, Mary, Cathy, Dominic, J.P., Erich, Rosemary, Susan, Alicja, Agostino, Janina, Mariola, Alessio, Vince, Alfonso, Hans, Christine, Sylvia, Jennifer, Kevin, Lynne, Wanda, Joseph & all those who request prayers.

August- Pope’s Intention:

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Sierpień -Intencja Papieża:

Módlmy się, aby duże miasta, często naznaczone anonimowością i samotnością, znalazły nowe sposoby głoszenia Ewangelii, odkrywając kreatywne ścieżki budowania wspólnoty.