

# ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

**PASTOR**

Rev. Patrick M. Dobec, P.P.

**SUNDAY MASS**

**WEEKDAY MASS**

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT**

## EASTER SUNDAY

12 April 2020

Let us pray . . .

For those experiencing illness and infirmity . . . especially those suffering from COVID-19 and all our parishioners and friends 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, Otto Cohan brother-in-law of Bryan & Jean Madigan and Catherine Mieai sister of Felix Luckovitch.      Requiescant in Pace!

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your Holy Name.

In Matthew's Easter Gospel, the Risen Jesus instructs the stunned Mary and her companion to "Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." Galilee is the place where Peter and the others were first called, where everything began – to return there means to see everything they experienced in following Jesus in the light of the cross and the empty tomb. Returning to Galilee transforms the horror of the past week into the new, radiant light of Easter – and, in that new light, their lives and ours are forever made new and whole. Pope Francis says that all of us are called by Jesus to our own Galilee where we "rediscover our baptism as a living fountain head, drawing new energy from the sources of our faith Christian experience." In the life of every Christian there are "Galilees" where we have encountered the Risen Jesus in experiences of generosity, justice and reconciliation. To return to those "Galilees," Pope Francis says, "is not to go back in time . . . I is returning to our first love, in order to receive the fire Jesus has kindled in the world and to bring that fire to all . . ." This Easter, may we make our way back to the Galilees of our life, to meet again God's Risen One in the reconciling and healing peace of this holy season.

Please note that while public participation at Holy Mass is suspended, Mass intentions will still be offered privately by Fr. Patrick Dobec and our bells will ring out after the daily Mass.

### **(ALL CANCELLED)PUBLIC MASSES & MEETINGS**

Here are some instructions from Pope Francis on how to make an act of perfect contrition.

<https://zenit.org/articles/cant-go-to-confession-pope-says-talk-to-god-your-father-ask-forgiveness-full-text-of-morning-homily/>

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

## 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”

Travellers on the Simpson Pit Road connecting Highway 60 to Round Lake Centre will notice that each intersection is marked by a large wooden crucifix. Polish immigrants brought this beautiful custom with them when of a society that largely shuns much of public piety and devotion. These crosses bring to mind the faith of the people who settled the land, but also of Our Lord's own physical walk on the streets of Jerusalem to hill of Calvary, to die for our sins and bring salvation to the world.

Despite the longing that we experience in being prevented from physical participation in the mass, the strange silence that we are living has the potential to focus our eyes and hearts all the more clearly on the cross of Christ. A Benedictine prior wrote in recent days:

*It becomes clearer everyday that we will all be suffering with the physical, economic, psychological and spiritual consequences of the coronavirus for some time. We should be willing to learn the lessons God wants to teach us. A great temptation is to demand that God return what we have lost. In the field of tragedy, God sows seeds of new life. We all must water them with our prayers (both seen and unseen), our sacrifices and, perhaps, even our lives. But death does not have the last word.*

No matter the road we might presently be on, the reconciliation and victory of Christ's holy cross is firmly planted along the waysides of our lives: *yesterday, today and forever.*

Let us pray for one another during this Easter Season

OUR CHURCH BUILDING AND PARISH OFFICE are now officially closed by instruction of the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese and the government.

MV FOOD BANK GROW A ROW PROGRAM: “Again this year, since the Madawaska valley Food Bank rarely receives donations of fruits and vegetables, would gardeners please grow and donate an extra row of seedlings or produce for families in need? For more information or to donate, please call Terry Newcombe at 613-756-3344. Thank you.”

**Registered Households 175  
Last Sunday's Offering \$7194.00**

<b>96 Household Envelopes &amp; 4 Etransfers: \$5796.00 11 Easter Sunday Offering: \$382.00</b>	<b>1 Visitors Envelope: \$20.00 13 Building Fund: \$412.00 1 Seminary Offering: \$6.00</b>	<b>6 Easter Flowers: \$110.00 12 Share Lent: \$452.00 2 Pope Pastoral Works: \$16.00</b>
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Thank you for your continued generous support  
I am so inspired by your generosity and support. May God Bless You

## DAILY MASSES: Broadcast schedule

### SALT & LIGHT TV (ET)

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. & 10:30 p.m.

Monday – Saturday 6:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.

### VISIONTV (ET)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

### yesTV (ET)

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Monday – Saturday: 1:00 p.m.

YOUTUBE: [www.youtue.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtue.com/dailytvmass)

FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/dailytvmass](http://www.facebook.com/dailytvmass)

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[info@ncbc.ca](mailto:info@ncbc.ca) or [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com)

ST. HEDWIG'S:- 8:00 a.m. live stream on facebook

11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass – Radio Station Moose FM.

FORMED.ORG is an online portal with Catholic movies, faith formation videos, audio talks and children's videos. They have announced free access to all their resources for the next 40 days.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS) – Due to the restrictions on public gatherings, and abundance of caution in terms of close contact with others, we are not able to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the normal manner. Penitents are reminded that their desire for forgiveness, perfect contrition and an intention to confess their sins (even mortal ones) at the earliest opportunity, obtains the forgiveness of sins.

## CATHOLICS COME HOME

Our Catholic faith is the largest Christian family in the world. Our Church is a vibrant and growing family, but we miss our brothers and sisters who have not been to Mass lately. God loves you so much that He will not stop searching for you, reaching out to you, seeking you. Saint Augustine, a convert to the faith at age 33, once said, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." Jesus wants to invite you back into His big, warm and loving Catholic family in the Church He founded 2,000 years ago. He's calling you home, but the choice is yours . . .

[www.catholiccomehome.org](http://www.catholiccomehome.org)