

# ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

*For emergencies during the week also call  
Holy Canadian Martyrs at 613-756-3606  
during Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday,  
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

## + 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time + September 18, 2022

**LIFE CHAIN:** will again take place downtown Barry's Bay on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> for one hour from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., and at the same time when tens of thousands of pro-life people will gather beside main streets at over 1,800 locations across the United States and Canada. Participants in Life Chain prayerfully and peacefully show solidarity in the Christian community for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. The lives of our unborn brothers and sisters matter. We will stand and be witnesses to the awful truth that millions of lives have been victims of abortion.

**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS:** have resumed at the Tuesday morning Masses when we also place all our requests before our Blessed Mother and pray:  
*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,  
implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided.  
Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.  
To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word  
Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.*

## Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

September 19 - 23

<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Sean Murray <i>by the Murray Family</i>
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Elizabeth “Betty” Shalla <i>by Debbie Coulas</i> Deceased Family Members <i>by Tessie Stoppa</i>

## + Twenty–Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

September 25

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m.	Elmer Dombroskie <i>by Family</i> Ruth Cowan <i>by Terri MacLeod</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

<b>Liturgical Appointments</b>	September 24	September 25
Readings	<i>Karen Yakabuski</i>	<i>Paul Aikenhead</i>
Communion	<i>Maxine Smaglinski</i>	<i>Pierre-Paul Filion</i>

### IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Lisa (Gorra) Yantha who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist last weekend;
- 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, Cheryl Smith, Michael Madigan, Henry Malon, Barbara Dexter.*

Monday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Tuesday	- St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, priest; Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and Companions, martyrs
Wednesday	- St. Matthew, apostle, evangelist
Thursday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Friday	- St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest
Saturday	- Our Lady’s Saturday

**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.

**THIS SUNDAY’S GOSPEL:** has as its protagonist a sly and dishonest steward who, charged with wasting his master’s goods, is about to be dismissed. In this difficult situation, he does not complain; he does not seek justifications nor does he allow himself to become discouraged, but thinks of a way out in order to ensure himself a calm future. He initially reacts with clarity of mind, recognizing his own limitations and then he acts shrewdly, robbing his master for the last time. In fact, he calls the debtors and reduces the debts they owe to the master, in order to make them friends and to be repaid by them later. This is to make friends through corruption and obtaining gratitude through corruption, as sadly is common practice today.

Jesus presents this example certainly not to encourage dishonesty, but prudence. Wealth can propel one to build walls, create division and discrimination. Jesus, on the contrary, encourages his disciples to reverse course: “Make friends for yourselves by means of mammon”. It is an invitation to know how to change goods and wealth into relationships, because people are worth more than things, and count more than the wealth they possess. Indeed, in life, it is not those who have many riches who bear fruit, but those who create and keep alive many bonds, many relationships, many friendships through a variety of “mammon”, that is, the different gifts that God has given them. But Jesus also points to the ultimate aim of his exhortation: “Make friends for yourselves by means of mammon so that they may receive you into the eternal habitations”. If we are able to transform wealth into tools of fraternity and solidarity, not only will God be there to welcome us into heaven, but also those with whom we have shared, properly stewarded what the Lord has placed in our hands.

Brothers and sisters, this Gospel passage makes the question of the dishonest steward dismissed by his master, resonate in us: “What shall I do now?” (cf. v. 3). In facing our shortcomings and our failures, Jesus assures us that we are always in time to put right with good the harm done. Those who have caused tears, make someone happy; those who have wrongfully taken, give to those who are in need. By doing so, we will be commended by the Lord “because we have acted with prudence”, that is, with the wisdom of those who recognize themselves as children of God and challenge themselves for the Kingdom of Heaven.

May the Blessed Virgin help us to be prudent by assuring ourselves not worldly success but eternal life, so that at the moment of the final judgement, the needy people whom we have helped can testify that in them we saw and served the Lord.

*From an Angelus Address by Pope Francis; September 22, 2019*

**LAST SUNDAY OFFERING:** Total: \$2,174.65; (Envelopes: \$1,891; E-transfers: \$80.00; Loose: \$103.65; Visitors: \$80.00; Building Fund: \$20.00)

**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.

**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.

**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.

**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FALL PILGRIMAGE ST. JOSEPH ORATORY:** 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. 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 28th – Rosary at 7:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**PARISH SUPPERS:**

**Mt. St. Patrick;** Sunday, September 25; 1 – 6 p.m. @ CACA Centre, 111 Flat Road, Dacre  
**St. Alphonsus Parish,** Chapeau; Sunday, September 25; 12-- 6 p.m.