

# ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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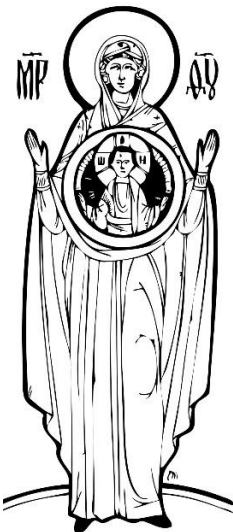
## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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.*

## The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

*New Year's & World Day of Peace  
December 31; January 1, 2023*



**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:** from Bishop Guy Desrochers,  
Bishop of Pembroke can be found at:  
[www.youtube.com/@pembrokediocese](http://www.youtube.com/@pembrokediocese)

He was created of a mother whom he created.  
He was carried by hands that he formed.  
He cried in the manger in wordless infancy.  
He is the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute.  
~ *St. Augustine*

## Second Week of Christmastime

*January 2 - 6*

**Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. +Phelanda Hall *by Family*

**Friday** 9:00 a.m. + Matthew Biskup *by Lori-Kay Dombroskie*

## + The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord +

*January 8, 2023*

**Saturday** 4:00 p.m. +Dowdall Murray *by Kenny & Kara Yandernoll*

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

### **Liturgical Appointments**

Readings

Communion

**Offertory**

January 7

*Lorraine Flynn*

*Beverly Glofcheskie*

*Volunteers*

January 8

*Judy Filion*

*Pierre-Paul Filion*

*Volunteers*

### **ROMAN CALENDAR:**

Monday - St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors

Tuesday - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday - St. Elizabeth Seton, religious

Thursday - ferial, Christmastime

Friday - [*Epiphany*]

Saturday - St. Andre Bessette, religious

**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.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** Our parish complies with the policy of Catholic Mutual Canada Insurance regarding standard practices for snow/ice removal, salting, sanding, and the logging of all winter maintenance. However, during the winter months, when environment Canada has announced a public winter weather warning regarding snow or freezing rain for the area, everyone, especially the elderly, ought to exercise their prudence (common sense) in attempting to attend Mass or meetings and gatherings of any kind.

**MOTHER OF GOD:** The Blessed Virgin Mary has been called (in Greek) *Platytera tou kosmou*, the Woman Wider than the Universe. Mary was Great with Child; her Child was Almighty God. She contained the One whom the heaven of heavens is too narrow to hold. Can a foot be larger than the boot or an oyster greater than the shell? For Christians, apparently, Very Often. Mary's slender womb enthroned within it the Maker of the Universe, the God who is greater than all the galaxies that stream across the firmament. The tummy of a Girl was wider than creation.

Then on the crisp night air came the squeal of the newly born baby. It came from the cave that was both a stable and a birth-place. That stable in Bethlehem, as C. S. Lewis memorably explains in *The Last Battle*, “had something in it that was bigger than our entire world”. The stable, like Mary, was great with child; very great, for that Child is God. And what is true of the womb of the Mother of God, and what is true of that stable at Bethlehem, is also the great truth of the Sacrament of the Altar. Bread becomes God Almighty; little round disks of unleavened bread are recreated by the Maker of the World to be Himself. As Mary's Baby was bigger than all creation, than all the stars and clouds and mass of it, so the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar is bigger than the Kosmos.

As you made your Christmass communion, glorious and loving Infinity came to make His dwelling in your poor body; so that, as you walked or drove home for the rest of Christmass, you were *platyteroi tou Kosmou*: broader than the Universe. ~ *Fr John Hunwicke*

### **CHRISTMAS ORATION** by *St. Gregory of Nazianzus (AD 380)*

Christ is born, glorify Him.

Christ from heaven, go out to meet Him.

Christ on earth, be exalted.

Sing to the Lord, all the whole earth;

and that I may join both in one word,

let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad,

for Him who is of heaven and then of earth.

Christ in the flesh, rejoice with trembling and with joy;

with trembling because of your sins,

with joy because of your hope.

Again, the darkness is past;

again, Light is made;

again, Egypt is punished with darkness;

again, Israel is enlightened by a pillar.

The people who sat in the darkness of ignorance,

let them see the great Light full of knowledge.

Old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** for 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: *Sandra (Coulas) Yaraskavitch, David Joseph Afelskie, and Kenneth Kosnaskie.*

**LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:** Total: \$6,376.00; (Envelopes: \$3,199.00; E-Transfers: \$470.00; Loose: \$205.00; Visitors: \$55.00; Christmas Offering: (to date) \$2742.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./148; 10:30 a.m./103]

**2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** If you have not received your new box of envelopes, please pick them up at the office.

**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.*

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

**BURYING THE DEAD, GRIEVING WELL -- A Guide for Catholics on Bodily Disposition and Grief:** In recent decades, there have been numerous changes to the treatment of the bodily remains of the deceased within our Canadian and North American societies, due to rapid developments in the technologies used in bodily disposition. The new practices concerning the treatment of the bodies of the departed have direct consequences on the way we live out our grief. They also influence our ability to embark upon a path of healing after the loss we have experienced. The Catholic Bishops of Canada are proposing to the faithful and to all people of good will this reflection on the ways we treat the bodies of the deceased and live out our grief when faced with the death of a loved one. We are offering this guide to dealing with death and the various forms of bodily disposition, as well as the Catholic liturgical and pastoral practices that accompany the grieving process. We hope it will be useful for families and friends dealing with the loss of a loved one, for pastors and those who welcome and accompany the bereaved, as well as for those in the funeral industry who take the religious dimension into account. Read the document at: [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)