

Reflection for Today

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” this metaphor attributed to Jesus about himself in today’s gospel offers an important lesson for effective living. Most of us tend to become disheartened by our misfortunes and look upon ourselves as “failures” for our setbacks. We feel victimized or even cursed when problems multiply. As a result of seeing ourselves in a negative light, we become drained of the very energy we need to deal with our difficulties. The message and life of Jesus, though, suggest another way of looking at things.

Nowhere was “failure” more apparent than in Jesus dying on the cross. The event was all the more tragic because his ministry was so full of good will and promise. The Jewish and Roman authorities were convinced that by killing the upstart Jesus, his motley crew of disciples would disperse and his claims and teachings would soon fade from people’s memories. How wrong they were.

God never lets a stone fall our way if we do not have the ability to make it into a cornerstone. Providence proposes that there is a purpose for everything that happens to us. There are no such things as unredeemable mistakes, defeats, or “failures” in our lives; only results that we need to work on to further our spiritual evolution.

Schedule of Masses

Monday, October 5—*St. Faustina Kowalska*

10:00 am (Polish) +Ben Kutckoskie

(Florence, Marcella & Lauretta Burchat)

Tuesday, October 6—**No Mass** —*Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher & St. Bruno*

Wednesday, October 7—*Our Lady of the Rosary*

7:00 pm (Polish/English) Rosary Society Members

living & deceased (Rosary Society)

Thursday, October 8—**No Mass** —*St. Pelagia*

10:30 am Mass in Round Lake

Friday, October 9—*St. Denis, St. John Leonardi &*

St. John Henry Newman

6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm +Agnes (Anniv), August, Aloysius & Anthony

Smaglinskie (Sylvester & Susan Prince)

Saturday, October 10—*St. Gislenuis & St. Thomas of Villanova*

5:00 pm For all of our Parishioners

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 11—*St. John XXIII & St. Firminus*

11:00 am (Polish/English) +Michal & Michalina Wolnik

(Mark & Beatrice Wolnik)

Monday, October 12—*St. Wilfred, O. L. Of the Pillar*

THANKSGIVING DAY

10:00 am (Polish) Za +Annę i Stanisława Wojenskich

oraz Pawła Plutę (syn z córka)

Tuesday, October 13—**No Mass**—*St. Edward the Confessor*

Wednesday, October 14—*St. Callistus I*

7:00 pm (Polish/English)

+Alfie Stamplecoskie (Dominic & Lowanda Coulas)

Thursday, October 15—**No Mass**—*St. Terese of Jesus*

10:30 am Mass in Round Lake

Friday, October 16 —*St. Marguerite d’Youville & St. Richard Gwyn*

6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm +Wayne Gamble (Arthur & Lillian Shulist)

Saturday, October 17—*St. Ignatius of Antioch*

5:00 pm For all of our parishioners

Sunday, October 18—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - *St. Luke*

11:00 am (Polish/English) God’s blessing for Sylvia & Mark Suska

(25th Wedding Anniv)

In your prayers remember:



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



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

The month of **October** is dedicated to **Our Lady of the Rosary**. The **rosary** will be recited a **half hour before each Mass**. Please join us.

Anyone wanting to subscribe to a personal copy of the daily **Living With Christ** and/or the **Word Among Us** for **2021**, please drop off payment with collection. They are **\$30.00 each for the year**. Orders are **due by Oct 25th**.

All human life is precious. Life is a gift from God for us to respect and protect through all its stages, from conception to natural death (Psalm 139). Every person is created by God, in his image, and loved by him. Each person's life has inherent worth and dignity (Gen 1:26-27; John 3:16). Human dignity does not depend on our ability or circumstances; it flows from our creation in the image of God. We must treat people as bearers of God's image, not as objects for our gratification. Our lives are not our own; they belong to God (1 Cor 6:19-20). This belief compels that catholic church to support the protection and promotion of life, to oppose practices that destroy or devalue human life, and to uphold the dignity of every person. **Life Chain 2020**, a peaceful, prayerful demonstration for Life will be held on **Sun, Oct 4th from 2-3 pm** in downtown **Barry's Bay and Round Lake Centre**. Come join us.

A **Rosary Rally** will be held on **Sat, Oct 10**, at **St. Hedwig Church** at **1:00 p.m.** It will be **streamed** on the parish website, in case you cannot attend.

Marriage Preparation Course are being offered on 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/>

Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., announces the following appointments: **Rev. Anthony Burchat** is appointed Parochial Vicar at St. Columbkille Cathedral. This appointment takes effect Oct 1st, 2020. **Rev. William J. Kenney** will become chaplain of a "virtual school" of about 300 pupils, organized by the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bishop has approved Father Kenney's taking this position, which takes effect on a date determined by the School Board.

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.

