

REFLECTION FOR THE DAY

As we begin looking forward to Christmas, Advent begins a new liturgical year for the church. Christmas celebrates a unique presence of God in human history. Advent attempts to awaken us to awareness of God's active presence in our lives. Few of us wouldn't be immensely gratified for an assurance of God's presence. Have we not often wished that God would show himself to us more directly? Do we not hunger for God's healing touch in our distress, loneliness, and brokenness? And wouldn't our happiness and confidence improve significantly if we felt that God was with us, was there for us as an abiding support?

The question we are really asking, therefore is: How can we better sense that faithful love? How can we experience the presence of God? In today's gospel, Luke offers us an answer. In the words of Jesus we are told to "take heed, watch and pray."

And that is a problem for most of us operating in the hectic pace to day-to-day living. Most of us have so many responsibilities, so much to worry about, so many projects demanding our attention, so much to do, that we live mechanically and become almost numb in our awareness. We don't notice much of anything. We're so busy that we regularly complain: "I don't know where the time has gone," "I don't know where my life has been," or "I can't believe another Christmas is here already." How can we be heedful to the presence of God in our lives, when we don't even notice that time is passing us by and that whole seasons have come and gone?

Our need, therefore, is to wake up and take notice of what is going on in our lives moment to moment. Advent is awake-up call. We prepare the way of the Lord by being on the lookout for his presence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 6:00 pm. Please join us.

Copies of *Restoration*, *Advent-Word Among Us* and *Ecclesia* are available in the church and mailbox.

Visitation of the sick will be on **Fri, Dec 3rd**. If you wish to be added to the list, contact the office

2022 Envelopes are available for **pick up at the back of the church, near elevator**. If you would like to receive a set, call parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

The **Rosary Society** is donating **one religious calendar per family**, available at the back of the church. Any **additional calendars are \$5.00 each**. Please place money in envelope located beside the calendars and drop off in collection basket. **Thank you to the Rosary Society.**

If your child is ready for Sacraments of **First Communion and/or Confirmation** next year, please complete a registration form located at the back of the church. **Registration is due by Jan 9, 2022.**

The Spirituality of Advent with Dr. Tim Gray is a **free** live webinar for Advent on **Tues, Nov 30th at 11:00 am MT (1:00 ET)**. Join them for a reflection on how to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. **Register** at https://augustineinstitute-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qc479q7wR9W7MtHioV9nVw

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Please use stmaryswilno@gmail.com when you are making an etransfer from your bank account. It will be directly deposited and the church will be notified. There is a section to make a note, please indicate if donation is regular

Sunday collection, building fund or In Memory Of (with name). Also, if you are not a parishioner, please provide mailing address there. All donations will be recorded as usual, designated as per request, and will appear on the year end tax receipt.

Ministry Assignment

| Sat, Nov 27—5:00 pm | Sun, Nov 28—11:00 am |
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| Lector Ana & Tobias Sullivan | Len Gignac / Andrzej Suska |
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| Altar Guild Mon, Nov 29th to Sun, Dec 12th—Lillian Shulist & helpers (2 weeks) |
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| Sat, Dec 4— 5:00 pm | Sun, Dec 5—11:00 am |
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| Lector Rita Coulas | Len Gignac / Ryszard Prusakiewicz |
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| Sat, Dec 11—5:00 pm | Sun, Dec 12—11:00 am |
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| Lector Steve Platt | Catherine Bloskie / Andrzej Wielgosz |
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| Altar Guild Mon, Dec 13th to Sun, Dec 26th—Virginia Platt & helpers (2 weeks) |
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| Sat, Dec 18— 5:00 pm | Sun, Dec 19—11:00 am |
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| Lector Edwin Echavarry | Catherine Bloskie / Andrzej Suska |
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Our **health unit** has received **complaints** regarding individuals **attending mass unmasked**. This email is intended to provide clarification on expectations regarding COVID-19 measures at places of worship. You may find our most recent at <https://www.rcdhu.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/COVID-19-Places-of-Worship-Guidance-Document-October-2021.pdf> **Wearing a mask that covers the nose, mouth, and chin is required in indoor settings. This includes when parishioners are seated at their pews, or are walking around the facility.** I encourage you to review the guidance document. **Further, if we continue to receive complaints of a similar nature we may follow-up in person with on-site visits and enforcement action may occur, if necessary.** Feel free to reach out to me should you have any additional questions or concerns. I am happy to provide resources and have a discussion about COVID-19 precautions at your church. **Tatianna Desak, B.EPH, CPHI**© Public Health Inspector
Telephone: 613-732-3629 x 530 Email: tdesak@rcdhu.com

SCHEDULE OF MASSES—NOVEMBER 29th to December 4th

For sacramental celebrations, in Step 3, as of July 16th, there is no capacity limit for places of worship. However, physical distancing of 2 metres (6 ft) is still required between parishioners attending Mass who are not from the same household, therefore our capacity remains at **125 people**.

At the same time, we have to keep in place all the former restrictions, we sanitize our hands, **we sign in after coming into the church**, follow one way traffic in the church building, singing with a mask on and receive Holy Communion with our hands. **Bishop Desrochers is reminding us once again, that the Renfrew County District Health Unit is asking us to wear the mask throughout the whole celebration, not just at certain times.**

Similar to other sacramental celebrations, there are no capacity restrictions for funerals as long as 2 metres (6 ft) of physical distancing can be maintained between attendees who are not from the same household.

Masses will be still transmitted through the radio station **88.3 FM**.

