

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Holy Canadian Martyrs at 613-756-3606
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9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

Advent Devotional Materials: Here are just some good websites that provide free materials: <https://dynamiccatholic.com> <http://www.ewtn.com>
<http://www.catholicmom.com>
<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/>

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS: for the Glory of God and in Memory of loved ones can be made with the envelopes provided at the entrance of the church or in your Offering box. The Masses of Christmas will be offered for your intentions. Donations must be submitted by Monday, December 19th in order to have loved ones listed in the Christmas bulletin memorial page.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP GUY DESROCHERS: Evangelization and the Reform of Diocesan Structures (November 17, 2022). Available at the entrances.

Come, Lord Jesus!

First Week of Advent

November 28 – December 2

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	+Rita Murray <i>by the Murray Family</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	+Al Smaglinski <i>by +Peter Jeffrey and Susan Tomasini</i> +Edmund Kubesheskie <i>by Arlene Kubesheskie & Family</i>

+ Second Sunday of Advent +

December 4

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Phelanda Hall <i>by Family</i>
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	December 3	December 4
Readings	<i>Sean Conway</i>	<i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i>
Communion	<i>Neil O'Reilly</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Tuesday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Wednesday	- St. Andrew, apostle
Thursday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Friday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Saturday	- St. Francis Xavier, priest

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

-The sick and all who asked for our prayers; for those who died, especially: *Evelyn Cybulski, Ralph Zilney, Rita Guilbault, Norine Helfery, Harry Goulet, Leona Etmanskie, Sandra Wood, and Katie Gould.*

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

4:00 p.m. St. Lawrence O'Toole, Barry's Bay
7:00 p.m. St. Francis de Sales, Latchford Bridge
9:00 p.m. Holy Canadian Martyrs, Combermere
10:30 a.m. St. Lawrence O'Toole, Barry's Bay

CHRIST THE ARRIVING ONE: Today on the First Sunday of Advent, we enter that four-week Season with which a new liturgical year begins and that immediately prepares us for the Feast of Christmas, the memorial of the Incarnation of Christ in history. Yet, the spiritual message of Advent is more profound and already orients us to the glorious return of the Lord at the end of our history.

Adventus is the Latin word that could be translated by “arrival”, “coming” or “presence”. In the language of the ancient world, it was a technical term that indicated the arrival of an official, and especially the visit of kings or emperors to the provinces, but it could also be used for the appearance of a divinity, which emerged from its hidden dwelling-place and thus manifested its divine power; its presence was solemnly celebrated with worship.

By using this term, “Advent”, Christians wanted to express the special relationship that bound them to the Crucified and Risen Christ. He is a King who, having entered this poor province called earth, made us the gift of his visit and after his Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven desired in any case to stay with us; we perceive his mysterious presence in the liturgical assembly. Indeed, in celebrating the Eucharist, we proclaim that he did not withdraw from the world, that he did not leave us alone and, even though we cannot see and touch him as with material and tangible realities, he is in any case with us and among us. Indeed, he is in us, because he can attract to himself and communicate his life to every believer who opens his/her heart to him.

Thus, Advent means commemorating the first coming of the Lord in the flesh, with his definitive return already in mind, and, at the same time, it means recognizing that Christ present in our midst makes himself our travelling companion in the life of the Church who celebrates his mystery. This knowledge, dear brothers and sisters, nourished by listening to the Word of God, must help us to see the world with different eyes, to interpret the individual events of life and history as words that God addresses to us, as signs of his love that assure us of his closeness in every situation; this awareness, in particular, should prepare us to welcome him when “he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end”, as in a little while we shall repeat in the Creed. In this perspective, Advent becomes for all Christians a time of expectation and hope, a privileged time for listening and reflection, as long as we let ourselves be guided by the liturgy, which invites us to advance to meet the Lord who comes. ~ *From a Homily by Pope Benedict XVI; November 30, 2008*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Total: \$3,040.00; (Envelopes: \$2,480.00; E-Transfers: \$40.00; Loose: \$25.00; Visitors: \$150.00; Christmas Flowers: \$120.00; Bishop's Evangelization Project: \$155.00; Northern Missions: \$20.00; Christmas Offering: \$50.00)

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your new box at the church entrance which are displayed in alphabetical order. Please write your full address on the first few envelopes of the year so that tax receipts are mailed to the proper address. Please note that your envelope number will have changed from last year. If your name is missing please contact the office by phone or email.

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.

ANNUAL CWL DINNER: on Sunday, December 4 at our parish hall. Tickets are \$20.00 Come celebrate with us. Spouses and friends are welcome. Tickets available from Ursula 756-3281, Carmel 756-3200, Viola 756-3327 and at Talk 'O' The Town 756-3676.

TREE OF LIGHTS CAMPAIGN 2022: To help St Francis Memorial Hospital purchase a new ultrasound machine. Annual Tree of Lights Celebrations Friday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Barry's Bay Railway Station and the Palmer Rapids Tree of Love, Saturday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Palmer Rapids Community Centre. Info: 613-756-3045 ext 217 or visit www.sfvhfoundation.com. Every kind gift matters.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING: Counting People at Mass – “Starting on the First Sunday of Advent and continuing for one calendar year, all parishes in the Diocese of Pembroke will provide an accurate count of these who are attending Mass each weekend. This will be reported in the weekly parish bulletin and then collated at the end of 2023 to assist with conversations around diocesan pastoral planning and evangelization: how best to serve our parish communities, provide access to the Sacraments and build up the mission of the Church.” ~ Bishop Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.

ANNUAL SHOE BOX DRIVE: Thank you to all who participated in the Annual Samaritan Purse Operation Shoe Box Drive. We successfully collected 20 Shoe Boxes. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

WINTER FLU SEASON & PROTOCOL: Please, if you have any flu-like symptoms, you and your family should remain at home.