

Reflection for Today

A woman approaches Jesus with a request that he heal her stricken daughter. Jesus puts off her pleas again and again, but she doesn't give up. Finally, with open admiration for her faith, Jesus grants her appeal. Her perseverance is rewarded. Today's gospel passage is a tribute to persistence.

If we want to receive, Jesus taught, we have to ask; if we want a door to open, we have to knock. In today's gospel, we are reminded that very often we have to ask again and again to get the response we are seeking; we have to knock over and over again before the door is opened to us. Many prized opportunities evaporate because our initial excitement fades with the first difficulty we encounter. Our prayers are not answered because we give up praying when a divine response seems overdue. A promising relationship is lost because we become disheartened when our first approaches seem ignored. We must realize that perseverance proves our good faith and sincerity. It is our *persistence*, not initial efforts, that achieves results. It is our most valuable asset for accomplishing our goals in life, and it's all a matter of determination. It is the secret of accomplishments, great and small. Successful people are identified as successful for one reason alone: never giving up.

Schedule of Masses

Monday, August 17 (*St. Hyacinth, Bl. Elisabeth Turgeon &*

Our Lady of Knock

10:00 am (Polish) +Shaun Lapenskie (Anniv)

(Raymond & Drenda Lapenskie)

Tuesday, August 18—No Mass (*St. Helena*)

Wednesday, August 19 (*St. John Eudes*)

7:00 pm (Polish/English)

+Walter & Mary Yantha (Yantha Family)

Thursday, August 20—No Mass (*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*)

10:30 am Mass in Round Lake

Friday, August 21 (*St. Pius X*)

6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm +Adolph & Stella Burchat & Deceased souls of

Burchat & Prince Family (Burchat Family)

Saturday, August 22 (*Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary*)

5:00 pm For all of our parishioners

Sunday, August 23—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

(*St. Fiacre of Brie*)

11:00 am (Polish/English)

+Za zmarłego Stanisława Kot

i o błogosławieństwo dla Bronisławy (Son)

Thought for this Week

"When we have strong feelings of doubt and fear and we seem to be sinking, in life's difficult moments where everything becomes dark, we must not be ashamed to cry out like Peter: "Lord, save me" (Mt 14:30). To knock on God's heart, on Jesus's heart. "Lord, save me." It is a beautiful prayer! We can repeat it many times. "Lord, save me."

Pope Francis



In your prayers remember:



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



Announcements

Parishioners are invited to join us for **Adoration on Friday** beginning at **6:00 pm**.

We welcome *Austin Alexander Luckovitch*, son Brandon and Lilly Luckovitch and *Dawson Theodore Etmanskie*, son of Joshua and Ashley Etmanskie, who received the sacrament of Baptism and is entering the community of church. God Bless!

Thank you to our **gardeners**, who continue to keep the flowers looking fabulous. **Thank you to David Shulist** for your time, labour and donation of paint to preserve the Pieta at the cemetery. Also, **thank you** to the people who are listening to the scheduled masses on 88.5.

Marriage Preparation Course are being offered on Oct 3rd and Oct 17th, 2020 at St. James the Less, Eganville; Feb 27th and Mar 6th, 2021 at St. Francis Xavier, Renfrew and Apr 17th and May 1st at Our Lady of Lourdes, Pembroke. Please register online <https://pembrokediocese.com/>

Recently, we have received from our new bishop, some further clarification regarding the implementations of safety protocols in our churches during the COVID-19. His Excellency says: “Obviously, **wearing a mask is essential when entering and leaving**. Once you arrive at your place with physical distancing, you can lower your mask to breathe more easily”. His Excellency also reminds us that “out of charity for others, **people are required to receive Communion in the hand** during this pandemic period. In the rare and exceptional cases where receiving Communion in the hand poses a serious problem of conscience, you may **accommodate people by giving on the tongue, but only after everyone else has received Communion in the hand**”. Always keep the right **social distancing of 6 feet from any person that does not belong to our household, sanitize hands upon entry** and regularly whenever possible. Once again I’d like to encourage you to follow the safety protocol that is in place during this pandemic period. Stay safe yourself and let the others feel safe as well.

The parish has installed an FM transmitter that will be used during **all scheduled Masses**. Due to CRTC regulations, the output must be of low power. Due to the concrete nature of our church building our signal will only carry about a kilometre. You may wish to **park your vehicle in the parking lot of the church to tune in to any of the scheduled Masses from St. Mary’s at a frequency of 88.5 MHz FM**.

CNEWA Canada launches emergency campaign for Lebanon—“The Lebanese people are going through a major crisis,” says Carl Héту, national director of CNEWA Canada. “The Beirut blast comes on the heels of a political crises, overwhelming debt, financial collapse, unemployment, the COVID-19 pandemic as well as successive waves of regional conflict. We direct our prayers to the people of this country with whom we Canadians have so many ties. We invite all to join us. The Lebanese people need our help.”

CNEWA Canada will leverage most of its resources to support the campaign – social media, website, advertisements and personal and general appeals to its generous donor base. Funds raised will be directed to the CNEWA office in Beirut which, in turn, will share with local churches that offer essential health and emergency services and pastoral outreach.

CNEWA has been at the service of the churches and peoples of Lebanon for decades, providing relief to all who are suffering and those who have fallen through the cracks, especially those facing homelessness and in need of medical care and food.

Donations can be made online at cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/lebanoncrisis or by phone at 1-866-322-4441. Cheques can be made to “CNEWA Canada” and mailed to CNEWA Canada at 1247 Kilborn Place, Ottawa, ON K1H 6K9, marked “Lebanon”. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$10 or more.