

# ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday & Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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during Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday,  
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

## + 24<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Ordinary Time +

September 11, 2022

**THIS WEEK:** Each September the Church celebrates the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14, and the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows follows on September 15. The pairing of these celebrations properly guides us in our levels of devotion and love of our Savior and Our Lady. He is our Divine Redeemer, to be worshiped and adored; she is His first disciple and our example.

Like the commemoration of Good Friday during Holy Week, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross reminds us of the wondrous contradiction at the heart of our faith: that we glory in the Cross of Christ and being redeemed by the suffering and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, offered to God the Father, even while it appears to the world as scandal and folly.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that “the Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross, where she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, grieving exceedingly with her only begotten Son, uniting herself with a maternal heart with His sacrifice, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this Victim which she herself had brought forth.” LG 58

## Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

September 12 - 16

**Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. Scott Jeffrey *by Mike and Debbie Palubeskie*

(Wednesday 1:45 p.m. *Mass & Anointing of the Sick at the Valley Manor*)  
(*residents only*)

**Friday** 9:00 a.m. Teresa Sullivan *by Jane and Rick Fleguel*

## + Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

September 18

**Saturday** 4:00 p.m. Jerome Cybulski *by Viola Cybulski*

**Sunday** 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

### Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

September 17

*Sean Conway*

*Beverley Glofcheskie*

September 18

*Emilie Pigeon*

*Terry Recoskie*

### IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- All students and teachers returning to a new school year
- Madonna House Apostolate as the community celebrates 75 years in Combermere.
- That God may bless the crops of all farmers who labour on the land, granting them good weather and fruitful harvests, enabling them to provide amply for human need;
- The sick and all who asked for our prayers; for those who died, especially: *Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Carl Lorbetskie, Cheryl Smith, Michael Madigan, Henry Malon, Barbara Dexter.*

Monday - The Most Holy Name of Mary

Tuesday - St. John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor

Wednesday - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Thursday - Our Lady of Sorrows

Friday - St. Cornelius, pope, and St. Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

Saturday - St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop; St. Hildegard of Bingen, virgin, doctor

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy. Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

**TODAY’S GOSPEL:** begins with several people criticizing Jesus, upon seeing him in the company of tax collectors and sinners. Jesus *welcomes sinners and eats with them*. It is what happens to us at every Mass, in every Church: Jesus is happy to welcome us to his table where he offers himself for us. It is a statement that we could inscribe on Church doors: “Here Jesus welcomes sinners and invites them to his table”. And in response to those who were criticizing him, Jesus tells three parables, three wonderful parables that reveal his preference for those who feel distant from him.

God does not give up. He cherishes precisely you who still do not know the beauty of his love; you who have not yet welcomed Jesus into the center of your life; you who are unable to overcome your sin; you who, perhaps due to the bad things that have happened in your life, do not believe in love.

The Lord does not accept losing, and he searches relentlessly. He wants to tell you that you are precious in his eyes, that you are unique. No one can replace you in God’s heart. You have a place; you are you, and no one can replace you; nor me, no one can replace me in God’s heart.

God always awaits us. He does not tire; he does not lose heart. Because we, each one of us is that son embraced once again, that rediscovered coin, that sheep caressed and put back upon his shoulder. He waits every day for us to perceive his love. And you say: “But I have done my share of things, I have done too much!”. Do not be afraid. God loves you; he loves you as you are and knows that his love alone can change your life.

Brothers and sisters, take courage. With God, no sin has the last word. May Our Lady who unties the knots of life, free us from the presumption of believing we are just and make us feel the need to go to the Lord who always awaits us to embrace us, to forgive us. *From an Angelus Address by Pope Francis; September 15, 2019*

**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS:** have resumed at the Tuesday morning Masses.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:**

- \* Do you want to be baptized a Christian in the Catholic Church?
- \* Are you a baptized Christian but not Catholic and desire to begin receiving Holy Communion in the Catholic Church?

If you know of anyone who has been hesitant, encourage and accompany them in coming to speak to Fr. John at any time. The process of Christian initiation can take place in many ways, “privately” or publicly.

**LAST SUNDAY OFFERING:** Total: \$3,783.00; 71 of 181 Household Envelopes & 4 E-transfers: \$3,566.00; Loose: \$127.00; Visitors: \$75.00; Need of the Canadian Church: \$10.00; Initial: \$5.00

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:** Parents who desire that their children receive First Holy Communion (grades 2 to 5), or Confirmation (grades 5 and up) must first speak to Fr. Burchat in person after Sunday Mass. Parents will be assisted in teaching their children at home. Parents must also return and commit to regular attendance at Sunday Mass.

**EVENING OF PRAISE & WORSHIP:** You are invited to join the Spirit of the Living God Prayer Group. An evening of Praise and Worship, followed by intercession, and an opportunity for personal prayer with prayer teams. 1st & 3rd Thursdays at St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall. 2nd and 4th Thursdays at Holy Canadian Martyrs in the sacristy. For more information contact Greg or Mary (613-756-6643) or Pierre-Paul or Judy Filion at 613-602-6580.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** is a fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. Meetings are held in St. Hedwig's Rectory basement, on Wednesdays from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. Please enter through the garage. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more information, please phone 613-637-2675 and ask for Erin.

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN:** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pembroke on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information on the Prelature of Opus Dei go to [www.opusdei.org](http://www.opusdei.org). Should you have any questions, please contact Nadia at [nadia.bagshaw@sympatico.ca](mailto:nadia.bagshaw@sympatico.ca) or 613-584-9388

**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FALL PILGRIMAGE ST. JOSEPH ORATORY:** We are back! Join our bus tour, sponsored by the Archdioceses of Ottawa-Cornwall, Gatineau, and Kingston, and the Dioceses of Pembroke, Mont-Laurier, and saint-Jerome, on Sunday, October 16, 2022. First-come first served! Please contact Mike Budge at 613-224-8110 or email at [mike.budge@bell.net](mailto:mike.budge@bell.net) for more details.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Next meeting at St. Hedwig's has been changed to Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – Rosary at 7:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER:** Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Turkey with all the trimmings, homemade beans & pies. Take-out available. Everyone welcome! Fr. Scott Murray & Parishioners welcome you!