Monday, November 29—St. Saturninus

10:00 am (Polish) +Agnes & Anthony Laturski (Laturski Family)

Tuesday, November 30—No Mass—St. Andrew the Apostle

Wednesday, December 1—St. Edmund Campion, Bl. Charles de Foucauld

**10:00 am (Polish/English) + Ron Coulas (Sylvia & Dennis Stamplecoskie)
+Sylvester Recoskie (Andrew & Annette Kuiack)
+Doris Hudder (Theresa Peplinskie & Family)**

Thursday, December 2—No Mass—St. Viviana

Friday, December 3—FIRST FRIDAY—St. Francis Xavier

6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**7:00 pm +Larry Lorbetskie (Godparents: Elaine Hudder & Silas Lorbetskie)
+Monica Burchat (Knights of Columbus #16003)
+Anthony Yaraskavitch (Mary Yaraskavitch)**

Saturday, December 4—St. Barbara, St. John Damascene

5:00 pm +Living & deceased members of Luckasavitch & Cybulskie Family (Mary E. Luckasavitch)

SCHEDULE OF MASSES—December 5th to December 12th

Sunday, December 5—2nd Sunday of Advent—*St. Sabbas, St. Gerald*
11:00 am (Polish/English) For all of our Parishioners

Monday, December 6—*St. Nicholas*
10:00 am (Polish) +Deceased members of Peter & Victoria Yeretch Family (Yeretch Family)

Tuesday, December 7—No Mass—*St. Ambrose*

Wednesday, December 8—*Immaculate Conception*
7:00 pm (Polish/English) +Ambrose Blank (Blank Family)
+Isadore Yantha (John & Rita Hudder)
+Mary Yantha (Jim & Connie Still)

Thursday, December 9—No Mass—*St. Juan Diego*

Friday, December 10—*Our Lady of Loreto, St. John Roberts*
6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm +Mary Borutski (Percy & Frances Coulas)
+Gertrude Blank (Andrew & Marlene Shulist)
+Felix Coulas (Michael & Catherine Bloskie & Family)

Saturday, December 11—*St. Damasus I*
5:00 pm +Martin Shulist (Theresa Shulist)

Sunday, December 12—3rd Sunday of Advent—*Our Lady of Guadalupe*
11:00 am (Polish/English) For all of our Parishioners

In your prayers remember:



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

MESSAGES FROM CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (CCCB)

To mark this year's 50th anniversary of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue in Canada, please find a link below to seven YouTube videos featuring reflections and comments from some past members of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue in Canada. The videos are an initiative of the Anglican Church of Canada.

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQDBM9safSHwIJ0SXtPART5evaqcHbMz

This Advent Week 1 video series is offered as a tool for reflection during this Advent season, as we continue to walk with Indigenous Peoples on the path of healing and reconciliation. <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

DIOCESAN NEWS

Special collection envelopes and prayer cards for the Bishop's appeal for the **Evangelization Project** are attached. The collection will take place the 1st or 2nd Sunday of December.

+G. Desrochers, C.Ss.R., Bishop of Pembroke announces the following **pastoral appointments**: **Rev. Steven BALLARD** has been appointed Pastor of St John Chrysostom Parish, Arnprior, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Braeside, Feb 1, 2022. **Rev. John BURCHAT** has been appointed as Pastor of St Lawrence O'Toole Parish, Barry's Bay, Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish, Combermere, and St Francis de Sales Mission, Latchford Bridge. This appointment takes effect Feb 1, 2022. A priest of Madonna House will continue administration until the end of December. **Rev. Patrick DOBEC** has been appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Petawawa. This appointment takes effect Feb 1, 2022. **Rev. Réal OUELLETTE** will remain in the parishes of Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin, Astorville, Ste-Bernadette, Bonfield, and Sacred Heart, Corbeil. **Rev. Peter PROULX** will conclude his part-time ministry as parochial vicar at St John Chrysostom Parish, Arnprior. **Rev. Robert RYAN** will conclude his ministry at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Braeside, as he continues his recuperation from cancer. **Rev. Basil TANGUAY** has been appointed as part-time parochial vicar to the parishes of St James the Greater, Portage-du-Fort, Immaculate Conception, Bryson, Ste-Anne, Île-du-Grand Calumet, and St John the Evangelist, Campbell's Bay. This appointment commenced on Nov 1, 2021. **Rev. Justin BERTRAND** has resigned from priestly ministry and expressed his desire to seek dispensation from the obligations of the clerical state.

Synodal Journey in the Diocese 2021-2022: All the diocesan Churches of the world have now entered into a great process called "synod". Pope Francis officially launched this process on Sat and Sun 9 and 10 Oct, 2021 in St Peter's Basilica in Rome. He invites all the faithful, men and women, religious men and women, and clergy to embark on a vast consultation movement that will reach its climax in two years. We hope that we will thus be able to better discern the missionary paths for our Church of today and tomorrow. May our synodal process be imbued with the life-giving anointing of the Holy Spirit and truly respond to the desires and expectations of the divine Heart of Jesus. Sincerely yours in Christ our Redeemer, + Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R. More information can be found on the diocese website: <https://pembrokediocese.com/synod/>

The questions for our synodal process are as follows: To become an evangelizing Church that reaches out to the disaffected Catholics, to the poor, and to those who do not know Christ...

1. How can we, the faithful and our Christian communities, be more open to evangelization? (*Mission*)
2. How can we, the faithful and our Christian communities, better respond to the universal call to holiness through a greater love for God and for one another? (*Communion*)
3. How can the priests, deacons, religious and all the faithful be mobilized to evangelize? (*Participation*)
4. What are your dreams, hopes and vision for the future of the Diocese of Pembroke?
5. How can we continue this consultation and dialogue after the Synod?

In seeking answers to these questions, we are invited to let ourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit through prayer and the meditation on the word of God. **The questionnaire will be available online in early Jan 2022. Responses must be submitted online by Apr 30, 2022.**