

**REFLECTION FOR THE DAY**

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 proposed 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 vision; for all its benefits to us, it is very difficult to do.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

We **welcome Janek Krzysztof Oliver**, son of Bernard Oliver & Anna Marszalek, who received the sacrament of Baptism and is entering the community of the church. God Bless!

Our **deepest sympathy** to family and friends of **Mary (Cybulskie) Luckasavitch**. May her soul rest in peace.

**Rosary Society meeting on Mon, Feb 13th at 6:30 pm.** New members are welcome. Call Lorraine at 613-756-1571 if you have questions.

**Financial Committee meeting on Thurs, Feb 16th at 7:00 pm.**

Plan to attend **pancake breakfast** on **Sun, Feb 19th** in our parish hall. Scrambled eggs are included.



On **Wed, Feb 22nd**, we enter into the season of Lent with distribution of ashes at the 7:00 pm Mass. **Stations of the cross** will be held on **Fridays** beginning at **6:30 pm**.

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

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

## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

In preparation for **Lent**, we invite you to join our six week Bible study that looks at the last days of Jesus, taught by our very own Patrick Sullivan, Catholic Evangelist. The study promises to bring you closer to Christ and His passion more than ever before. We hope to see you there.

When? 7:30 p.m. [following Wednesday evening Mass]

Where? St. Mary's Parish Hall or Rectory Meeting Room

What do I bring? A Bible!

**Start Date: Wednesday, February 15th, 2023**

*For a full list of dates, please see the poster in the parish vestibule.*

The parish bulletin has an empty space available on the back. If you wish to **advertise your business or organization**, call the office 613-756-2344, or email us at [stmaryswilno@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswilno@gmail.com) Continue to support our bulletin advertisers.

**Knights of Columbus meeting** has been **rescheduled** to **Thurs, Feb 19th at 7:00 pm**. The Knights intend to have another **Yard Sale** this year so after your Spring cleaning call Delmar 613-756-1785 or Ed 613-756-6535 for pick up anytime.

If you're looking for a religious article that is not on display, please drop off suggestion in the box located near the guest book and we will try our best to find something.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMS: Online registration is available at <https://pembrokediocese.com/young-adult/marriage-and-family/>. Registration Fee is \$100.00/couple. E-Transfer is now available via [donnabiggs@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:donnabiggs@pembrokediocese.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 email at [yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com) . Form available at back of church. Course date is Sat, Apr 1 from 9 am-4 pm and Sat, Apr 15 from 9 am-4 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pembroke. Deadline to register is Mar 16, 2023.**

The **2023 Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference will be held on Sat, Feb 25th at St. Joseph -Scollard Hall in North Bay, Ontario**. Join youth from across Northern Ontario for a day of faith, music, sharing, talks and powerful witness featuring popular Catholic Speaker Ken Yasinski. This year's theme is "Level Up - Find Your Purpose!" Registration fee is only \$20 and includes all meals! The Conference runs from 10am – 8pm, and overnight accommodations are available for travelers. **All young people aged 13-19** are invited to register online at [www.holynametalphonus.com/levelup](http://www.holynametalphonus.com/levelup). This event is presented by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie.

**Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College & The Don Bosco Drama Club** present live theatre once again with "**Candida**", a comedy by George Bernard Shaw. Showtimes: Fri, Feb 10th—7 pm, Sat, Feb 11th—7 pm, Sun (matinee), Feb 12th—1 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 406, Barry's Bay, Ont. TICKETS at the door: ADULT: \$20, STUDENTS/SENIORS: \$12 (cash, cheque, etransfer only), ADVANCE: \$15.35 (adult) / \$11.70 (student); etransfer-only; Children under 6: Free, Family rate: \$50

### *In your prayers remember:*



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

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—Feb 12th to Feb 26th**

**Sunday, February 12—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—*St. Eulalia***  
11:00 am (Polish/English) +Alex Trebinskie (Florence Trebinskie & Family)

**Monday, February 13—*St. Catherine de Ricci***  
10:00 am (Polish) +Anthony Yaraskavitch (Julia & Silas Lorbetskie)

**Tuesday, February 14—No Mass—*Sts. Cyril & Methodius, St. Valentine***

**Wednesday, February 15—*Sts. Faustinus & Jovita***  
7:00 pm (English / Polish) +Peter & Theresa (Anniv) Murack (Catherine & Michael Bloskie & Family)  
+Walter & Mary Yantha (Yantha Family)

**Thursday, February 16—No Mass—*St. Juliana, St. Onesimus***

**Friday, February 17—*Seven Founders of Servites***  
6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 pm +Alex Shulist (Alan & Rose Bibby)  
+Benedict Dombroskie (Maureen & Maxie Kiedroski)

