

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

Crying Room at Entrance of the Church

Weekdays – Before weekday Masses in Sacristy
by appointment only.

FIRST DAY OF LENT

21 February 2021

Let us pray . . .

For unity among the followers of Christ . . . that all may be one in Christ.

For the sick and shut-in . . . that those experiencing illness or isolation may know of the closeness of Christ and that all despair may be replaced by hope.

For those who have died and left this transitory life . . . especially the repose soul of Monica Burchat. And Ron Kedrosky. Requiescant in Pace!

As Jesus was led by the Spirit to the desert to confront the mission before Him – and what He had to “lose” in order to realize that call. That same Spirit calls us into the “desert” of our own hearts to understand what we have to “lose” and change and turn in order to realize the full meaning and purpose of this time we have been given. Lent challenges us to ask ourselves what we really believe in, what and who are most important to us, what we are willing to sacrifice for. In confronting these questions honestly, sincerely and faithfully, we complete our Lenten journey with a new realization of God as the center of our hopes and dreams and a new yearning for the fulfillment of the Easter promise in our own lives.

CELEBRATION OF MASS

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions for Monique & Jeremy Rivett-Carnac by Sandra Ron Kedrosky by Family
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Al Smaglinski by Adam Lorbetskie (please note Mass time)
Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	Lawrence Sullivan by The Estate
Thursday	12:00 noon 12:10 p.m.	The Angelus Jacqueline Luckasavitch by Ted & Liz Murray
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Patricia Kulas by Peter and Clementine Brotton (Followed by the Stations of the Cross)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

28 February 2021

Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Gary, Kim & Christine Burnside by Doreen Margaret Burnside
Sunday	9:30 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for all the People)

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS

February 27th

February 28th

Readers

Karen Yakabuski

Joanne Olsen

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Martin Yakabuski

Ursula Jeffrey

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast (one full meal, and two lighter meals a day with no eating between meals), and abstinence (no eating of meat). The law of abstinence obliges those 14 years of age and older, and the law of fasting obliges all those from ages 18 through 59 years of age. The Church recommends that we observe not only Good Friday, but the other Fridays of Lent as days of abstinence, or that we perform some act of charity as an alternative – the choice is yours. Lenten penance should be external and social, as well as internal and individual.

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

Season Of Lent – Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes.

During Lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God.

The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and communities, as we pray and do penance for sinners.

The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) Podcast on Spotify.

www.open.spotify.com/show/4PpPt42NPK2XzKwNloWW7BR In The Bible in a Year podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection and prayer along the way.

Confirmation Preparation Program (Virtual): St. Hedwig's and St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish will be using an online preparation program this year for the sacrament of Confirmation. The video-based program is called "The Mark" and is facilitated by Hopestone Catholic Formation from the Archdiocese of Toronto. There are six sessions to be completed by the confirmandi at home on their computers. Each session includes prayer, catechesis, testimonies, and reflection questions. To help subsidize the cost of this online preparation experience, each confirmand will be asked to pay \$25.00. Both parishes hopes to launch the program in mid-February and is asking that all candidates complete a registration form to declare their intention to be confirmed in either May or June. All registration forms can be picked up from the mailbox outside of the parish office and returned to the office this coming week. More details can be found at www.hopestone.ca/confirmation. Details about registration and catechesis for First Holy Communion will be announced soon.

A suggestion For a Lenten Retreat: "Journey Into the wilderness", a retreat offered by the Irish Jesuits – an 8 session audio presentation of 15 minutes each, with time for personal prayer and reflection. Please go to pathwaystogod.org/resources/wilderness-lent-retreat.

For Reflection During Lent: This youtube link is the Holy Spirit Conference held in St. Augustine Florida which may be of interest to you during the Lent which begins February 17th. Tom Edwards-Bedrock Truth – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEOvzBOEGk&authuser=0>

Registered Households 179
Last Sunday Offering \$2916.00

67 Household Envelopes & 3 E-transfers: \$2510.00 Visitors: \$40.00 Loose: \$5.00 Building Renewal: \$361.00

What will I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?
May God Bless you for your generosity!

Pray Everyday this Lent With #Pray40 on Hallow. Best of Aleteia. Daily Gospel, Rosary, and Examen, Praylists and Novenas, Bible Stories and Sleep content

Lent Mission: Ralph Martin of Renewal Ministries is giving a Lenten Mission online in February and March. If you are interested here is the link: Lenten Mission: The Fulfillment of All Desire (webinarjam.com)

St. Patrick's Day Music by Barney McCaffery & Sons as presented at the Valley Manor on March 17, 1986. This Video includes staff and residents and is a wonderful souvenir and gift. A list of participants is available with the sale of the DVD, \$10.00 each. Please support this project as requested by Sister Rosenda Brady. You may leave a message at the office.

Dynamic Catholic also offers daily Reflections. Just Google Dynamic Catholic to find this resource.

Share Love, Share Lent & Relaunch of the Development and Peace Diocesan Council
Join us and Bishop Guy Desrochers to explore the *Share Love, Share Lent* Campaign & relaunch the Development & Peace Pembroke Diocesan Council

Saturday, February 27th, 10 am - 12 pm

There will be a toll-free number provided so that those who do not have a computer can join in by phone.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZUrfuqsqTkrG9cRbxCZOxaWFs979PVHInmU>

To register by phone contact Tara Hurford, 613-738-9644, ext: 224

What If I Have Been Away From Confession For More Than A Year? : Someone who returns to confession after an extended absence is a source of great joy and celebration for God and his angels (who know more joy in heaven over one sheep brought back to the fold than for ninety-nine who remained: Lk 15:7); for oneself, for the church at large – and for the priest privileged to minister God's mercy. Priests do not disclose the content or even that a person went to confession.

Different factors may keep one away: a previous confessor who was more harsh than merciful; a tendency to procrastinate; a lukewarm belief that Jesus really intends confession to be a "house specialty" on the menu of his mercy; and the fear of being "outed" as someone who is unfamiliar with the sacramental ritual. More grave is the fear that if we submit ourselves to the unconditional love of God offered in radical forgiveness, we might want to let God take possession of our will, our heart, mind, and soul.

Some practical steps to participate fully in the sacrament: technology can be a great asset, for one can readily access apps and websites that review how to go to confessions, how to examine one's conscience, and how to make an act of contrition. To prepare and identify real sins we have committed, one could use Scripture such as the Ten Commandments (Ex 20:1-17), the Beatitudes (Mt. 5:1-12), or a comparison of the works of the flesh versus the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5: 16-23)

Even if we have prepared well, we might still draw a blank when meeting the priest face-to-face. Be not afraid! God's grace has already drawn you to the well of mercy, and the priest will happily supply prompts that will dissolve anxiety and allow the Spirit to counsel us and absolve us of all sin, restoring us to full friendship with Jesus.

Fr. William M. Joensen