

REFLECTION FOR THE DAY

Jesus' message in today's gospel is clear and perhaps threatens our complacency. In doing God's will, it is better if we say we don't want to do it and then change our minds and do it, than to claim we *want* to do God's will but then do little or nothing about it. Here's what it says: "Actions speak louder than words".

This gospel message is an indictment against having religious beliefs with no practical consequence, making promises we never honor, making resolutions we never keep, and making plans we never fulfill. If we want to live more effectively, we have to put into effect the principles of effective living. If we claim to be followers of Christ, we need to consistently prove it with action beyond pious words and statements of intent.

The gospel is also a solemn warning against any kind of self-righteousness because of our beliefs. Maintaining a title of "Christian" does not entitle us to enter the kingdom of God. Jesus cautions that "tax collectors and harlots" may have a better chance of entering the kingdom because their actions demonstrate that their repentance was from the heart rather than words alone. Experience shows that "sinners" often have more sensitivity, compassion, and forgiveness than the moralistic among us who would find the company of such people repugnant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The month of **October** is dedicated to **Our Lady of the Rosary**. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 6:00 pm**. Please join us.

Visitation of the sick will be on **Fri, Oct 6th**. If you wish to be added to the list, please call the parish office.

Pumpkins, flowers, etc. are needed for **decorating the church** for **Thanksgiving**. Please bring items in for **Fri, Oct 6th**.

Thanksgiving Day—Oct 9th—It is fitting for God's people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ. (see Eph. 1.3-10) Our God also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people.

October is Life Month. The organization "*Right Now*" is running a petition drive to request that the government legally restrict the procurement of an abortion. You are invited to **sign the petition at the back of the church on Thanksgiving Weekend, October 7th and 8th**.

Knights of Columbus meeting will be held on **Thurs, Oct 12th at 7:00 pm**. All members are encouraged to attend.

The **5th draw** will be held on **Sun, Oct 15th**. There are only **100 tickets printed** for the \$1,000 Raffle prize and each ticket sells for **\$20.00**. Contact Basil Borutski, Lorraine Coulter, Marilyn Glofcheskie, Krystna Kearney or Andrew Shulist, if you wish to purchase a ticket.

You are **invited** to join us for **coffee** in the parish hall **after the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays**.

In your prayers remember:



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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: Sat, Sept 16—61 Sun, Sept 17—123
Sat, Sept 23—58 Sun, Sept 24—139

DIOCESAN NEWS

Next **Healing Service** with Eucharistic Adoration which will be held at **St. Anne Parish**, 241 Second Street, **Mattawa on Tues, Oct 3rd from 7-8:15 p.m.**

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Episcopal Ministry of the Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R. as the Ninth Bishop of Pembroke will be held at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille, Pembroke, on **Wed, Oct 4th at 2:30 p.m.** A farewell reception will be held in the Cathedral Hall immediately after the Mass. All are welcome for this occasion to wish Archbishop-designate Desrochers well as he departs to assume his ministry in the Archdiocese of Moncton.

The **new Archbishop, The Most Reverend Guy Desrochers**, will be **installed** in the presence of His Excellency Archbishop Ivan Jurkovic, Apostolic Nuncio in Canada on **Wed, Oct 18th at 3:00 pm** at the **Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption in Moncton, New Brunswick.**

Hot Roast Beef Dinner is being offered at **St. John Chrysostom Parish in Arnprior on Sun, Oct 15th from 12:00 noon until 6:00 pm.** Adults: \$20, Children under 12: \$10 and children under 6—Free.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) – Registration is OPEN for Pembroke Level 1 CGS at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. This Montessori-based (experiential learning) and child-centered catechetical program offers children a deep engagement of Scripture and Liturgy, to facilitate the child's encounter with the Mystery of God and Our Lord, the Good Shepherd. **A Saturday morning session**, from 10:15 am - 12:00 pm will run Oct 28 to the end of May. Open to children ages 3-5 from Pembroke and area. **Register before Oct 20**, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office during regular office hours. Registration is \$150/child, plus \$100 for any additional sibling. To learn more about this beautiful program for our young children, visit cgsac.ca (The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada), or contact Maria Reilander st.hedwigs.cgs@gmail.com or 613-756-0528.

YOU Theology of the Body for Teens by Ascension Press: For all teens from age 14 – 19. Come learn what LOVE really is, why we were made male and female, how do we know what the truth is, what is our true value, what does God want to reveal to us about our bodies and so much more. **Saturdays Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 9 from 10 – 3:30 pm.** \$40 per participant includes student workbook and daily lunch. ***Special parent session on Oct. 21, 10 a.m -12:30 p.m. Includes lunch. No cost*.** Online registration and further details at www.pembrokedioocese.com (front page) or register here <https://pembrokedioocese.com/tobforteens/> Questions? Contact Yvette at yvettebourque@pembrokedioocese.com.

