

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.*

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

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.

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/>

Come, Lord Jesus! Do not delay!

Second Week of Advent

December 5 - 9

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. +Stella Shushack by *Richard & Suzanne Luckasavitch*

Friday 9:00 a.m. +Kevin Cowan by *Edward and Marla Recoskie*

+ Third Sunday of Advent +

December 11

Saturday 4:00 p.m. +Andrew Dombroskie by *Jerry & Diane Green*

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

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

December 10

Karen Yakabuski

Beverly Glofcheskie

December 11

Joanne Olsen

Ursula Jeffrey

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - Ferial – ordinary weekday

Tuesday - St. Nicholas, bishop

Wednesday - St. Ambrose, bishop, doctor

Thursday - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Saturday - Ferial – ordinary weekday

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

-The sick and all who asked for our prayers; for those who died, especially: *David Joseph Afelskie, Kenneth Kosnaskie, Evelyn Cybulski, Randy Zilney, Rita Guilbault, Norine Helferty, Harry Goulet, and Leona Etmanskie.*

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.

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

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

ADVENT CONFESSION IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS:

Before all weekday and Saturday Masses

Sunday, December 11 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. @ St. Lawrence O'Toole

Sunday, December 18 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. @ Holy Canadian Martyrs

Monday, December 19 starting at 5:00 p.m. @ St. Hedwig

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Mt 3:1-12), presents to us the figure of St John the Baptist, who with his preaching, called the people to convert so as to be ready for the coming of the Messiah, now at hand. St Gregory the Great commented that John the Baptist "preaches upright faith and good works... so that the force of grace may penetrate, the light of the truth shine out, the paths to God be straightened and honest thoughts be born in the mind after hearing the word that guides us to goodness" (*Hom. in Evangelia, XX, 3, CCL 141, 155*).

In the Season of Advent, we too are called to listen to God's voice, that cries out in the desert of the world through the Sacred Scriptures. The model of listening is the Virgin Mary: "As we contemplate in the Mother of God a life totally shaped by the word, we realize that we too are called to enter into the mystery of faith, whereby Christ comes to dwell in our lives. Every Christian believer, St Ambrose reminds us, in some way interiorly conceives and gives birth to the word of God" (*Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Verbum Domini, no. 28*).

Dear friends, "Our salvation rests on a coming", as Romano Guardini wrote (*La santa notte. Dall'Avvento all'Epifania, Brescia 1994, p. 13*). "The Saviour came from God's freedom.... Thus, the decision of faith consists... in welcoming the One who draws near" (*ibid.*, p. 14). "The Redeemer", he added, "comes to every human being: in his joy and his anguish, in his clear knowledge, in his perplexities and temptations, in all that constitutes his nature and his life" (*ibid.*, p. 15).

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. ~ *From an Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; December 52010.*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Total: \$3,480.00; (Envelopes: \$2,401.00; E-Transfers: \$460.00; Loose: \$27.00; Visitors: \$30.00; Christmas Flowers: \$507.00; Bishop's Evangelization Project: \$55.00) [96 People at Mass]

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your new box at the church entrance. Please write your full address on the first few envelopes of the year so that tax receipts are mailed to the proper address. If your name is missing, please contact the office by phone or email.

WINTER FLU SEASON & PROTOCOL: Please, if you have any flu-like symptoms you and your family should remain at home. As Those who wish to receive the Host on the tongue are asked to come forward towards the end of the procession for Holy Communion.

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.*

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD PRAYER GROUP: 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.

NOVENA OF TALKS FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: St. Michael's Church in Douglas. Starting Wednesday, November 30th until Wednesday, December 7th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. See the bulletin board for more details.

14th ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT – 2023: Given by Fr. Paul Burchat and Scott Eagen from the Madonna House, **Friday, January 13th to Sunday, January 15th, 2023** at the Graphite Bible Camp. Theme: “*God the Father: Our Hope and Salvation (“You are With Me” Jn 15:31)*. Cost: \$175.00 (includes retreat, room and great meals). For more information, questions, special requests, dietary or financial concerns, please call Pierre-Paul Filion at 613 602-6580 or email ppfalion@yahoo.ca. Reserve now; **deposit and registration due by December 20th, 2022.**