

# 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

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**29 November 2020**

Let us pray . . .

Pope's Prayer Intention: For a life of prayer – We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

For all civic leaders . . . that they be guided by prudence and right judgment in all decisions that uphold the dignity of life and the common good..

For all caregivers . . . those who work in our health care institutions and those who serve loved ones quietly at home in their need.

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially the repose of the souls of Ann Rutherford Quiqley and Donald Etmanskie from Niagara Falls and all pandemic victims.  
Requiescant in Pace!

# CELEBRATION OF MASS

Monday	<b>St. Andrew, Apostle</b> 12:00 p.m. <b>The Angelus</b> 12:10 p.m.      All my Deceased Friends by Robert Zilney
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.      For our Bishop and Priests of the Diocese of Pembroke
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.      Yolande Pitre by Toni and Dan Conway
Thursday	<b>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</b> 9:00 a.m.      Ann Rutherford Quigley by Friends
First Friday	9:00 a.m.      Donald Etmanskie by Shirley Kuiack

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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6 December 2020

Saturday	4:30 p.m.      Margaret Cowan by Francis Zilney
Sunday	9:30 a.m.      Missa Pro Populo (Mass for all the People)

## LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS

	<b>December 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December 6<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Readers</b>	Jane Beahen	Brook-Lyn Lundy
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Neil O'Reilly	Martin Yakabuski

Last Sunday's Gospel presents us a fitting context to reflect upon the radical changes that are proposed in Bill C-7, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying) which is currently being examined by the Parliament of Canada. Our Lord's words at the end of the liturgical year reminds us that we will be called to render an account of our care for the most sick and vulnerable, and on that we will be judged. 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' On November 9<sup>th</sup>, the Bishop's of Canada submitted a brief regarding the proposed expansion of this legislation: "The proposed legislation of Bill C-7 remains deeply flawed, unjust, and morally pernicious. The Bishops of Canada continue to call on Catholics and all people of good will to make their voices heard in opposition to this Bill. Similarly, every Canadian legislator should recall that no law that permits the taking of innocent human life can ever be morally justified. Such a law would always violate the intrinsic dignity of the human person." To read the full brief presented by the Bishops of Canada please visit [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca).

SEASON OF ADVENT – Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. During advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

### CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

While we do not expect the sizable crowds of last year, it is our goal to ensure that for those who do attend Mass may do so safely, registration is thus necessary. We have added a Christmas Eve Mass (Properly distanced, everyone masked and Holy Communion on the hand for the vast majority following the Bishop's directives.) Holy Mass will also be celebrated Christmas Day. Recognizing that the dispensation from the obligation of Mass is still applicable at the current time, those who desire to attend Mass may want to consider going to a Mass that is usually not as well attended as Christmas Eve, such as Christmas morning.

Out of charity, people are encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand temporarily during pandemic period. Those who do receive on the tongue are requested to come at the end and only to the priest so that an attempt will be made to protect everyone (Archdioceses and of Toronto and Montreal and many others forbid this practice at this time).

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 the true spirit of peace, love and compassion.

Registration forms are still available at the church entrances. Deadline is Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**Registered Households 183**  
**Last Sunday's Offering \$3254.00**

**86 Household Envelopes & 1 E-transfers: \$2653.00**  
**Christmas Flowers: \$461.00**

**Visitor: \$55.00**  
**Christmas Offering: \$20.00**

**Loose: \$55.00**  
**Building Fund: \$10.00**

Please Remember Your Parish in Your Will .

Your parish has been there for you and your family during the most important moments of your lives. Help keep your Catholic Faith Community active and alive for years to come – please consider your parish in your Will or through a planned gift. Leave a lasting Legacy of Faith

The late Father Henri Nouwen wrote that our lives are a continuing Advent, an Advent in which “the Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.” Waiting is often the cost of love: in waiting we realize our powerlessness; we realize our deepest hopes and wants; we realize the gift of those we love in our lives. As we struggle through this especially difficult Advent of 2020, may we open our homes and hearts to the light of God’s compassion and peace in these dark, difficult days.

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.

#### IMITATION OF CHRIST

Online Advent Retreat – December 12, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Presenter: Dr. Josephine Lombardi, St. Augustine’s Seminary of Toronto. 416-261-7207 ext. 221 Fax: 416-261-2529 Email: [lay.formation@staugustines.on.ca](mailto:lay.formation@staugustines.on.ca) or [www.staugustines.on.ca](http://www.staugustines.on.ca)  
Cost is \$25.00 and the link for virtual presentation will be sent upon registration.

ST FRANCIS HOSPITAL: This Christmas, give the Gift of Healing with a donation to the Tree of Lights Campaign and help support equipment needs for the medical unit at St. Francis Memorial Hospital. Proceeds will help with the purchase of a VAC Therapy System for wound healing. A critical upgrade to the medication dispensing unit, over bed tables and bedside chairs. Due to public healthcare directives, we will not be proceeding with our traditional tree lighting event. In keeping the spirit of the season alive, please join us for a special Virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m., on the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation Facebook page. For more information call 613-756-3045 ext: 217 or visit [www.sfvhfoundation.com](http://www.sfvhfoundation.com)

BEST ADVENT EVER 2020! Sign-ups for Best advent ever 2020 are now open. This year, Matthew Kelly will be giving powerful daily video reflections on the Gospel readings all through advent. This year’s theme is Let Your Soul Shine – because that is what the world needs from you now more than ever! [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com)

FLORAL REMEMBRANCE OF LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS . . . This Christmas you may have a special remembrance of your loved ones by donating towards the decorations that will adorn our sanctuary and church. Names will be placed in our bulletin. To remember a loved one, place their name, your name, envelope number and donation in a separate envelope or use the envelope in your box.

Vaccine Reflections: <https://cathnews.com/cathnews/39643-news-of-ethical-covid-vaccine-welcomed>

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#### 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)