

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Patrick M. Dobec, P.P.

SUNDAY MASS

WEEKDAY MASS

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

Solemn Exposition –

Simple Exposition –

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LAETARE SUNDAY

22 March 2020

The colour of rose, which is only used twice in the whole liturgical year, is traditionally associated with a sense of joy amidst a season of penance. On both Sundays (Gaudete in Advent and Laetare in Lent), rose is worn to remind us that the season of preparation is coming to a close and the great feast is swiftly approaching. Even the Entrance Antiphon that is sung at the beginning of Mass on Gaudete Sunday speaks of the joy we must possess: Gaudete in Domino simper: iterum dico, gaudete.

Let us pray . . .

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially for the repose of the souls of the victims of the Coronavirus.
Requiescant in Pace!

CELEBRATION OF MASS

(ALL MASSES & MEETINGS CANCELLED)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

29 March 2020

PRAYER FOR ALL IN SICKNESS AND ANXIETY

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: Continue, we beseech thee, this gracious work among us; cheer, heal, and sanctify the sick; grant to physicians, surgeons, and nurses wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down thy blessing upon all who labour to prevent suffering and to forward their purposes of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

MY DEAR PRIESTS, DEACONS, RELIGIOUS AND FAITHFUL:

The civil authorities in Ontario have announced that the Province is under a state of emergency effective immediately. Accordingly, all Sunday Masses, weekday Masses and public church events will be cancelled until further notice. Pastors and Administrators are to celebrate Sunday Mass privately in keeping with CIC canon 534 (Missa pro populo).

Public funerals are cancelled. A private funeral service can be arranged with the immediate family and funeral director.

Baptisms may take place in the presence of a priest or deacon, the parents and godparents.

Weddings, if they take place, are to be in the presence of a priest or deacon and two witnesses.

The Chancery Office will be closed to all but emergency services. Parish Offices could follow the same procedure.

It is with great regret that I announce these measures, but they are necessary to minimize loss of life, especially among those most vulnerable to the virus. I would ask that you consult the Archdiocesan/Diocesan website for further developments and clarifications.

Please continue to pray for those affected by COVID-19, and for those who find isolation a source of great hardship.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Michael Mulhall
Archbishop of Kingston
Apostolic Administrator of Pembroke

CWL NEWS – I must tell you we have decided to Cancel the St. Patrick's Tea on Sunday. So many of you have donated money, articles for the Mini-Raffle and the Awesome Accessories tables, squares, door prizes, service to the set-up, etc. . . we thank you! All donations will be kept and stored for a future Tea at some time. Squares, you can keep at home and enjoy for Easter!!! We will sell some of the food prepared already after Saturday and Sunday Masses.

The Pot O' Gold tickets will be drawn after Mass on Sunday. Any questions Call Carmel 613.756.3200
St. Patrick's Tea winners – 2020

\$500.00 - Marilyn Brown

\$250.00 - Jackie Burchat

\$100.00 - Ewa Kaczowski

\$100.00 - Margaret Mahoney

INTERNATIONAL NEWS REPORTS THIS WEEK conveyed the suspension of Sunday Masses in places such as Rome as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. While our own national situation has now indicated such a response, such drastic actions should lead us to ponder the gift of being able to attend the Mass and our ready access to the sacraments of the Church. We pray for many of our homebound parishioners who have a desire to be with us at the altar of the Lord, but infirmity prevents them from doing so. This is a great cross for many to carry and our parish is spiritually sustained by the prayers of so many of our homebound parishioners. May we never take for granted the gift and privilege it is for us to be able to so freely celebrate the sacraments in our church. Let us be very intentional this week to pray for all those affected physically and spiritually at this time of unease.

WE ARE GRATEFUL for those who donated to the Building Fund in memory of John Francis Landon. Jim & Maureen O'Malley, Esther Shalla, Conrad & Jeanette Cybulski, Terri MacLeod, Carmel Rumbleskie, Tony Chapeskie, Michael Dombroskie, Tony & Sharon Yandernoll & Family, Raymond Dombroskie, Helen Cybulski, Jerome & Susan Yaraskavitch, Linda Stamplecoskie, Betty & Roseanne Shalla and Renfrew County Catholic District School Board Principal/Vice Principal Association.

Registered Households 175
Last Sunday's Offering \$2522.00

109 Household Envelopes: \$2194.20
Easter Flowers: \$105.00

Visitors Envelopes: \$105.00
Building Fund (In Memory): \$330.00

Loose Collection: \$117.80

Thank you for your generosity

Sunday Collection

1. Leave at the Parish Office in the mail box at the front door of rectory.
2. Mail envelope to the Parish - St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish
Box 118 - 19454 Opeongo Line
Barry's Bay, ON KoJ 1Bo
3. E-transfer – stlawrenceotoole@hotmail.com

With the e-transfer make sure you send a separate email for the answer to the security question.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES: Please note the following measures adopted in our parish. The Holy Water fonts at the entrance of the church are now empty. Blessed Salt has been added to the large Holy Water containers, you are welcome to use Holy Water and Blessed Salt in your homes. You are encouraged (but not obligated) to consider receiving Holy communion on the hand, due to the fact that saliva is at times transmitted on the fingers of the one who distributes Holy communion. The Sign of Peace is suspended until further notice. Please remember the possibility of making a Spiritual Communion if you are unable to receive the Host (more info below). If you are ill, or if you have been in close contact with someone who is ill, please do not come to Mass. This is also an act of charity to others.

ON PRACTICE OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: The Eucharist thus appears as the culmination of all the sacraments in perfecting our communion with God the Father . . . Precisely for this reason it is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of "spiritual communion", which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life. Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: "When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love God will be greatly impressed on you" (St. John Paul II).

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS – CCCB has published and posted on their website (www.cccb.ca) their official response to the tabling of Bill C-7: "An Act to amend the criminal Code (medical assistance in dying). And also, their statement from the conference of Bishops regarding Jean Vanier. Both these statements are very relevant to our concerns.