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Mon to Thurs  
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## SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 PM  
Sunday 10:30 AM

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Cancelled until further notice

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In the Quiet Room  
Saturday 4:00 PM to 4:15 PM  
Sunday 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM  
First Friday before 8 AM mass  
Or by appointment. Call Fr. Brennan Ext 1  
or Fr. Coyne Ext 4

## COMMUNION TO THE SICK OR SHUT-INS

Contact the parish office to arrange for this Ministry

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Father Brennan at least six months before the proposed celebration as a preparation program is required.

## BAPTISM

Please contact Fr. Brennan regarding upcoming preparation

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY & TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. Aug. 16  
 8:00 am Des McIntyre - Margaret McIntyre & Family

TUES. Aug. 17  
 8:00 am Intentions of Brenda Howorth  
 - Theresa Dregas

WED. Aug. 18  
 8:00 am Margaret Leppert - Lore Coyne

THURS. Aug. 19  
 8:00 am Bert & Joan Miller  
 - Doreen Ballard & Family

FRI. Aug. 20  
 8:00 am Mary Alice Enright  
 - Art & Marilyn Campbell

SAT. Aug. 21  
 4:30 pm Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

SUN. Aug. 22  
 10:30 am Repose of the Soul of Dolly McDonald  
 - Daughter, Debra

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. Aug. 23  
 8:00 am Basil Brosso - Steve & Theresa Dregas

TUES. Aug. 24  
 8:00 am John Wright & Clarence McIntyre  
 - Dorothy Wright-McIntyre

WED. Aug. 25  
 8:00 am Des McIntyre - Kevin Rand

THURS. Aug. 26  
 8:00 am Andrée Dregas - Steve

FRI. Aug. 27  
 8:00 am Mary Alice Enright - Mary & Dwaine Steele

SAT. Aug. 28  
 4:30 pm Dave & Annmarie Hanniman  
 - Siblings, Ab, Marlene & Chrissy

SUN. Aug. 29  
 10:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

The Mighty One has done great things for me;  
 God has lifted up the lowly.  
 Luke 1.39-56

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Claire Norlock, Bernadette Bailey, Bert Miller, brother of Doreen Ballard, Mary Alice Enright, sister of Marilyn Campbell and Norman Warren, father of Darlene Joyce.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN**

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Doreen Ryan-Dagenais, Marcella Cybulski, Darlene Shields, Annlea O'Rourke, Gail Caillier, Doris Long, Johanna Mathieu, Margarita Kurth, Betty Sammon, Sylvie Lafontaine, Stella Shalla and Georges and Jeannette Blanchette.

**Sunday Offering August 1<sup>st</sup>: \$6,751.34**  
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**Monthly EFT: \$2,743.34; Weekly EFT: \$240.00;**  
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- ~ LINUS YIXIN WONG, son of Harry & Victoria ~
- ~ MAX XAVIER PECOSKIE, son of Nicholas & Kelly ~

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Catherine Doherty's insight on evangelization: third of three parts

**Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

Last week, I brought you part two of three of a reflection by Catherine Doherty on the topic of evangelization. If you didn't get a chance to read the first part, go to the diocesan website and check out the [Weekly Bulletin](#). Here is the third and last part of three of an excerpt from Chapter 7, taken from the book entitled: "*The Mystical Body of Christ*".

Sincerely yours in Christ our redeemer,

+Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.

Bishop of Pembroke

**EVANGELIZATION - GOOD NEWS AS GIFT**

Chapter 7, *The Mystical Body of Christ* by Catherine Doherty, © Madonna House Publications 2013

We need to pray so as not to water down the Gospel. (However, I don't blame anybody for *wanting* to water it down a little, because the one who speaks the Gospel is always within the reach of nails and of wood, and the two always connect in the form of a cross.) In an inimical milieu, hateful words, like stones, may be hurled at you. People can crucify you by their glances, by rejection and ridicule. It is essential that we all step softly in these situations and beg the Holy Spirit to guide us. We must open our hearts ever wider.

So here am I, and my friend is a non-believer, or whatever. But I love him as a person. Our friendship is open-ended. I share with him work and food, and friendship shares thoughts, ideas, words. I tell him what to me is the most precious thing, I give him the Word, God. He might give me his ideas, and I accept them and we discuss them together, because friendship is like oil on troubled waters. We don't hit each other because we think differently.

Friendship is understanding the other person as best we can. It means approaching that person with his or her good in mind. When I 'preach' the Gospel with my life or with my words, I establish communion.

Friendship needs to be open-ended, not a closed circle. For example, a little group of people get very close and are sitting at a table. Let's say that you walk up to this table and say, "Hi, how's everything?" and you meet with an "Okay". "Well, how have you been?" "Fine." "What kinds of things have you been doing?" The cold that comes from those people is Arctic; you feel rejected. That kind of friendship is closed unto itself totally, but if when you walk up they say, "Sit down, join us", it's open-ended, not exclusive. We have to extend our friendship into a very wide context. Frankly, it always becomes cruciform, like all the things of God are. It forgets itself and reaches out to the other.

Friends sent me clippings saying, "Even prostitutes should be evangelized". I wanted to cry, because it stands to reason that if you are bringing the Good News, which is Christ and what he taught, then it is applicable to everybody without exception. We need to speak the Good News slowly, gently, changing phraseology, semantics to fit each person and every background.

But above all, we must live that Word, that Gospel with our lives. We must realize our weakness and God's strength, and show it. Our joy, first and foremost and last is resemblance to Jesus Christ. How many of us are ready to lay down our life for our brother? That is evangelization. If you lay down your life for your brother, hundreds will come and embrace the faith, even in our difficult days.

In our computerized society, both society and the Church need the witness of intensely *personal* relationships, based on love—beginning with revealing our relationship with God and his with us. By allowing people to touch God through speaking of your relationship with him, you help others come into contact with God; this is the heart of the Gospel. We should also pay attention to new opportunities, possibilities, openings that may cut across our pre-conceived notions and beckon us into ways and situations that we have perhaps never thought of.

We seek a deeper presentation of the Good News. It is important for us to use all modern means of communication and technology to put across the message of Christ. Look around for the paths that God is already laying out for you to follow. If you do, a new awareness, a new vitality and new sense of challenge and adventure will come into your heart. We must be ready to follow Christ wherever he goes, for Christ has a way of going into unexpected places. Let us be ready to follow him.

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