

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Closed until further notice

PASTOR

Rev. Patrick M. Dobec, P.P.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Solemn Exposition – First Friday

Simple Exposition – As Announced

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

29 March 2020

Let us pray . . .

For those experiencing illness and infirmity . . . especially those suffering from COVID-19 and all others undergoing treatment at this time.

For all health care workers and support staff . . . that they be blessed with stamina, wisdom and good health as they respond to the overwhelming needs of those who are ill.

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

CELEBRATION OF MASS

(ALL PUBLIC MASSES & MEETINGS CANCELLED)

INTENTIONS – Masses said privately

Scott Jeffrey by Dave & Ruth Lockhart
Fr. Jack Green by Jerry & Diane Green
Al Smaglinski by Arthur & Lillian Shulist
Ruth Cowan by Leona Mayhew
Missa Pro Populo (Mass for all the People)
Special Intentions by Ambrose Dwyer & Family
Alvin Cowan by Margaret Cowan
Special Intentions by a Parishioner
Clarence & Christopher Kuiack by Shirley Kuiack
Intentions of all the people
Clarence Prince by Jackie Prince
(Month's Mind) John Francis Landon by the Family
Theresa Yantha by Jerry and Diane Green
Special Intentions by Connie Mintha
Matthew Biskup by Calvin & Shirley Hudder
Edward Dombroskie by Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Hudder

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, Barry's Bay, ON K0J 1B0
3. E-transfer – stlawrenceotoole@hotmail.com emailing separately security question.

Registered Households 175
Last Sunday's Offering \$909.00

19 Household Envelopes & 3
2 Building Fund: \$45.00

Etransfers: \$818.00

1 Visitor Envelope: \$20.00
2 Easter Flowers: \$26.00

Thank you for your generosity

My Dear Parishioners,

It goes without saying that we miss our gathering as a parish family to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries. I am keenly aware that many are finding this very difficult but at this time I would like to assure you of my daily prayer and I desperately need yours.

Although we are forbidden to assemble for Holy Mass, it is not cancelled, only the ability to come together. I will offer Mass daily and the graces continues to shower upon the parish, the Church universal and our entire world during this global pandemic.

Perhaps many of us had become complacent to the gift of the Eucharist. Now is the time to increase our appreciation when we have private prayer, family prayer and use of digital world to access daily mass.

Pope Francis is urging people to participate in the centuries – old practice of “spiritual communion”.

Televised Masses and the Communion prayer are included in this bulletin.

I also have been inspired by the many people who have asked how we can continue to provide the parish with their Sunday offering. You have some options that are pointed out in this bulletin.

We must be sensitive that some families might not be in a financial situation to no longer contribute which is understandable. Perhaps those of us who are not yet affected may attempt to cover for those who cannot.

Thank you for your continued generosity and most important your prayers.

Archbishop Mulhall, our Apostolic Administrator has stated in such an affirming manner, “We will all together attempt as best we can to serve the people in our care, obey the civil authorities and take proper care of ourselves. Be very careful to take all the precautions necessary and avoid any undue risk, but know, also, that this is a time of grace in our lives and the lives of the faithful I am confident that the Lord will guide us into a deeper experience of the Paschal Mystery in the coming weeks and months”.

With this sound advice we journey on together. Rev. Patrick M. Dobec, P.P.

With Masses being cancelled around the world Pope Francis is urging people to participate in the centuries old practice of "Spiritual Communion"

The idea of Spiritual Communion – inviting Jesus into one's heart and soul when receiving the actual sacrament isn't possible – is part of Catholic tradition. It's been mentioned in Church documents over the centuries and as recently as 2007 by Pope Benedict XVI.

In the 1700s, St. Alphonsus Liguori wrote a special prayer for Spiritual Communion that he encouraged the faithful to pray at times when receiving the Eucharist was not possible. It is as follows:

A COMMUNION PRAYER

"My Jesus, I believe You are really here in the Blessed sacrament.
I love You more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive You.
But since I cannot receive Communion at this moment, feed my soul at least spiritually.
I unite myself to You now as I do when I actually receive You."

TELEVISED MASSES: In light of the COVID-19 situation, the following information in respect to Masses is being televised.

Salt + Light TV has communicated that they have made arrangements with cable companies across Canada (Rogers, Bell, Telus, Shaw Direct, Vidiotron) so that Salt + Light TV is available free of charge to all subscribers until May 1, 2020. This means that any person who subscribes by National catholic Broadcasting Salt + Light TV and therefore the Daily TV Mass and Sunday TV Mass produced by Nations Catholic Broadcasting Council.

Also, "La Messe du jour" that is produced and televised by Salt + Light TV from Saint Joseph Oratory in Montreal.

SALT + LIGHT TV daily Mass celebrated by Pope Francis. This airs every day at 9:00 a.m. The channel number on each cable company that carries Salt + Light TV can be found at <https://saltandlighttv.org/subscribe>. Please note that the Daily TV Mass is available on other faith based television networks besides Salt + Light TV. The various networks and Mass times can be found at <https://dailytvmass.com/about/broadcast-schedule/>.

VISIONTV – Sunday 8:00 a.m., Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. and Noon, Saturday 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

YESTV – Sunday 10:30 a.m., Monday – Saturday 1:00 p.m.

ST. HEDWIG'S – 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass – Radio Station Moose FM.

RESOURCES FOR MASS – PDF: The CCCB General Secretariat – Novalis, Living with Christ, that during this current health crisis, they are willing to post on their websites PDFs of the pages from Living with Christ for each upcoming Sunday Mass, as well as for daily Mass, so as to allow people to download them for free during this limited period of time. These resources can help who follow Mass from their homes on TV or internet. At the least, they can read the scriptures and follow along on televised celebrations.

OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK continues to need food items during this critical period.