

Reflection for Today

A gospel story where Jesus tells us that he came to bring division even within family circles, cannot fail to make us sit up and take notice as it puts us on edge.

Few of us like to be unpopular or stand up and be counted, even when principles are at stake and our voice needs to be heard. We are part of the silent majority lacking the moral courage to speak out. The gospel is forcing us to face the fact that if we are to be followers of Christ, conflict and tension are unavoidable. Jesus never promised that the journey would be without its crosses. They are the inevitable part of being a Christian.

The teaching of Jesus demands acceptance or rejection. There is no escape route in trying to play the role of an anonymous Christian. If we accept Christ's teaching, we will be opposed and ridiculed by those who reject it. What is at stake is the uncompromising nature of the gospel message, which is the light exposing the darkness of a crooked world. Somewhere along the line we must make the choice of whether we are going to be followers of Christ or not. It's a serious decision and not to be taken lightly. The call to be prophets by modelling our lives on Christ will automatically mean saying goodbye to a cosy and comfortable existence. If the teaching of Christ does not cause us to question the way we are living, we are falling short of being whole-hearted. The fire of Christ is not burning within our hearts.

Loving God, I rejoice that Jesus is with me always. Though it's hard to be happy when difficulties come my way, I want to take Saint John Paul's words to heart about true joy being "a long and difficult struggle." But I believe that with your grace all things are possible and that Jesus walks with me always. Amen.

Schedule of Masses

Monday, August 19—St. John Eudes

10:00 am Dzięczynna za otrzymane łaski z prośbą o dalsze dla Zofii i Zbigniewa Rzeszutek

Tuesday, August 20—No Mass—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Wednesday, August 21—St. Pius X

6:30 pm Rosary & Novena

7:00 pm (Polish/English)

+Shaun Lapenskie (1st Anniv)

(Raymond & Drenda Lapenskie)

+Stanley Peplinski (Stanley & Audrey Kutchkoskie)

+Agnes Etmanskie (Dennis Cybulskie)

Thursday, August 22—Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am +Ambrose Ostroskie

(Gerard & RoseMarie Lorbetskie)

Friday, August 23—St. Rose of Lima

3:00 pm Adoration

7:00 pm +Alfie Stamplecoskie (Julia & Silas Lorbetskie)

+Mary Borutski (Mark & Debbie Prince)

+Aloysius Lorbetskie

(Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Dombroskie)

Saturday, August 24—St. Bartholomew

5:00 pm +Yaraskavitch Brothers & Sister

(Tony & Doreen Yaraskavitch)

Sunday, August 25—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 am (Polish/English) For all of our Parishioners

In your prayers remember:



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

Ministry Assignments Next Weekend

	Sat, August 24—5:00 pm	Sun, August 25—11:00 am
Rosary	Susan Prince	Bronis Lorbetskie
Altar Servers	Sylvester Prince	Emilia Sadecki Janisa Visutskie Aaran Visutskie Tobias Sullivan Benjamin Sullivan
Lector	Michael Kosnaskie	Len Gignac / Bozena Szymkow
Eucharistic Minister	Ed Chippior	Catherine Bloskie
Ushers	Xavier Hudder	Arthur Shulist
	Jerome Kuiack	Zbigniew Mroz
	Ray Kutchkoskie	Michael Coulas
	Patrick Kutchkoskie	Tony Murack
Altar Guild	Sat, Aug 24th to Fri, Aug 30th—Platt Family	



Announcements

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

Reminder: If you have not already done so, please take a Chicken Supper envelope from the back of the church and place your donation into the collection basket. You may also include other donation details inside the envelope, to indicate donations other than money. **We are hoping that volunteers will not have to canvas the community for these donations.** Thank you for your support.

Because of Lottery Licence requirements, the **Chicken Supper tickets** that were specifically assigned to envelope holders, **must be returned sold, partially sold or unsold** in collection basket. All tickets **must be accounted** for before the draw at our Annual Chicken Supper. **Please return by Sun, Aug 25th. Thank you.**

The Fall Diocesan **Marriage Preparation Program** is coming up on Sat, Oct 19th and Sat, Oct 26th, 2019 at St. James the Less Parish, Eganville. **Deadline to register is Oct 11th, 2019.** Registration is available online at www.pembrokediocese.com, Inquiries can be directed to Yvette Bourque at 613 732-7933 ext. 208.

UPCOMING CHURCH SUPPERS:

Our Lady of Grace, Westmeath serving turkey lunch and supper on **Sun, Aug 18th** from 12-6 pm at the Westmeath Community Centre.

St. Hedwig Parish, Barry's Bay serving roast turkey and the trimmings on **Sun, Aug 18th** beginning at 2 pm.

Our Lady of Angels, Brudenell serving turkey, ham and bean supper on **Sun, Aug 25th** beginning at 1:30 pm.

St. Mary's Parish, Wilno serving chicken and trimmings on **Sun, Sept 1st** beginning at 1pm.

St. Ignatius Martyr Parish, Maynooth serving turkey, ham, beans, etc. Supper on **Sun, Sept 1st** beginning at 12 noon.

You are invited to a Boneless Leg Ham Dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion on Fri, Aug 23rd from 5-6 pm. Meal tickets must be reserved by Tues, Aug 20th at noon. \$15 per plate. Call 756-6535 or email wendishqueen@gmail.com

Thought for this Week

"Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be—and becoming that person." —*St. Therese of Lisieux*

