

Reflection for Today

Today’s gospel reading leaves no doubt about the radical change of heart that Jesus calls for in his followers. Jesus is emphatic that he is not attempting to discount the law but that he is asking for something more than obedience to the law. He is not asking us to be correct, but to be holy. He is not impressed that we have never murdered anyone; he expects that we not consider even insulting anyone. He suggests that we not go to court, but that we settle our differences out of court. Rather than calling upon God to back up our oaths, he proposes that we simply tell the truth. He asserts that it is not so much our words and actions that count, but what goes on in our hearts.

This world will not become a better place by increasing the prison population, but by getting people to love one another more. Change people’s behavior and we may make them more accommodating; change their hearts and they become new persons.

Jesus was into radical surgery, not cosmetology. We are not called to better diets but to a profound respect for the sacredness of our bodies. We are not asked to behave more politely but to deeply love ourselves and others. It is not a matter of being nice to people and putting up with their “garbage,” but of being so open-hearted that their “garbage” doesn’t look like garbage any more.

Any change is difficult, the older we get. The conversion of heart that Jesus asks of us is the most difficult change of all. To see all of life with the eyes of love requires a fundamental shift in our values; for all its benefit to us, it is very difficult to do.

In your prayers remember:



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

Schedule of Masses

Monday, February 17—Seven Founders of Servites

FAMILY DAY

10:00 am (Polish) Tobias & Benjamin Sullivan

(Sullivan Family)

Tuesday, February 18—No Mass-St. Bernadette Soubirous

Wednesday, February 19-St. Conrad of Piacenza

6:30 pm Rosary & Novena

7:00 pm (Polish/English)

+Alfie Prince (Gertie Blank)

+Andrew Blank (Doug & Bernadette Alcock)

+Dominic Bloskie (Tim & Terry Bloskie)

Thursday, February 20—Sts. Francis & Jacinta Marto

9:00 am +Sylvester Recoskie (Joe & Barb Yaskolskie)

Friday, February 21-St. Peter Damian

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 pm to 7 pm

7:00 pm +Fred Green (Arthur & Lillian Shulist)

+Larry Lorbetskie (Bernie Finucane)

+Alex Shulist (Marilyn Gloccheskie)

Saturday, February 22-Chair of St. Peter

5:00 pm +Lornie Recoskie (Anniv)

(Catherine Recoskie & Family)

Sunday, February 23—7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Polycarp

11:00 am (Polish/English)

For all of our parishioners

Thought for this Week

Genuine love is demanding, but its beauty lies precisely in the demands it makes.

-Pope Francis



Ministry Assignments next Sundays

	Sat, Feb 22- 5:00 pm	Sun, Feb 23- 11:00 am
Rosary	Phyllis Blank	Anna Burdzinski Emilia Sadecki Benjamin Sullivan
Altar Servers	Sylvester Prince	Tobias Sullivan Aaran Visutskie Janisa Visutskie
Lector	Vicky Cybulski-Blank	Steve Platt / Joanna Ropego
Eucharistic Minister	Sylvester Prince	Zbigniew Szymkow
	Dominic Burchat	Barbara Blank
Ushers	Xavier Hudder Jerome Kuiack	Henryk Bartul Stanley Dombroskie
	Ray Kutchkoskie	Michael Brotton
Altar Guild	Fri, Feb 21—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**.

Our **Annual Parish Financial Summary and Cemetery Report** has been included with this bulletin. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask one of the members on the Finance Committee and Cemetery Committee.

There are two **advertising spaces available** on the back of our bulletin. These ads reach many individuals as well as our website.



St. Mary's Rosary Society and Knights of Columbus **breakfast/brunch** is next **Sunday, Feb 23rd from 9 am to 1 pm**. Great selection of

food. Adult—\$10 and children \$5. Yummy

We will be having our second annual **church yard sale in May**. As your doing your New Year's house and garage cleaning, set aside those items that you feel have a second life in a new household. Pickup will occur closer to the date.

Bible Study schedule:

Session 5: Wed, Feb 19—7:30 pm

Please join us for last session.

Starting **Mar 2nd**, St. Andrew's Church in Killaloe will be inaccessible for 4-5 weeks for floor renovation. During this time there will be **one Mass** celebrated on Sunday mornings at **10:00 am** in **St. Andrew's School gym**.

Gather at Heartwood Restaurant in Combermere on Tues, Feb 25th from 2-4 pm for a group discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group, not a grief support or counselling session. Our aim is to increase awareness of death to help people make the most of their lives. Hosted by MV Hospice Palliative Care.

Annual Women's Retreat: To be held **Feb 28 – Mar 1, 2020** at Graphite Bible Camp in Maynooth. Fr. Denis Lemieux and Philomena Lim from Madonna House will be leading the retreat. This year the theme is "FIAT: Living a life of surrender to God." The cost is \$150. For information, contact us Posie 613 281-5522, Kristan 613 585-0579 or Mary 613 756-0148.

Family is not just a bunch of people who are related to you. Family is a group of people you choose to be by your side no matter what. You choose them to be with you for the rest of your life. And this is the most precious gift of God.

HAPPY FAMILY DAY!