

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Patrick M. Dobec, P.P.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

31 January 2021

And

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

7 February 2021

Let us pray . . . Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2021: Intention for evangelization – Human fraternity
May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

For those who seek healing . . . especially those suffering from Covid-19, those undergoing treatment and those encountering any form of anxiety and suffering in this uncertain time.

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially the repose souls of Patrick Joseph Cowan father of Terri MacLeod and all the Pandemic Victims. Requiescant in Pace!

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 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.

CELEBRATION OF MASS

All public Masses & Meetings Cancelled at this Time

The Following Daily Mass Intentions are being celebrated in the church:

Edmund Kubesheskie	Conrad Etmanskie	For the soul of Rene
November Intentions (All Soul's)	Rene Lemieux	Pat Cowan
Patrick and Frances Comway	Matthew Biskup	Bill Green
Stanley Zilney	Dowdall Murray	Theresa Yantha

The Dispensation From the Obligation to Attend mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains in Place.



Sisters of Saint Joseph (Pembroke Congregation Centennial)

Of sisters now deceased, there were seven Sisters born in Barry's Bay, five of whom entered the Pembroke congregation, and two of whom entered the Peterborough congregation. They were:

Mary Ann (Anita) Levair	Margaret (Maureen) Glofcheskie	Edna (St. Hedwig) Prince
Florence Ritza	Genevieve (Conrad) Shalla	Stella Xaverine (Mary Ruth) Zielny
Agnes Pelage (Mary Lois) Olsheski	and Sister Martha Prince who was born in Round Lake	

After entering the Sisters of St. Joseph in Pembroke, Sisters Edna and Martha were trained as registered nurses at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto.

Sisters Edna and Martha were the first two nurses to open St. Francis Memorial Hospital. Sister Anita Levair was the Dietary Supervisor at the opening, December 1, 1960.

Of Sisters now deceased, a total of 76 carried out some form of ministry in Barry's Bay, usually as educators or healthcare workers. Of course, one Sister still living today, Sister Rosenda Brady, is especially known for her dedication to healthcare, both at St. Francis Memorial Hospital and at Valley Manor, in Barry's Bay.

A Second Declaration of Emergency is in effect in Ontario. We are to stay at home except for essential travel and follow the restrictions and public health measures which can be found here:

<https://files.ontario.ca/moh-enhanced-provincewide-shutdown-en-2021-01-12-v3.pdf>

Even though our places of worship are not the focus of any outbreaks, we make every effort to overcome this ever-expanding pandemic which threatens, in particular, the most vulnerable in our society.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Confessions available in case of emergency. (Example – For the dying or those whose conscience discerns their sins are of serious moral gravity.)

2021 Diocese of St. Augustine Virtual Catholic Holy Spirit Healing Conference “Who Do You Say I Am?” (Matthew 16;15):

On January 31st Key note speaker: Dr. Ralph Martin, President renewal Ministries. No Cost, however donations are greatly appreciated. To register or for more information: <http://www.holyspirth Healingconference.net?>

Year “Amoris Lactitia Family” - 19 March 2021 to 26 June 2022: To mark the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, on the 19 March 2021, Pope Francis will inaugurate a special year dedicated to the family entitled, Year “Amoris Laetitia Family”.

The pandemic experience has highlighted the central role of the family as the domestic Church and the importance of community ties between families. Such ties make the Church an authentic “family of families” (AL 87). This special year will highlight the importance of the family within the domestic Church and encourage community ties between families.

“May the Virgin Mary grant that families throughout the world be increasingly fascinated by the evangelical ideal of the Holy Family, so as to become a leaven of new humanity and of a genuine and universal solidarity.”

– Pope Francis

TEENS – be prepared for Lent: Order the Teen Lent Companion by LIFETEEN and use it to develop a daily prayer life that will last you a lifetime. See other great resources for teens at www.lifeteen.com.

Calling All Moms – Check out the options for Moms to stay connected at www.CatholicMomsGroup.com and sign up to Midday Moms, a regular virtual Mother’s group meet up with host Mary Wagner and her Mom Jane Wagner on Zoom.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally – Livestream on February 27th. Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) is an annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, confessions, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration. For information, updates and registrations, please visit the LJHR website.

CWL News: Membership due: \$20.00. Thank you to all who renewed their membership. New members are most welcome! Let us support each other in our parish and our community as we live the core values of faith, social justice and service.

**Registered Households 179
2 Last Sunday Offering \$2454.00 & \$3180.05**

37 Household Envelopes & 3 E-transfers: \$2141.00	Visitor: \$10.00	Donation: \$150.00	Initials: \$70.00
	Fuel: \$6.00	New Years: \$77.00	
43 Household Envelopes & 4 E-transfers: \$2155.05	Visitor: \$120.00	Donation: \$100.00	Initials: \$95.00
	Fuel: \$500.00	New Years: \$210.00	

Thank you for your continued and generous support of the needs and apostolic activity of the parish. Our parish office wants to ensure accurate acknowledgement of your donations and so as a matter of procedure it is helpful to have separate cheques for the different special collections. This will allow for our internal bookkeeping to better ensure that you are credited for your donation.

Campaign Life Coalition – Documentary “Obsessed: Canada’s Coercive Diplomacy”

David Mulrone, former Canadian Ambassador to China and one of Canada’s leading experts on Foreign affairs, and Obianuju Ekeocha, author, filmmaker and pro-life activist, who has been monitoring the global abortion agenda in Africa for almost a decade, have put together a documentary called “Obsessed: Canada’s Coercive Diplomacy.” This is an eye-opening dialogue on Canada’s ideologically driven foreign affairs, its effects on the developing world, why Canadians should be upset and what this has to do with the Chinese Communist Party. Here what they have to say about Canada’s current foreign aid program, which commits almost \$700 million annually towards expanding abortion overseas with your tax dollars. Watch the video.

Alpha on Wednesdays via Zoom: The Alpha Experience helps prepare us for Eternal Life by using dynamic films and interactive discussions which explore the basics, and help deepen the Christian Faith. Simple guidance to use Zoom is provided. Visit www.stmarysottawa.ca/alpha. Easy access from your own home starts on January 27th from 7-9 p.m. No cost. Hosted by St. Mary’s Parish, Ottawa. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/StMarysAlpha> or call 613-728-9811 ext 701

2021 World Day of the Sick: The 29th World Day of the Sick will be celebrated, as it is every year, on 11 February, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Holy See has released the Holy Father’s Message which is entitled “*You have but one teacher and you are all brothers*” (Mt 23:8), which encourages a trust-based relationship with the sick and the nurturing of integral human healing. In his Message, Pope Francis writes: “The commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.”

The First Annual The Valley Gazette Above and Beyond Award: Every community has its heroes who go above and beyond the call of duty to make our world a better place. These are often behind the scenes workers who hold the big picture together by ensuring little details don’t get missed. www.valleygazette.ca

2021 National Theology on Tap: Intentional Disciples presents “Virtual National Theology on Tap” on Friday, February 12th at 9:00 p.m. E.T. with guest speakers Ralph Martin and Archbishop Chaput. Visit the intentional Disciples website for more information.

Prayer in Times of Crisis

Lord, sustain us with your strength and guide us in the ways of wisdom.

Almighty God, you are blessed throughout all ages for your mercy and love.

Look upon us in our time of need and give us the strength to persevere in your love.

Protect your people from all harm and guide us with the light of your face until we overcome all dangers.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.