

Reflection for Today

The passage today from Paul's letter to the Romans, contains an intriguing insight: "Love is the fulfillment of the law." All law, according to Paul, is fulfilled in love. As a matter of fact, if people truly loved one another, there would be far less needs of laws. Many laws are instituted only because there isn't sufficient love going around for the general well-being of individuals and society.

For Paul, as for Jesus, love is the fulfillment of life's purpose, the only reasons for living. Love was the reason God created the world in the first place and for love brought each of us into being. Unfortunately, we become easily side-tracked and love is not the rule of our life on any consistent basis. Law has to intervene, therefore, to maintain protection of individuals and good social order. Still, the ideal of love, not law, remains the central vision of the Christian way of life.

As practicing Christians, we need to be less concerned about how well we are observing the laws and more alert to the pervasiveness of our love. Just as a thermometer gauges body temperature and can indicate something about our physical health, love acts as a gauge of the health of our souls. How much love we exercise defines and affects our spiritual health because love is never neutral; it is an energy that transforms whomever and whatever it touches.

If we all put in the effort to be a genuine, selfless lover, we would find the need for "more law and order" less and less imperative. Love fulfills the law because it always seeks to do things right, to benefit the object of our love.

Thought for this Week

Prayer for the Beginning of the School Year

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonders of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their spirits.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Schedule of Masses

Monday, September 7—St. Regina, St. Cloud, St. Krizin

10:00 am (Polish) +Antonina & Jozef Warchulski
(Granddaughter Anna with family)

Tuesday, September 8—No Mass —Birth of Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, September 9—St. Peter Claver

7:00 pm (Polish/English) +Sylvester Recoskie
(RoseRita Sernoskie)

Thursday, September 10—No Mass

—St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Blessed Martyrs of Japan

10:30 am Mass in Round Lake

Friday, September 11—St. Adelphus

6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm For all infant souls killed through abortion (Wendy)

Saturday, September 12—Holy Name of Mary

5:00 pm For all of our parishioners

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 13—St. John Chrysostom

11:00 am (Polish/English)

O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Rity i Michata (Parents)

Monday, September 14—Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Tuesday, September 15—No Mass—Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday, September 16—St. Cornelius, St. Cyprian

7:00 pm (Polish/English) +Elizabeth (Anniv) & Thomas Yantha
(Doris Hudder & family)

Thursday, September 17—No Mass —St. Robert Bellarmine

10:30 am Mass in Round Lake

Friday, September 18 —St. Joseph of Cupertino,

St. John Macias, St. Stanisław Kostka

6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm +Andrew Blank (4th Anniv)

(Kyle, Krystal Beamish, Payton & Bentley Blank)

Saturday, September 19—St. Januarius

5:00 pm For all of our parishioners

Sunday, September 20—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- St. Andrew Kim & Companions

11:00 am (Polish/English) +Stefania Kolakowska (Andrew & family)



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

The video of Bishop Desrochers' installation is now available on the diocesan website: <https://pembrokediocese.com/article/guy-desrochers-becomes-bishop-of-pembroke/>

Our **deepest sympathy** to family and friends of **Rose Anne Yantha**. May her soul rest in peace.

Thank you to our **gardeners** who continue to maintain the flower gardens.

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/>

Notice of Change—A different, more powerful FM transmitter had been installed to broadcast our parish Masses. Please use **88.3 MHz** FM on your dial to tune in. All scheduled Masses on the weekends and during the week are being broadcast.

Bishop Desrochers has asked me to communicate the following to you. The restrictions on Fr. Anthony Burchat's priestly faculties have been lifted. The Bishop will give Fr. Anthony a pastoral appointment shortly.

It was previously announced that Fr. Scott Murray was appointed Director of the Liturgy Office and Diocesan Master of Ceremonies. After further conversation with Fr. Scott, the Bishop has decided that the Liturgy Office will not have a director for now. Various priests will be called upon on an *ad hoc* basis to serve as Master of Ceremonies at diocesan liturgies. The Bishop is appointing Fr. Paul Burchat as Chaplain of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College. Fr. Paul will also assist at St. Hedwig Parish, Barry's Bay. Some nursing homes are apparently loosening their COVID-19-related restrictions on visitors. Please check with your local nursing home to find out what the current protocol is. (Fr. M. Smith)

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.

Best wishes and God's blessing to all students who will be returning to class. Have a good year and stay safe!

