

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.*

31st Sundays in Ordinary Time

October 30, 2022

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: Parents who desire that their children receive First 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.

THANK YOU: Over the past several months, many people have expressed appreciation for the beauty of our church sanctuary decorations, and for the flowers and grounds outside the church which receive a lot of visibility because of the highway. Thank you to all the parishioners who make this possible through their financial support and to the following ladies who provide the many volunteer hours for the beautification: Liz Murray, Ursula Jeffrey, Joanne Olsen, Cathy Serran, Maxine Smaglinski, and Rosemarie Recoskie.

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.

Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

October 31 – November 4

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
For All Who Handed on the Catholic & Apostolic Faith to Us

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:
ALL SOULS
For Our Faithful Departed: Parishioners, Family & Friends

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

+ Thirty–Second Week in Ordinary Time +

November 6

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Ursula Dombroskie *by Richard Dombroskie*

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

Liturgical Appointments	November 5	November 6
Readings	<i>Martin Yakabuski</i>	<i>Paul Aikenhead</i>
Communion	<i>Neil O'Reilly</i>	<i>Pierre-Paul Filon</i>

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - Ferial – ordinary weekday
Tuesday - ALL SAINTS
Wednesday - ALL SOULS: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
Thursday - St. Martin de Porres, religious
Friday - St. Charles Borromeo, bishop
Saturday - Our Lady's Saturday

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

-The sick and all who asked for our prayers; for those who died, especially: *Katie Gould, Edith Marie Smith, Hedwig (Hedy) Ann Villeneuve, Frances Cybulskie, and Suzanne Mary Bray.*

CWL MEMORIAL SERVICE – Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. A time of remembrance, prayer and fellowship as we honour all our deceased members, with special tribute to those who passed away since our last service. Gladys Bolduc, Joan Chapeskie, Patricia Milan, Patricia Kulas, Joan Prince, Eleanor Quesnelle, Clare Smaglinskie. Please join us in remembering our dear CWL sisters.

ALL SAINTS: This week we celebrate all saints, official and unofficially, known, and unknown, who are models of gospel living and zeal in faith. Contrary to popular perception, to canonize someone a saint is not to declare them morally perfect, ethically blameless, or unconditioned by the cultural standards and limitations of the age in which they lived. Sanctity is not the special preserved of a handful of spiritual heroes. It is the ordinary goal of the Christian life to which includes the creativity of human freedom. To be a saint is to desire God who is goodness and goodness for others. A saint is undivided in this desire to love the Lord our God with all one's heart, and to love one's neighbour as one's own self. There will only be saints in heaven!

ALL SOULS: All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. [CCC 1030]

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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: 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.

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.

MADAWASKA VALLEY HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE: Volunteer Training on November 7th, 10th, 14th, and 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Grief Support Group begins Tuesday, November 1st from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. for 6 sessions. To register or for more information please call 613-756-3045 ext: 350.

SACRED HEART LEAGUE CRAFT & BAKE SALE at St. Hedwig Church in Parish Hall on Sunday, November 20th from 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. Baking, Raffles, 50/50 draw & craft tables plus more. Everyone welcome.

LAST TWO WEEK'S OF SUNDAY OFFERINGS: October 16: Total: \$2,366.00; (Envelopes: \$2,091.00; Loose: \$25.00; Visitors: \$30.00; World Mission: \$10.00; Needs of the Canadian Church: \$10.00; Building Fund: \$10.00)

October 23: Total: \$2,870.00; (Envelopes: \$2,364.00; Loose: \$45.00; Visitor: \$70.00; Initial: \$25.00; World Mission: \$146.00; Building Fund: \$220.00)

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL: presents us with an event that happened in Jericho, when Jesus entered the city ... and looked up into a tree said to a despised tax collector: "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today" (v. 5). We can imagine Zacchaeus' astonishment! Why does Jesus say, "I *must* stay at your house"? What duty does this refer to? We know that his highest duty is to implement the Father's plan for all of mankind, which is fulfilled in Jerusalem with his death sentence, the crucifixion and, on the third day, the Resurrection. It is the Father's merciful plan of salvation. And in this plan, there is also the salvation of Zacchaeus, a dishonest man who is despised by all, and therefore in need of conversion. The people saw Zacchaeus as a scoundrel who became rich at his neighbours' expense. Had Jesus said: "Come down, you, exploiter, you traitor of the people! Come to speak with me and settle the score!", surely the people would have applauded. Instead, they began to whisper: "Jesus is going to his house, the house of the sinner, the exploiter".

Guided by mercy, Jesus looks for him precisely. Jesus' gaze goes beyond sins and prejudices. And this is important! We must learn this. Jesus' gaze goes beyond sins and prejudices; he sees the person through the eyes of God, who does not stop at past faults, but sees the future good; Jesus is not resigned to closing, but always opens, always opens new spaces of life; he does not stop at appearances but looks at the heart. And here he sees this man's wounded heart: wounded by the sin of greed, by the many terrible things that Zacchaeus had done. He sees that wounded heart and goes there.

Sometimes we try to correct or convert a sinner by scolding him, by pointing out his mistakes and wrongful behaviour. Jesus' attitude toward Zacchaeus shows us another way: that of showing those who err their value, the value that God continues to see in spite of everything, despite all their mistakes. This may bring about a positive surprise, which softens the heart and spurs the person to bring out the good that he has within himself. It gives people the confidence which makes them grow and change. This is how God acts with all of us: he is not blocked by our sin but overcomes it with love and makes us feel nostalgia for the good. We have all felt this nostalgia for the good after a mistake. And this is what God Our Father does, this is what Jesus does. There is not one person who does not have some good quality. And God looks at this in order to draw that person away from evil.
~ Pope Francis, Angelus, October 30, 2016