

Reflection for Today

Jesus never wanted to leave just a message of “good news,” he wanted to leave something to concretely demonstrate the permanence of his love. Specifically, he wanted to leave himself. And he was very clear about the form it would take: “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you...For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.” A remarkable concept, and it took his disciples some time before they understood the magnitude of what Jesus meant. But it wasn’t long after the ascension of Jesus that Eucharists began to be celebrated in earnest. The disciples came to know his actual presence “in the breaking of the bread.”

Needless to say his assertions on this subject posed a grace problem for the people of that time. That soon took Jesus at his word is clear; Scripture tells us that when they heard what he said, “many walked with him no longer.” But how can this be? “How can this man give his flesh to eat?” The Eucharist has always been considered a living memorial of Jesus, Jesus alive and present to us in sacramental food. Theologians of all ages have been trying to explain how this could be. And no matter what the “explanations” have been, we inevitably fall back on the tremendous mystery of it all.

Approach the table of the Lord not with questions of “How can this be?” but with wonder at and gratitude for God’s unfathomable love. Appreciate the depths of his love and much of the mystery will be cleared up. That Jesus gives you his flesh as food and his blood as drink is not cause for skepticism and dispute, but for your return of love. Anyone who comprehends the nature of love can understand that.

O beloved God, thank you for loving me so much, in spite of my sin and weakness. It’s difficult to comprehend that you love me as you loved Jesus, your Son, and even harder to practice this self-giving love. Help me to live up to your expectations of me and to give witness to the great and amazing gift of your love Amen.

Schedule of Masses**Monday, August 20**

9:00 am (Polish)

Lidię, Karolinę i Piotra Gebel—o zdrowie,
błogosławieństwo Boże, opiekę Matki
Najświętszej I św. Aniołów (Zosia)

Tuesday - August 21 —No Mass—St. Pius**Wednesday – August 22 (Polish/English)****Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:30 pm *Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of
Częstochowa*

7:00 pm **+Bernadette Ostroskie** (Ambrose Ostroskie)
+Nicholas Stamplecoskie
(Alfie Stamplecoskie)
+Andrzej Szperling (Wife & Son)

Thursday –August 23—St. Rose of Lima

9:00 am **+Alex Shulist** (Bronis Lorbetskie)

Friday – August 24—St. Bartholmew

Adoration from 3 pm to 7 pm

7:00 pm **+Agnes Latuskie** (Sheila Laflamme)
+Lucy Kuiack (Gerald & AnnaMary Cybulski)
+Jamesina Mask (Julia & Silas Lorbetskie)

Saturday - August 25

5:00 pm **+Patrick Cybulski**

(Andre & Mary E. Luckasavitch)

Sunday—August 26—Our Lady of Czestochowa

8:00 am For all of our Parishioners

10:00 am **+Piotr Niedojadło 8 roczn.**
(Wanda Niedojadło)

Ministry Assignments next Sunday

	<i>Sat, Aug 25—5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Sun, Aug 26—8:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sun, Aug 26—10:00 a.m.</i>
Rosary	Ron Coulas	Phyllis Blank	Silas Lorbetskie
Altar Servers			Emilia Sadecki
			Janisa Visutskie
Lector	Rita Coulas	Steve Platt	Bozena Szymkow
E.M.	Ed Chippior	Michael Coulas	Jerzy Kozicki
Ushers	Stanley Golka	Chris Kutchkoskie	Michael Bloskie
	Justin Recoskie	Terry Burchat	Bernard Blank
	Carl Lorbetskie	Michael Coulas	Barbara Blank
	Michael Brotton	Dominic Coulas	Henryk Bartul
Altar Committee	Fri, Aug 24h to Fri, Aug 31st —Vivki K. & Eva M.		

Parishioners are invited to join us for **Rosary** on **Wed at 6:30 pm** and **Adoration on Friday** beginning at **3:00 pm**.

Our **deepest sympathy** to family and friends of **Bernie Hudder**. May he rest in peace.

Thank you to all the Parishioners who have returned their raffle tickets stubs and money. **Because of Lottery Licence requirements, all tickets must be accounted for before the draw at our Annual Chicken Supper.**

If you have picked up a Chicken Supper donation envelope from the back of the church, please place in collection basket as soon as possible. **Thank you for your support.**

St. Hedwig's Church, Barry's Bay invites you to their Turkey Supper on **Sun, Aug 19th** beginning at 2 pm.

Our Lady of Angels Church Brudenell, invites you to their Turkey, Ham & Bean Supper on **Sun, Aug 26th** beginning at 1:30 pm.

St. Mary's Annual Chicken Supper will be held on **Sun, Sept 2nd**. Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 noon and supper will begin at **1:00 pm**.

St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish is inviting you to celebrate Fr. M. Coulas' retirement on **Sun, Sept 9th**. A mass will be celebrated at 11 am, followed by a reception in the church hall from 12 noon to 3 pm.

The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation and Leadership Development is sponsoring an **Adult Faith Retreat** on **Sat, Sept 15th** at St. John Chrysostom Parish Hall, Arnprior from 10 am to 2 pm. See poster at back of church for more details.

Pastoral Appointments: His Excellency Bishop M. Mulhall has announced the following appointments: Fr. P. Dobec, pastor of St. Lawrence O'Toole, effective Sept 20th; Fr. C. Shalla, pastor of St. Andrew's and Our Lady of Angels, effective Oct 1st. and Fr. P. Ratajczak, OMI, pastor of St. Hedwig, effective Aug 27th.

The Renfrew County Catholic School Board School Year calendar for the school year 2018-2019 is available on their website at rccdsb.edu.on.ca

In your prayers remember:

- * Our sick and hospitalized
- * Our elderly parishioners.
- * All those at the manor, lodge and homebound.