**Saturday, February 18—*St. Bernadette Soubirous***  
5:00 pm (English) +Monica & Felix Burchat (Don Burchat & Family)

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**Sunday, February 19—7th Sunday in Ordinary Time—*St. Conrad of Piacenza***  
11:00 am (Polish/English) For all of our Parishioners

**Monday, February 20—FAMILY DAY—*Sts. Francisco & Jacinta Marto***  
10:00 am (Polish) +Souls in Purgatory (Parishioner)

**Tuesday, February 21—No Mass—*St. Peter Damian***

**Wednesday, February 22—ASH WEDNESDAY—*Chair of St. Peter***  
7:00 pm (English / Polish) +Wanda Niedojadlo (Dorota Zubko)  
+Doris Hudder (Rosary Society)  
Distribution of Ashes

**Thursday, February 23—No Mass—*St. Polycarp***

**Friday, February 24—*St. Ethelbert, St. Oscar Romero***  
6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm +Mildred Petroskie (Andrew & Marlene Shulist)  
+Adolph Burchat (Joe Kutchkoskie)

**Saturday, February 25—*St. Tarasius***  
5:00 pm For all of our parishioners

**Sunday, February 26—1st Sunday of Lent —*St. Alexander***  
11:00 am (Polish/English) +Florence Cybulski (Arthur & Lillian Shulist)

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

Please use [stmaryswilno@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswilno@gmail.com) when you are making an e-transfer 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.

Funeral homes are not accepting donations at this time in their office. We have envelopes with ***In Memory Pamphlet*** available for pick up there, for **St. Mary’s Building and Renovation Fund, St. Mary’s and St. Stanislaus Koska cemeteries or Mass Offering**. If you wish to make a donation, kindly pick a pamphlet up. Pamphlets are also available in church office and at the **back of the church**. Thank you for your continued support.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS	
Sat, Feb 11—5:00 pm	Edwin Echavarry
Sun, Feb 12—11:00 am	Catherine Bloskie / Ryszard Prusakiewicz
Sat, Feb 18—5:00 pm	Ana & Tobias Sullivan
Sun, Feb 19—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Andrzej Suska
<i>Altar Guild: Mon, Feb 20 to Sun, Mar 5</i>	<i>Virginia Platt &amp; Helpers</i>
Sat, Feb 25—5:00 pm	Rita Coulas
Sun, Feb 26—11:00 am	Catherine Bloskie / Ryszard Prusakiewicz
Sat, Mar 5—5:00 pm	John Morris
Sun, Mar 6—11:00 am	Len Gignac / Andrzej Suska
<i>Altar Guild: Mon, Mar 6 to Sun, Mar 19</i>	<i>Drenda Lapenskie &amp; Helpers</i>

<b>CHURCH ATTENDANCE:</b> Sat, Jan 28—57	Sun, Jan 29— 88
Sat, Feb 4—44	Sun, Feb 5— 78

**Earthquake in Turkey and Syria:** People are wondering how they can help victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Here are links to two Catholic aid organizations:

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada: <https://www.devp.org/en/>

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association: <https://cnewa.org/ca/>



Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

With joy, 2023 marks the momentous occasion of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diocese of Pembroke. This milestone provides an opportunity to give thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit and for us to recognize God's grace continually at work in the life of our diocese.

In 1898 when the Holy See elevated the Vicariate of Pontiac to become the Diocese of Pembroke, Bishop Lorrain was already labouring tirelessly in this vast mission territory, often with limited resources and enormous challenges. Upon his episcopal ordination Bishop Lorrain took his motto after St. Martin of Tours "*non recuso laborem*" which translates "I do not refuse the task" as he cultivated the gifts of the faithful, religious and clergy to build up the mission of the Church. As we celebrate this significant anniversary the times and circumstances of our day may be very different, but the mission of the Church remains timeless.

To mark this milestone of 125 years, I invite all of the faithful, religious and clergy of the diocese to a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral of Saint Columbkille in Pembroke on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall. This will mark the exact date in 1898 that Pope Leo XIII created the Diocese of Pembroke.

In taking the time to give thanks and look ahead to the future, I invoke the intercession of our diocesan patron, Saint Columba, the great monk and missionary, to assist us in labouring in the work of evangelization. Like the example of Bishop Lorrain and the generations that followed, we must not run away from the missionary task of our present day. May the Holy Spirit use this anniversary to kindle our diocese, parishes, schools, homes and hearts as the new mission territory, fertile for the Good News of the risen Lord and his Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

*+ Guy Desrochers, C.M.*

Bishop of Pembroke