

# ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## **PASTOR**

Rev. Patrick M. Dobec, P.P.

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 July 2020

Let us pray . . .

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially for the repose souls of Christian Patrick Dowd, brother of Bishop Thomas Dowd, Alice Zilney and the Pandemic victims.                      Requiescant in Pace!

With Joy, the Diocese of Pembroke announces that Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R. will ordain Rev. Mr. Michael Coyne to the priesthood at St. Francis Xavier Church, Renfrew, on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The First Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at St. Francis Xavier Church, Renfrew, on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Let us keep Michael Coyne in prayer as he prepares for ordination. Due to current COVID-19 invitation only. Keep him in prayer.

# CELEBRATION OF MASS

(ROSARY IS USUALLY RECITED 25 MINUTES BEFORE ALL WEEKDAY MASS & SATURDAY VIGIL MASS)

## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 August 2020

Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Garry Chapeskie by Leona Chapeskie
Sunday	9:30 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for all the People)

### AN 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

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO John & Ursula Jeffery and Bryan & Jean Madigan who made a donation to the Building Fund and to Barbara Conway who made a donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Donald Madigan.

**Registered Households 181**  
**Last Sunday's Offering \$2597.50**

**79 Household Envelopes & 3 E-transfers: \$2261.25**  
**Building Fund: \$120.00**

**Visitor: \$115.00**  
**Northern Mission: \$10.00**

**Loose: \$66.25**  
**Memorial Fund: \$25.00**

Thank you for your generosity.  
If possible consider your parish when preparing your will.  
Make a legacy of faith that helps ensure our security for future generations.

**Pray This Novena for Protection Against Coronavirus**  
**Our Lady of Monte Berico is the perfect intercessor right now.**



The urgency for prayer and petition should not begin when we are most desperate. Our prayers for protection and deliverance from evil begin before that. Most of all, because we naturally desire protection: everyone values safety. Likewise, this sense of hope enables us to be situationally aware of our condition and all potential threats.

Most of the world may have never heard of St. Vincenza Pasini, but she was a prayerful peasant's wife who understood the importance of the earliest appeals for prayer. The people of the historical city of Vicenza, Italy in the early 15th-century were somewhat dissimilar to Pasini. Desperate in their own way, they had been fighting a pestilence for over a decade, when in 1426, Vincenza told the townspeople that as she was bringing lunch and drink to her husband labouring on a nearby hill overlooking the valley, the Virgin Mary appeared to her with instructions.

The Blessed Virgin promised that the people of Vicenza would be delivered from the plague if on the spot of the apparition, they built a church. "I am the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ who died on the cross for the salvation of men. I beg you to go and say in my name to the people of Vicenza that they must build in this place a church in my honour if they want to recover their health. Otherwise, the plague will not cease."

Even Pasini was somewhat unconvinced, replying to Mary of the despondent and spiritual visionlessness of the local peoples. Our Lady assured her, "As proof of what I say, let them dig here, and from the rock, living water will spring."

Immediately obedient, the 70-year-old woman preached this message on the streets, but the message fell on deaf ears, and the plague raged on without hope of a respite or an end in sight.

But Pasini continued to devote herself to Christian charity and the message of the woman who appeared to her, visiting the spot of the apparition daily, where the Virgin herself struck the ground in the shape of a cross and the dimension of the church to be built alongside the vineyard her husband worked from.

After two years, the Virgin appeared to her once again with the same message. With renewed vigor she told the people including the bishop, who opted, finally, after some 70% of the population had left or deceased, to build the church on a spot in the most northern expanse of the Colli Berici hills.

At once, upon the completion and consecration of the church, the plague that had ravaged the entire region for years ended without any doubt left in the hearts and minds of the people of the city and local area. But the Virgin didn't desire only a memorial to a moment of desperation, but a continued devotion. She vowed, "You will also say that those who visit this church on feasts dedicated to me and on the first Sunday of every month will have abundant graces and my will receive my maternal blessing."

To this day, the people of Vicenza and the entire surrounding valley pour upon the hill on Marian feast days and the first Sundays of each month.

Historically associated with plagues, the Madonna of Monte Berico is the perfect intercessor for our current corona virus outbreak. Crisis or not, pandemic or not, people have died from corona virus and the rapid spill over of the virus should be enough cause for everyone to take up a devotion. The following novena may be said and offered for the petition of a swift end to the spread and for a maternal protection for all.

### **Novena to Our Lady of Monte Berico**

O Most Holy Virgin, Mother of God and my Mother Mary, I thank you that you have deigned to appear on Monte Berico and I thank you for all the graces you grant here to those who turn to you. Nobody ever prayed to you in vain. I, too, resort to you and beg you for the Passion and Death of Jesus and for your pains: welcome me, o' merciful Mother, under your mantle, which is a maternal mantle; grant me the particular grace that I ask of You [your petition here] and protect me from all evil and especially from sin which is the greatest evil.

Oh make, oh Mary, my Mother, that I always enjoy your loving protection in life and even more in death and then come to see you in heaven and to thank and bless you forever. Amen.

Madonna of Monte Berico, pray for us.

O sweet Virgin, pious mother of love,  
Like this Ave rising from the heart.  
Ave, ave, ave, Maria  
Ave, ave, ave, Maria

O Virgin, shine as a star in the sky,  
Motherly defend your faithful children.  
Ave, ave, ave Maria  
Ave, ave, ave, Maria

At the Offertory . . . we see all humanity on the paten and in the chalice. As Our Lord obtained the first elements of His own human Body from a woman, so for the Eucharist He takes bread and wine from the earth. The bread and wine thus representative of mankind. Two of the substances that have most widely nourished man are bread and wine. Bread has been called marrow of the earth; wine, its very blood. In giving what has traditionally made our flesh and blood, we are equivalently offering all of mankind on the paten and in the chalice . . . At the Offertory we gather up the whole world into the narrow compass of a plate and cup. Every drop of sweat, every day of labour; the decisions of the economist, the financier, the draftsman and the engineer; every exertion and invention that went into the preparation of the elements of the Offertory is symbolically redeemed, justified and sanctified by our act. We bring not only redeemed man, but unredeemed creation, to the steps of Calvary and the threshold of Redemption. Venerable Fulton Sheen

OUR LADY SEAT OF WISDOM COLLEGE - WOJTYLA INSTITUTE 2020: THE FOUR LAST THINGS Theme: "Death-Judgement-Heaven-Hell" Registration is open until **July 31**. When: August 5-8<sup>th</sup> and Cost: \$40.00 for the whole weekend or \$10.00 per lecture. For more information [www.seatofwisdom.ca/wojtyla](http://www.seatofwisdom.ca/wojtyla)