

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday & Wednesday - Friday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

PASTOR

Rev. Patrick M. Dobec, P.P.

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS

See Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Weekdays – Before all Masses or by
appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Solemn Exposition – First Friday

Simple Exposition – December 11th

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 December 2019

Let us pray . . .

For the intentions of the Holy Father . . . that every country determines to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

For those contemplating a return to the Sacraments . . . that the season of Advent may be a time of great consolation, forgiveness and healing for those pondering their relationship with Christ.

For all those making the Mission that it will be a time of many graces.

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially for the repose of the souls of those who have no one to pray for them.

Requiescant in Pace!

ADVENT MISSION SCHEDULE

Sunday	7:00 p.m.	WHO IS GOD?
Monday	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin 10:00 a.m. Michael O'Malley by Dwyer Family Gladys Bolduc by Friends 7:00 p.m. IF GOD IS GOOD, WHY IS THERE EVIL IN THE WORLD	
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Al Smaglinski by Delmar & Christine Recoskie 7:00 p.m. IF GOD IS GOOD BUT THERE IS EVIL IN THE WORLD, WHAT HAS GOD DONE ABOUT IT?	
Wednesday	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion 10:00 a.m. Scott Jeffrey by Jerome Kuiack 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Simple Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 p.m. IF GOD IS GOOD BUT EVIL EXISTS, AND GOD IS DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT, HOW DO WE GET ON BOARD?	
Thursday	Our Lady of Gauadalupe 12:00 noon The Angelus 12:10 p.m. Andrew Lapenskie by John & Ursula Jeffrey	
Friday	Water Tower 10:30 a.m. November Intentions (All Souls)	

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

15 December 2019

Saturday	4:30 pm	Anthony Lorbetskie by Jamie & Tammy Prince & Family
Sunday	9:30 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for all the People)

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS

	December 7 th	December 8 th
Readers	Karen Yakabuski/Martin Yakabuski	Joanne Olsen
Ushers	Gerard August & Tony Burant	Peter Glofcheskie & Greg Kelly
Gift Bearers	Neil & Connie O'Reilly	John & Ursula Jeffrey
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Neil O'Reilly	Ursula Jeffrey & Pat Flynn David Cannon & Terry Recoskie

SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful exceptions.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – Our Christian Community welcomes with great joy Evelyn Monica daughter of Dean and Mary Pecarski who celebrated baptism here last Sunday.

SIMPLE ADORATION: Wednesday, December 11th from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Honour of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed virgin Mary (9th), AND Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (12th). Please sign the [commitment sheet](#) as soon as possible before December 11th.



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YOU ARE INVITED To spread tidings of comfort and joy!! Saturday, December 21st.

1:30 p.m. Meet in Parish Hall

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Carol singing through town

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Hot Chocolate/Warm Cider/Goodies

Bring your warm mittens and smiles. We encourage families, young and old. Anyone who likes to sing.

The Social Committee wishes to thank EVERYONE who has supported activities of fun and fellowship

through the year. We have achieved our goals of building a sense of community and surpassed our

financial target raising 10,322.01!! HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS FOR 2020!!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE – TODAY Sunday, December 8th and December 15th after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. New choir members are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE: WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK will be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. The Advent Mission Presentation is at 7:00 p.m.

The Catholic funeral rites are among the most consoling liturgies of our tradition. They force us to stop, ponder, mourn and pray. Funerals should inconvenience us. We often never realize how our presence at a wake or funeral can bring such consolation. A few years ago a radio feature with journalist Dierdre Sullivan she spoke of how her father insisted that the children in their family attend wakes and funerals. Her conclusion gives much to reflect upon, especially in a society that often appears too busy to stop and deal with death: *In my humdrum life, the daily battle hasn't been good versus evil. It's hardly so epic. Most days, my real battle is doing good versus doing nothing. In going to funerals, I've come to believe that while I wait to make a grand heroic gesture, I should just stick to the small inconveniences that let me share in life's inevitable, occasional calamity. On a cold April night three years ago, my father died a quiet death from cancer. His funeral was on a Wednesday, middle of the workweek. I had been numb for days when, for some reason, during the funeral, I turned and looked back at the folks in the church. The memory of it still takes my breath away. The most human, powerful and humbling thing I've ever seen was a church at 3:00 on a Wednesday full of inconvenienced people who believed in going to the funeral.*

Registered Households 182 Boxes of envelopes issued 173

Last Sunday's Offering \$3825.30

Household Envelopes: \$3266.30

Building Fund: \$20.00

All Souls: \$20.00

Visitors Envelopes: \$160.00

Christmas Flowers: \$155.00

Loose Collection: \$164.00

Christmas: \$40.00

Another Armenian Catholic priest was murdered near the border with Turkey. This is the most recent example of the sustained attack on Christians, which is dramatically on the rise. Take a few minutes to go online www.acn-canada.org/persecuted-and-forgotten/ and read the recent report entitled "Persecuted and Forgotten"? A report on Christians oppressed for their Faith 2017 – 2019 which highlights that especially in Egypt, Pakistan and elsewhere, Christian women suffer the most, with reports of abductions, forced conversions and sex attacks. The report states:

1. Persecution of Christians in core Middle east countries such as Syria and Iraq has declined greatly following a period of genocide earlier in the decade.
2. The impact of this genocide – continued migration, security crises, extreme poverty, and slow recovery – means that it may now be too late for some Middle East Christianity's disappearance is ticking ever louder.
3. The international community, while showing unprecedented concern regarding persecution, is running out of time if it wants to save Christianity in many parts of the Middle East.
4. From Nigeria in West Africa to Madagascar in the East, Christians in parts of Africa are threatened by Islamists seeking to eliminate the church – either by use of force or by dishonest means, including bribing people to convert.
5. Persecution against Christians has worsened the most in South and East Asia. This is now the regional hot spot for persecution.
6. Church attacks in Sri Lanka and the Philippines show that there is now an unholy trinity of threats facing Christians in South and East Asia: Islamic extremism, populist nationalism and authoritarian regimes.
7. An increasing unity of purpose between religious – nationalist groups and government represents a growing – and largely unrecognized – threat to Christians and other minorities in India, Sri Lanka, Burma (Myanmar) and other core counties in South and East Asia.
8. Christians are a favoured target for violent militant extremists who operate without boundaries and who perceive local Christians as a legitimate alternative to a direct strike on the West.

Penitential Services for Christmas:

**St. Lawrence O'Toole, Barry's Bay – Advent Saturday's 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm and
December 9th, 10th and 11th at 9:15 – 9:45 am & 6:15 – 6:45 pm**

St. Andrew's, Killaloe, Sunday, December 8th in the evening

St. Francis of de Sales, Latchford Bridge – Sunday, December 15th after the 10:30 am mass

St. Casimir, Round Lake & Holy Canadian Martyrs', Combermere – Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 pm

St. Hedwig's, Barry's Bay, Friday, December 20th at 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

St. Mary's, Wilno, Sunday, December 22nd at 3:00 pm

PARISH REGISTRATION - (Families and/or single families who have not registered or a change of address, phone or email)

Name: _____

Other Members of Household: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Envelopes: Do you need envelopes yes no *(Drop this into the collection basket or office, thank you)*