

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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9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

+ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time +

January 15, 2023

ANNUAL POT O'GOLD TICKETS: Next weekend, January 21/22, after each Mass, members and parishioners can take an envelope of 5 books (1 ticket = \$2. or 3 for \$5) to sell and support this CWL annual fundraiser. Your help is most appreciated! ~ *Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League*

SUNDAY SOCIAL: After the 10:30 a.m. Mass on March 12th, 2023.

A CHRISTMASTIDE THANK YOU: to the many people who contributed to the beauty and dignity of the Eucharistic Liturgy and the liturgical environment: to those who donated offerings to beautify the church; to those who donated time and energy, and helped lead us in our Christmas liturgies: musicians, leaders of song, readers, servers, money counters, decorators and to anyone else who gave leadership or worked "behind the scenes" at the different Masses over Christmastime.

Second Week in Ordinary Time

January 16 – 20

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	+Lawrence Sullivan <i>by Estate</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	+Deceased Members of the Recoskie Family <i>by Rosemarie Recoskie</i>

+ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time +

January 22, 2023

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Aloysius Smaglinski <i>by Maxine Smaglinski</i>
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	January 21	January 22
Readings	<i>Karen Yakabuski</i>	<i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i>
Communion	<i>Leona Chapeskie</i>	<i>Terry Recoskie</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>Jason Dombroskie</i>
	<i>Tony Burant</i>	<i>Richard Luckasavitch</i>

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Tuesday	- St. Anthony, abbot
Wednesday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Thursday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Friday	- St. Fabian, pope, martyr and St. Sebastian, martyr
Saturday	- St. Agnes, virgin, martyr

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Christians persecuted throughout the world; for all victims and refugees of civil war;
- that the peoples, legislators and healthcare practitioners of our country would choose life and not death regarding euthanasia, assisted suicide and abortion;
- for parishioners who are sick; and for those who have died, especially: *Bronis “Ronnie” Shalla*

THIS SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: is in continuity with the Epiphany and the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. The Gospel passage (cf. Jn 1: 29-34) again speaks to us of the manifestation of Jesus. Indeed, after being baptized in the River Jordan, He was consecrated by the Holy Spirit Who came upon Him, and was proclaimed Son of God by the voice of the heavenly Father (cf. Mt 3: 16-17 et seq.). The Evangelist John, unlike the other three, does not describe the event, but proposes to us the witness of John the Baptist. He was the first witness of Christ. God had called him and prepared him for this.

The Baptist cannot hold back the urgent desire to bear witness to Jesus and declares: “I have seen and have borne witness” (v. 34). John saw something shocking, that is, the beloved Son of God in solidarity with sinners; and the Holy Spirit made him understand this unheard-of novelty, a true reversal. In fact, while in all religions it is man who offers and sacrifices something to God, in the event Jesus is God Who offers His Son for the salvation of humanity. John manifests his astonishment and his consent to this newness brought by Jesus, through a meaningful expression that we repeat each time in the Mass: “Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!” (v. 29).

The testimony of John the Baptist invites us to start out again and again on our journey of faith: to start afresh from Jesus Christ, the Lamb full of mercy that the Father gave for us. Let us be surprised once again by God’s choice to be on our side, to show solidarity with us sinners, and to save the world from evil by taking it on fully.

Let us learn from John the Baptist not to assume that we already know Jesus, that we already know everything about Him (cf. v. 31). This is not so. Let us pause with the Gospel, perhaps even contemplating an icon of Christ, a “Holy face”. Let us contemplate with our eyes and yet more with our hearts; and let us allow ourselves to be instructed by the Holy Spirit, Who tells us inside: It is He! He is the Son of God made lamb, immolated out of love. He alone has brought, He alone has suffered, He alone has atoned for sin, the sin of each one of us, the sin of the world, and also my sins. All of them. He brought them all upon Himself and took them away from us, so that we would finally be free, no longer slaves to evil. Yes, we are still poor sinners, but not slaves, no, not slaves: children, children of God!

May the Virgin Mary obtain for us the strength to bear witness to her Son Jesus; to proclaim Him with joy with a life freed from evil and a word full of astonished and grateful faith. ~ *Angelus Address by Pope Francis; January 19, 2020*

USHERS: Will again be taking up the collection at the offertory in the weeks to come.

MASS INTENTIONS: When requesting a specific date for a Mass please give a six-month notice.

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Total: \$2,125.00; (Envelopes: \$1,843.00; E-Transfers: \$20.00; Loose: \$22.00; Visitors: \$95.00; Initial Offering: \$ 85.00; New Year's Day: \$60.00) Christmas Offering: (to date) \$2,812.00; [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./116; 10:30 a.m./82]

Thank you for your faith-filled generosity which enables us to maintain what previous generations of Catholics built as a place for gathering as the Body of Christ, formation in Christian faith and celebrating the Sacraments of the Church.

A PERSONAL THANK YOU: to everyone for their welcome, prayers and support during this past year, and for the generous gifts to me personally this Christmas. May the Lord in His goodness bless you with peace and joy throughout this new year! ~ *Fr. John Burchat*

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. Those who wish to receive the Host on the tongue are asked to come forward towards the end of the procession for Holy Communion.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (#6894) MEETING: Wednesday, January 18; Rosary at 7:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:30 pm. In St. Jerome's Meeting Room in the basement of the St. Hedwig Rectory.

2023 NORTHERN ONTARIO CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE – Level up!, Find Your Purpose: in North Bay, Ontario, Feb. 25 This event is for ages 13-19 and includes a day full of prayer, music, workshops, games, Catholic vendors and motivational talks from **Keynote Speaker, Ken Yasinski**. Ken Yasinski has been speaking full time for 20 years within the Catholic Church. He is the founder of Face to Face Ministries, a Lighthouse Catholic Media Speaker, author, and songwriter. This event is being hosted by the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall from 10 a.m to 8:00 p.m. Registration information can be found at www.holynametalphonsus.com/levelup. Young people from all over Northern Ontario and beyond are welcome to attend this Conference. The **Diocese of Pembroke, Family Life and Youth Ministry Office**, is organizing transportation to attend this 1 day conference. The **cost is \$30.00 per participant (includes transportation, lunch and dinner)**. Deadline is Friday Feb. 17th. Contact Yvette for more information or to receive a registration form. (613) 585-6301 or yvettebourque@pembrookediocese.com.