

**Reflection for Today**

In the Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples, *Who do people say that the Son of Man is?* Simon Peter proclaims, *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.* Jesus blesses him and reveals that Peter's awareness of who Jesus is comes from his Father. Jesus tells him that he will be the rock on which his Church is built, and says, *I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus blesses Peter for acknowledging that he is the *Christ, the Son of the living God*, he is not only elevating Peter, but the whole community of disciples, as the "rock-solid" foundation of the Church that will carry on his mission. Like God with Eliakim, he is entrusting them with the keys that ensure God will be the source of wisdom for their decisions.

We too are entrusted with keys—keys to one another's hearts; keys to one another's vulnerabilities; and by the grace of God and our baptism, keys to our portion of building the kingdom of God. Let us be worthy of and faithful to that trust.



**Thought for this Week**

*"Let us ask the Lord to give us eyes attentive to our brothers and sisters, especially those who are suffering. As Jesus's disciples we do not want to be indifferent or individualistic. These are the two unpleasant attitudes that run counter to harmony. Indifferent: I look the other way. Individualist: looking out only for one's own interest. The harmony created by God asks that we look at others, the needs of others, the problems of others, in communion. We want to recognise the human dignity in every person, whatever his or her race, language or condition might be. Harmony leads you to recognise human dignity, that harmony created by God, with humanity at the centre."*

Pope Francis

**Schedule of Masses**

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**Monday, August 24** (St. Bartholomew)

**10:00 am (Polish) Souls in Purgatory** (Parishioner)

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**Tuesday, August 25—No Mass** (St. Louis &

St. Joseph Calasanz)

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**Wednesday, August 26** (Our Lady of Czestochowa &

St. Teresa of Jesus Jorner)

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**7:00 pm (Polish/English)**

**+Dominic Bloskie** (Mary Margaret Kelly)

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**Thursday, August 27—No Mass** (St. Monica)

**10:30 am Mass in Round Lake**

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**Friday, August 28** (St. Augustine)

**6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**7:00 pm +Lucy Kuiack** (Greg & Rosann Hart)

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**Saturday, August 29** (Beheading of St. John Baptist)

**5:00 pm For all of our parishioners**

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**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Sunday, August 30-** (St. Fiacre of Brie)

**11:00 am (Polish/English)**

**+Ben Kutchkoskie** (Kutchkoskie Family)

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**Monday, August 31** (St. Aristedes)

**10:00 am (Polish) Sophia Sullivan** (living)

(Sullivan Family)

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**Tuesday, September 1—No Mass** (St. Giles)

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**Wednesday, September 2** (B. Andre Grasset)

**7:00 pm (Polish/English)**

**+Alfie Prince** (Peter Yantha Jr.)

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**Thursday, September 3—No Mass** (St. Gregory the Great)

**10:30 am Mass in Round Lake**

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**Friday, September 4** (Bl. Dina Belanger)

**6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**7:00 pm Jonah Sullivan** (living) (Sullivan Family)

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**Saturday, September 5** (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

**5:00 pm +Eldon Luckasavitch** (Mary E. Luckasavitch)

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**Sunday, September 6—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

(St. Zacharias)

**11:00 am (Polish/English)**

**For all of our parishioners**

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

**Confessions** will be available in church **parking lot** on **Sat, Aug 28th from 1:00-2:00 pm**.

If you are interested in having your own personal copy of the **Sunday Missal** that were in the pews, please pick up a copy at the back of the church.

On **Wed, Aug 26th**, we observe the Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa, who is Patroness of our Parish. Please come to honour her in our liturgical celebration, to ask her intercession and the graces we need in our personal life and in the life of our Parish Community. ***Our Lady of Czestochowa pray for us.***

**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/>

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.** Donations can be made online at [cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/lebanoncrisis](http://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.

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. Health authorities now strongly recommend to keep a **record of attendance** for services offered in places of worship. The objective is to facilitate the tracing of a contagious person's contacts by the staff of the health offices. 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.

***In your prayers remember:***



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