

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2022

LIFE CHAIN: will again take place downtown Barry's Bay **TODAY** - Sunday, October 2nd 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. (Fr. John will be there.)

ROSES FOR LIFE: will be offered by The Knights of Columbus before and after Masses **THIS WEEKEND** to coincide with Life Chain Sunday. Free will offerings will be accepted, but are not required to take a rose and show your support for life. All profits will support our council's pro-life activities.

Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

October 3 - 7

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Phelanda Hall *by Family*

First Friday 9:00 a.m. Greg Conway *by Karen Yakabuski*

+ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

October 9

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Ivy-Jean Mask *by Family*
Margaret Cowan *by Gwen Coulas*

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

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

October 8

Susan Coulas

Neil O'Reilly

October 9

Judy Filion

Terry Recoskie

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- *Tanner Trevor Stoppa, Everett Elmer Ryall, Atlee Roseanne Yantha* who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism, and their parents and godparents.

- *Lisa (Gorra) Yantha* who recently received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

-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.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - Ferial – ordinary weekday

Tuesday - St. Francis of Assisi

Wednesday - St. Faustina Kowalska, virgin

Thursday - Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin; St. Bruno, priest

Friday - Our Lady of the Rosary

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.

THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: In October 2021 Pope Francis launched the path of synodality “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”. Links to the synthesis report from the diocese of Pembroke, from the Catholic Bishops of Ontario and from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops can all be found on our diocesan website at this address: <https://pembrokedioocese.com/synod/>. (Or call the parish office for a copy.)

THIS SUNDAY’S GOSPEL: presents the theme of faith, introduced by the disciples’ request: “increase our faith!” (v. 5). A beautiful prayer, which we should pray often throughout the day: “Lord, increase my faith!”. Jesus responds with two images: the grain of mustard and the willing servant.

The faith comparable to the grain of mustard is a faith that is not proud and self-assured: it does not pretend to be that of a great believer at times making gaffes! It is a faith that, in its humility, feels a great need of God and in its smallness surrenders itself, trusting fully in Him. It is a faith that gives us the ability to look with hope at the alternate events of life, which helps us to accept even defeat, suffering, with the awareness that evil never has, never will have, the last word.

How can we understand if we truly have faith, that is, if our faith, while miniscule, is genuine, pure, sincere? Jesus explains this by indicating what the measure of faith is: service. And he does so with a parable which at first glance is somewhat disconcerting, because it presents the figure of an overbearing and indifferent master. But this master’s very way of doing things highlights what is the true core of the parable, which is the servant’s attitude of willingness. Jesus wishes to say that this is how people of faith are with regard to God: they completely give themselves over to his will, without calculations or pretexts.

This attitude toward God is also reflected in the manner of behaviour in the community: it is reflected in the joy of being at the service of one another, finding one’s reward already therein, and not in the recognition and gains that may derive from it. This is what Jesus teaches at the end of this narrative: “when you have done all that is commanded you, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty’” (v. 10). Unworthy servants, that is, without expecting to be thanked, without pretexts. “We are unworthy servants” is an expression of humility and willingness, which does much good for the Church and recalls the right attitude for working within her: humble service, of which Jesus gave the example, by washing the feet of the disciples (cf. Jn 13:3-17). May the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, woman of faith, help us to go along this path.

~ *Pope Francis, Angelus, October 6, 2019.*

LAST SUNDAY OFFERING:

September 18th - Total: \$2,361.00; (Envelopes: \$1,769.00; E-transfers: \$290.00; Loose: \$117.00; Visitors: \$75.00; Needs of the Canadian Church: \$10.00; Building Fund: \$100.00)

September 25th – Total: \$2,146.00; (Envelopes: \$1,609.00; E-transfers: \$200.00; Loose: \$85.00; Visitors: \$110.00)

RECENT PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS: Are all posted on the parish bulletin board.

In our Deanery, **Reverend Jim BEANISH** is appointed pastor of St. Andrew Parish, Killaloe, and Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Brudenell. **This appointment is effective on 13 October 2022.**

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: Please notify the parish office for a pastoral visit and monthly reception of Holy Communion on First Fridays when you are unable to attend Sunday Mass.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE DYING: The Church desires that her faithful know consolation, comfort, and healing through the Sacraments when they are dying. Be sure to ask your family to honour your desires when it is time (terminal illness) to call a priest in order to prepare for a Christian death.

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.

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.

THANK YOU: to the Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 406, Barry’s Bay for their donation to the Building Fund in Fr. Mervin Coulas’ name for the many years he served as Padre.