

REFLECTION FOR THE DAY

One of the splendors of creation is the extraordinary variety of life. Every form of life has its unique role to play in God's plan. The great oaks, for example, daffodils, elephants, dolphins, and sharks each have their own design and purpose. They achieve their destinies by being just what they are, and functioning according to the nature of their species. Human beings, however, go one step better. We differ from plants and animals, not only because we are of a different species, but because each one of us is unique—almost an individual species in ourself. There is nobody else in the world exactly like us. It follows, therefore, that we will achieve our destiny by being just what we are, and functioning according to our uniqueness.

Each of us has our own life to unfold and our own destiny to accomplish. God has a plan, specific for each of us as individuals, to manifest God's glory, and our own. But accepting our uniqueness, with all that it implies, is not easy. Many people don't like themselves. Millions are not happy with who they are or what they have. Rather than accomplishing our own purposes, we waste time and energy complaining about our supposed deficiencies, and wishing we had someone else's looks, personalities, talents, social advantages, and financial means.

All that we need to be happy and fulfilled in life we already have. In his powerful letter to the Corinthians, Paul makes it clear that each of us possesses unique talents and gifts. No one has exactly the same endowments and we have no right to expect it to be otherwise.

God doesn't make comparisons and neither should we. In God's eyes, no one is more appealing, more talented, more beautiful, or more perfect. When we are unique, we are already perfect; because there really is no one else like us, there is no need for comparisons. We need to see, therefore, as God sees. We work to achieve our own excellence, in our own unique way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Fr. R. Majek, OMI, will be away from Sun, Jan 16th, following Mass to Thurs, Jan 20th. **No Masses during the week.**

If you have **not** picked up your **2022 church envelopes**, you may do so on **Thursday/Friday mornings** at the rectory office.

WORSHIPS SAFE COVID GUIDELINES

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, and receive Holy Communion with our hands.** As of Dec 20, 2021, the congregation are to **refrain from singing.** 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.** Further, if the Health Unit continue to receive complaints of a similar nature they may follow-up in person with on-site visits and enforcement action may occur, if necessary

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.**

SCHEDULE OF MASSES—January 17th to January 30th

Monday, January 17 to Thursday, January 20—No Masses

Friday, January 21—*St. Agnes*

6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm +Dominic & Rita Bloskie (Charles & Rachel Stamplicoski)

+Aloysius Lorbetskie (Louie & Maxine Dombroskie)

+Bernadette Ostroskie (Theresa Trader)

Saturday, January 22—*St. Felipe de Jesus, St. Vincent of Saragossa*

5:00 pm For all of our Parishioners

Sunday, January 23—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time —*St. Raymond*

11:00 am (Polish/English) +Ben Kutchkoskie (Andrew & Marlene Shulist)

Monday, January 24—*St. Francis de Sales*

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

Tuesday, January 25—No Mass—*Conversion of St. Paul*

Wednesday, January 26—*St. Timothy, St. Titus*

7:00 pm (Polish/English) +Walter & Mary Yantha (Yantha Family)

+Ambrose Blank (Blank Family)

Marc Arsenault (living) (Monique Perry)

Thursday, January 27—No Mass—*St. Angela Merici*

Friday, January 28—*St. Thomas Aquinas*

6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm +Alfie Prince (Adele Bozak)

Andrzej & Kristina Suska-50th Anniv (Len & Mary Lynn Gignac)

+Patrick Yaskolskie (Lornie, Aileen & Scott Yantha)

Saturday, January 29—*St. Gildas*

5:00 pm +Zeffie & Tony Trebinskie (Beverly & Xavier Hudder)

Sunday, January 30—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—*St. Martina*

11:00 am (Polish/English) For all of our Parishioners

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Income Tax Receipts for 2021 have been **mailed out**. Please note that any donations made after December 30th, will be shown on your 2022 receipt. If you have any questions about your receipt, please contact parish office Thursday or Friday mornings or send an email to stmaryswilno@gmail.com Thank you.

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

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| | Sat, Jan 15—5:00 pm | Sun, Jan 16—11:00 am |
| Lector | Ann & Tobias Sullivan | Catherine Bloskie / Andrzej Suska |
| | Sat, Jan 22—5:00 pm | Sun, Jan 23—11:00 am |
| Lector | Rita Coulas | Len Gignac / Ryszard Prusakiewicz |
| Altar Guild | Mon, Jan 24th to Sun, Feb 6th | Virginia Platt & Helpers |
| | Sat, Jan 29—11:00 am | Sun, Jan 30—11:00 am |
| Lector | Steve Platt | Len Gignac / Andrzej Wielgosz |
| | Sat, Feb 5— 5:00 pm | Sun, Feb 6—11:00 am |
| Lector | Edwin Echavarry | Catherine Bloskie / Andrzej Suska |
| Altar Guild | Mon, Jan 10th to Sun, Jan 23rd | Drenda Lapenskie & Helpers |

In your prayers remember:



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