

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time— February 24 (Luty), 2019

Reflection for Today

Perhaps no other passage in the gospels better presents an overall perspective of the teachings of Jesus than today's reading from Luke. And there is perhaps no other passage more at odds with our customary ways of handling other people. One sentence after another pounds us with an instruction that goes against the grain of what we have long come to feel and believe. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." "Judge not...condemn not...forgive." Who can live these teachings? Can you imagine what our enemies would do to us if we didn't fight them? Doesn't experience demonstrate that, if you "turn the other cheek," people will likely hit you there too? Isn't it true that once you start giving to beggars they become more dependent? If we love people with no expectations of them, isn't that giving them a green light to take advantage of us?? And when it comes to not judging people, where would society be if we didn't have our courts and prisons?

We could argue with Jesus on every one of his proposals, and we could do so reasonably in the light of logic and common sense. Nothing Jesus proposes in this gospel narrative makes sense. But here we approach a pivotal understanding of Christianity. Christianity is basically a love religion, and, as any of us who has ever been in love knows, there isn't much logic, or even common sense, in real love. Love has its own rules, its own logic, its own evaluations, its own way of dealing with others. Once we become truly loving, we begin to see things in a whole new light. In short, the heart has its reasons.

Great and loving God, I want to open my heart to the "widest horizons," but I'm afraid that I will have to give up too much if I give my life completely to the service of Jesus and his gospel. Help me to trust that you will never ask more of me than I can give, but also open my heart that I might generously share what I can give. Amen.

Schedule of Masses

Monday, February 25

10:00 am (Polish)

+Włodzimierz Leskiewicz (Alicja Fedorowicz)

Tuesday, February 26—No Mass

Wednesday, February 27

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

7:00 pm (Polish/English)

+Agnes Laturski (Joseph & Wanda Visneskie)

+Leonard Kuiack (Ernie & Bernadette Dudack)

+Helen Smaglinskie (Smaglinskie Family)

Thursday, February 28

9:00 am +Bernadette Ostroskie

(Clemence & Rose Stamplecoskie)

Friday, March 1—St. David—World Day of Prayer

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 pm to 7 pm

7:00 pm +Andrew Lorbetskie

(Ray Kutchkoskie & Colleen McMillan)

+Eleanor Cybulskie (Edward & Patricia Yantha)

+Agnes Etmanskie (Clarence & Rose Ann Cybulskie)

Saturday, March 2

5:00 pm +Annie Recoskie (Anniv)

(Aponary & Doreen Recoskie)

Sunday, March 3—8th 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 Sundays

	Sat, Mar 2- 5:00 pm	Sun, Mar 3-11:00 am
Rosary	Rita Coulas	Silas Lorbetskie Emilia Sadecki
Altar Servers	Sylvester Prince	Janisa Visutskie Aaran Visutskie
Lector	Ed Chippior	Marilyn Glofcheskie Zbigniew Mroz
Eucharistic Minister	Sylvester Prince	Steve Platt
	Clarence Stamplecoskie	Barbara Blank
Ushers	Dominic Burchat	Henryk Bartul
	Xavier Hudder	Joanna Ropego
	Jerome Kuiack	Stanley Dombroskie
Altar Guild	Sat, Mar 2nd to Fri, Mar 8th—Lillian Shulist & Julie Burchat	



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**.

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus **breakfast/brunch** is on **Sun, Feb 24th from 9 am to 1 pm**. Great selection of food. Adult—\$10 and children \$5. Come out and join us.

Visitation of the sick will be on **Fri, Mar 1st**. If you wish to be added on the list, contact the office.

Parish Council Meeting on **Thurs, Mar 7th at 7pm**. All members are encouraged to attend.

World Day of Prayer—March 1st The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community. It is celebrated in approximately 165 countries.

Bingo is back at the **Barry's Bay Legion** every 2nd Thurs, beginning Feb 28th. Bingo begins at 7 pm.

Memorial Gift: If you wish to make a donation to St. Mary's as a Memorial Gift in memory of someone, we have a supply of cards on the religious counter at the back of the church. These can ideally be used as inserts in Sympathy/Bereavement cards.

Would you be interested in discerning a secular (lay) vocation? Are you spiritually attracted to St. Therese of Lisieux or St. Teresa of Avila? Our group (not a prayer group) meets monthly at St. Andrew's Parish, Killaloe. For more information call Patricia at 613-756-2267.



Ahoy, mateys! Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* will be presented by the Don Bosco Drama Club of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College. This classic musical comedy combines pirates, police, and petticoats for two hours of fun. Mar 1st and 2nd at 7:00 p.m., Mar 3rd at 2:00 p.m. Performances at MV High School in Barry's Bay. Tickets are: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$10 for students and seniors, free for kids under 6, and family rate of \$45. They can be picked up at the College or Lorraine's Pharmasave. or reserve by calling the College:613756-3082.