Project Rachel at the Refuge is offering a retreat **Oct 27-29, 2023**, for women who are suffering the effects of abortion. We have been offering Project Rachel retreats for more than fifteen years. At our retreats, we welcome women whose pain has been silenced and denied by the world. See our web site (stmarysrefuge.org/rachel), and phone or e-mail us in confidence, 289 691 6840 or projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org.

Marriage Preparation Program: Online registration is available at <https://pembrokedioocese.com/young-adult-marriage-and-family/>. Registration Fee is **\$100.00/couple.** E-Transfer is now available via donnabiggs@pembrokedioocese.com or a cheque can be mailed to: Diocese of Pembroke – FLYMO – P.O Box 7, Renfrew St. Pembroke, ON K8A 6X1 along with this form filled out. Questions? Contact Yvette Bourque at (613) 585-6301 or yvettebourque@pembrokedioocese.com . **Forms available at the back of the church.**

Winter: St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew on Sat, Mar 2, 2024 from 9:00-4:00 pm and second Sat, Mar 23, 2024 from 9:00-4:00 pm. **Deadline to register is Feb 22nd.**

Spring: Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Pembroke on Sat, Apr 6, 2024 from 9:00-4:00 pm and second Sat, Apr 20, 2024 from 9:00-4:00 pm. **Deadline to register is Mar 21st.**

We expect that a good number of parishioners will continue to wear masks, especially as attendance increases at our Masses. We encourage anyone who wishes to wear a mask to do so as their comfort is very important to all of us. Please self-monitor for any signs of illness, and to continue to avoid circumstances where you could transmit COVID-19 to others. **Masses will still be transmitted through the radio station 88.3 FM.**

SCHEDULE OF MASSES—Sun, Oct 1st to Sun, Oct 15th

Sunday, October 1—26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—St. Therese of the Child Jesus

11:00 am (Polish/English) +Julia Lorbetskie (Bozena i Zbigniew Szymkow)

Monday, October 2—The Holy Guardian Angels

10:00 am (Polish) +Jozef Baginski & Barbara Smolinski (Wife, daughter, son & grandchildren)

Tuesday, October 3—No Mass—St. Gerard of Brogne

Wednesday, October 4—St. St. Francis of Assisi

10:00 am (Polish / English) +Shaun Lapenskie (Clarence & Rose Ann Cybulski)

O opiece Matki Bożej i szczęśliwe rozwiązanie dla Claudii

Thursday, October 5—No Mass—St. Faustina Kowalska

Friday, October 6—FIRST FRIDAY—Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher, St. Bruno

6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm +Aldon Kosinski (Zofia Kosinski i corki)

All Rosary Society Members—living & deceased (Rosary Society)

Saturday, October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary

5:00 pm For all of our Parishioners

Sunday, October 8—27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—St. Pelagia

11:00 am (Polish/English) +Wanda Kuszelewski (Mira Kuszelewski)

Monday, October 9—THANKSGIVING DAY—St. Denis, St. John Leonardi,

St. John Henry Newman

10:00 am Św Pamieci Zofia Podgorniak (Syn)

Tuesday, October 10—No Mass—St. Gislenus, St. Thomas of Villanova

Wednesday, October 11—St. John XXIII, St. Firminus

7:00 pm (Polish/English) +Maggie Moore (Andrew & Marlene Shulist)

+Nicholas Stamplecoskie (Arthur & Lillian Shulist)

Thursday, October 12—No Mass—Bl. Carlos Acutis, St. Wilfred, Our Lady of the Pillar

Friday, October 13—St. Edward the Confessor

6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm +Carl, Dominic & Florence Lorbetskie (Gerard & Rose Marie Lorbetskie)

Healing for Logan Martin (Linda Shulist)

Saturday, October 14—St. Callistus I

5:00 pm +Helena Wolczek (Edward, Jennifer & Bianca Herbacz)

Sunday, October 15—28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—St. Teresa of Jesus

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



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.

We have envelopes with *In Memory Pamphlet* available for pick up at the funeral home or back of the church for **St. Mary's Building and Renovation Fund, St. Mary's and St. Stanislaus Koska cemeteries or Mass Offering.**

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS	
Sat, Sept 30—5:00 pm	Edwin Echavarry
Sun, Oct 1—11:00 am <i>Altar Guild: Mon, Oct 2 to Sun, Oct 15</i>	Catherine Bloskie / Andrzej Wielgosz <i>Virginia Platt & Helpers</i>
Sat, Oct 7—5:00 pm	Ana & Tobias Sullivan
Sun, Oct 8—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Andrzej Suska
Sat, Oct 14—5:00 pm	Rita Coulas
Sun, Oct 15—11:00 am <i>Altar Guild: Mon, Oct 16 to Sun, Oct 29</i>	Catherine Bloskie / Andrzej Wielgosz <i>Lillian Shulist & Helpers</i>
Sat, Oct 21—5:00 pm	Steve Platt
Sun, Oct 22—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Andrzej Suska

