

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.

In the Crying Room at entrance

Weekdays – Before all Masses or by appointment
in the Sacristy

SOLEMINITY OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

22 November 2020

Let us pray . . .

For those who seek healing . . . especially those suffering from illness, those from Covid-19, those undergoing treatment and those experiencing any form of anxiety and suffering at this time.

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

The reign of Christ begins when we see one another as Christ – not as a “number,” not as a “mark,” not as the means to our own end, not as an “it.” The true value of every human life is the light that God kindles within each one of us; our worth is found in the love of God that our lives reveal to the world. Before God, no one is an “it.” Jesus’ parable in today’s Gospel challenges us to see one another in that light: to look deeper than the externals of race, nationality, culture and language in order to behold the love of God animating the lives of all of us in whom God has breathed his love and life.

CELEBRATION OF MASS

Tuesday	St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs 4:00 p.m. My Deceased Family Members by Robert Zilney
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Theodosia Visneskie by John & Ursula Jeffrey
Thursday	12:00 a.m. The Angelus 12:10 a.m. Theresa Yantha by Andrew & Marlene Shulist
Friday	9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Dombroskie & Recoskie Families by Rosemarie Recoskie and Family

(Rosary is usually recited 25 minutes before all weekday mass & Saturday vigil mass)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29 November 2020

Saturday	4:30 p.m. Rita Murray by The Murray Family Matthew Biskup by Lawrence and Barb Biskup
Sunday	9:30 a.m. Missa Pro Populo (Mass for all the People)

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS

	November 28 th	November 29 th
Readers	Terri MacLeod	Joanne Olsen
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Karen Yakabuski	Ursula Jeffrey

BISHOP APPOINTED FOR THE DIOCESE OF SAULT STE-MARIE- His Holiness Pope Francis appointed the Most Reverend Thomas Dowd Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste-Marie. At the time of his appointment, Bishop Dowd was serving as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Montreal. Bishop Dowd will soon assume the pastoral governance of the Diocese. We all recall the inspiring Mission that he preached here last year.

GRATITUDE: We have received many words of gratitude for our Advent gifts to all households of, “The Magnificat, Advent Companion” booklet of Prayer. May God bless our parishioners who anonymously donated the books and all the postage for this outreach. There is so much generosity in our community of faith. Deo Gratias!

CANADA POST OFFICE has once again issued a beautiful religious Christmas stamp. It is good to encourage this gesture and request it when purchasing your stamps for your Christmas Cards.

CHRISTMAS Mass Registration

As announced last Sunday registration is necessary to attend Mass here on Christmas Eve and Day. Many parishioners appreciate this for their safety with these compulsory parish guidelines. Deadline is noon on Sunday, December 20, 2020.

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Please review the attached information regarding reservations for Christmas. Completed forms must be received by December 20, 2020.

As per all current liturgical celebrations, you are reminded of COVID-19 protocols as set out by our Bishop:

- All worshipers must wear masks entering and leaving the Church and during the procession for Holy Communion.
- To ensure physical distancing of two metres, follow the seating directions given by the ushers.
- Out of charity for others, people are encouraged to receive communion in the hand temporarily during this pandemic period. Recipients are requested to come at the end of the line only to the priest.

As well, at the end of Mass leave kneelers down as a signal to sanitizers that the pew was occupied. If you require “ACCESSIBLE” seating, please indicate by adding the word “ACCESS” to the form beside the number in your party.

We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as we face the challenges of this pandemic in true spirit of peace, love and compassion.

**Registered Households 182
Last Sunday's Offering \$3514.22**

**69 Household Envelopes & 3 E-transfers: \$2480.00
2 Donations: \$969.22**

Visitor: \$50.00

Loose: \$15.00

An error was made in the November 8th bulletin under “Last Sunday's Offering” should have read \$2806 instead of \$3806

YOUR LEGACY PROTECTS OURS by considering a gift in your estate to our Parish, you can provide us with the support we need to fulfill our mission of proclaiming the Gospel. Every single donation matters now – more than ever.

SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT COVID. This has been a most unusual year. The COVID pandemic has changed everyday life in so many ways. If we consider this carefully, we will see that there has been some silver lining in these dark clouds. Overall, however, this has brought on much suffering and loss. Some opportunities are gone forever, and for those most deeply affected, their sadness is real.

We want to be able to celebrate the Church's sacraments the way they should be celebrated, with all the joy and solemnity that the rubrics call for, especially as we see Christmas approach.

Unfortunately, we are seeing another wave of cases and deaths by COVID. The question is: How long? How long will we have to put up with this? I think of Psalm 89: How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself forever? How long will your wrath burn like fire? We don't know how long. In March, we hoped it would be over by Easter. In June we hoped it would be over by school opening. Christmas 2020 will be no other.

So, what are we to do to increase our patience? Here are just three methods:

Pray. You can say your favourite prayers, like the Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chapel or the Liturgy or Hours. Or you can simply place yourself quietly in God's presence, in a quiet corner of your own home, where there are no distractions. Let the Lord speak to you in the silence. Repeat a Christian mantra: "Lord, have mercy." "Spirit of God, fill my heart." "Jesus, you are the light of my life."

Study the gospel of the day. You may also find a commentary somewhere, either a book of reflections or even on the Internet. Try to apply that gospel passage to your life. Hear Jesus speaking to you, in your everyday life.

Be attentive to the needs of others. Listen carefully to those who speak to you. Ask your family members of neighbours how they are. As St. Mother Teresa would say, "Do small things for others with great love".

MADONNA HOUSE PUBLICATIONS announces launch of Contemplative Rosary CD. The Complete Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Jesus Prayer: Original Music for Contemplative Prayer sung by Maryana Erzinger and Fr. Michael Weitzl of the Madonna House Apostolate. Act now and pay only \$19.95 (regular \$24.95). Call Madonna House Publications at 613-756-3728 to order your copy today.

PARISH REGISTRATION - (Households 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)