

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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.*

Third Sunday of Advent

(Gaudete Sunday)

December 11, 2022

TRAVELLING ICON OF ST. JOSEPH: will be present at Mass and for the morning this Friday, December 16. Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus. Inspired by the Year of St Joseph, the current program has reproduced an Icon from St Joseph's Oratory in Montreal to honour the foster father of Jesus. St. Joseph carried out his mission of raising, guarding and preparing Christ quietly, courageously and faithfully. For that faithful work, St. Joseph was rewarded — not with seeing the fruits of his labour in this life, but with the incomparable prize of glory in heaven. We take the time to honour St. Joseph in this time of prayer, and to reflect on his life. We ask for the grace to be men and women of courage, living out our life in the service of those around us, and making Jesus known through our thoughts, words and actions.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS: TODAY, Sunday, December 11 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. during a Holy Hour with **Visiting Priests-Confessors**. Whether you go to confession frequently, or haven't been for a long time, please take advantage of this graced moment to receive God's mercy as we prepare for Christmas. Let us pray for one another.

Third Week of Advent

December 12 – 16

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. +Beverly Brotton *by Alphonse & Kevin Brotton & Family*

(Thursday 1:45 p.m. Mass & Anointing of the Sick at the Valley Manor)
(residents only)

Friday 9:00 a.m. +Joseph & Annie Piecarski *by Clayton & Tracey Piecarski*

+ Fourth Sunday of Advent +

December 18

Saturday 4:00 p.m. +Frances Cybulskie *by Marjorie & Tony Page*

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

Liturgical Appointments	December 17	December 18
Readings	<i>Martin Yakabuski</i>	<i>Emilie Pigeon</i>
Communion	<i>Maxine Smaglinski</i>	<i>Pierre-Paul Filion</i>

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday	- St. Lucy, virgin, martyr
Wednesday	- St. John of the Cross, priest, doctor
Thursday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Friday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Saturday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

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

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

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: Closed between Christmas and New Year's.

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

Sunday, December 18 from 3:00 p.m. @ St. Mary's

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

ON THIS THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, the Liturgy presents to us a passage from the Letter of St James, which opens with this exhortation: "Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord" (Jas 5:7). It seems to me especially important, in our day, to underline the value of constancy and persistence, virtues which belonged to the normal baggage of our ancestors but today are less popular, in a world which exalts, rather, the change and capacity to adapt oneself to ever new and diverse situations.

Taking nothing from these features, which are also human qualities, Advent calls us to develop inner tenacity, resistance of the spirit, which enables us not to despair while waiting for a good that is slow in coming, but on the contrary to prepare for its coming with active trust.

The comparison drawn with the farmer is very expressive; he has sown the field and has before him several months of patient and constant waiting, but he knows that in the meantime the seed completes its cycle, thanks to the autumn and spring rains. The farmer is not a fatalist but the model of a mentality which unites faith and reason in a balanced way. For on the one hand, he knows the laws of nature and does his work well, and on the other, he trusts in Providence, because certain fundamental things are not in his hands but in the hands of God. Patience and constancy are truly a synthesis between human commitment and confidence in God.

"Establish your hearts", Scripture says. How can we do this? How can we strengthen our hearts, already somewhat frail in themselves and rendered even more unstable by the culture in which we are immersed. Help is not lacking; it is the Word of God. In fact, while everything else passes and changes, the Word of the Lord is not transient. If the events of life make us feel bewildered and every certainty seems to crumble, we have a compass to guide us, we have an anchor to prevent us from drifting away. ~ *From an Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; December 12, 2010*

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) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./104; 10:30 a.m./91]

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights of Columbus Council 6894 December Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 21st in St. Jerome's Meeting Room, in the basement of St. Hedwig Rectory. Rosary at 7:00 p.m. & Meeting commences at 7:30 p.m.. See you there.

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 ppfilion@yahoo.ca. Reserve now; **deposit and registration due by December 20th, 2022.**