

# 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  
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9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

## ✠ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

~ Sunday of the Word of God ~

January 22, 2023

**ABOUT TODAY:** The Sunday of the Word of God is celebrated on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. This annual celebration was announced by Pope Francis in a Motu Proprio entitled *Aperuit illis*, published on September 30, 2019, the Feast of St Jerome. The Word of God Sunday, Pope Francis wrote in that Motu Proprio, “is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God”. Pope Francis desires that “the Church experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasure of his word and enable us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.”

*The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since, especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body. ~Vatican II, Dei Verbum 21*

*I interpret as I should, following the command of Christ: Search the Scriptures, and Seek and you shall find. As St. Paul says, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God, and if the man who does not know Scripture does not know the power and wisdom of God, then ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. ~ St. Jerome*

## Third Week in Ordinary Time

January 23 – 28

**Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. +Theresa Mary Yantha *by Tony Yantha*

**Friday** 9:00 a.m. +Cheryl Smith *by Andrew & Rosemary Gutoskie*

## + Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

January 29, 2023

**Saturday** 4:00 p.m. +Margaret, Elmer & Andrew “Della” Dombroskie  
*by Family and Shirley Dombroskie*

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

### Liturgical Appointments

	January 28	January 29
Readings	<i>Martin Yakabuski</i>	<i>Joanne Olsen</i>
Communion	<i>Neil O'Reilly</i>	<i>Pierre-Paul Filion</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i> <i>Tony Burant</i>	<i>Jamie Prince</i> <i>Terry Recoskie</i>

### ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Tuesday	- St. Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor
Wednesday	- The Conversion of St. Paul, The Apostle
Thursday	- St. Timothy and St. Titus, bishops
Friday	- St. Angela Merici, virgin
Saturday	- St. Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor

### 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: *Rose (Blank) Coulas, and Bronis “Ronnie” Shalla.*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Before all weekday and weekend Masses

**IN TODAY'S LITURGY**, the Evangelist Matthew, who will accompany us throughout this liturgical year, presents the beginning of Christ's public mission. It consisted essentially in preaching the Kingdom of God and healing the sick, showing that this Kingdom is close at hand and is already in our midst. Jesus began his preaching in Galilee, the region where he grew up, the "outskirts" in comparison with the heart of the Jewish Nation, which was Judea, and in it, Jerusalem. But the Prophet Isaiah had foretold that this land, assigned to the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali, would have a glorious future: the people immersed in darkness would see a great light (see Is 8: 23-9: 2). In Jesus' time, the term "gospel" was used by Roman emperors for their proclamations. Independently of their content, they were described as "good news" or announcements of salvation, because the emperor was considered lord of the world and his every edict as a portent of good. Thus, the application of this phrase to Jesus' preaching had a strongly critical meaning, as if to say God, and not the emperor, is Lord of the world, and the true Gospel is that of Jesus Christ.

The "Good News" which Jesus proclaims is summed up in this sentence: "The Kingdom of God - or Kingdom of Heaven - is at hand" (see Mt 4: 17; Mk 1: 15). What do these words mean? They do not of course refer to an earthly region marked out in space and time, but rather to an announcement that it is God who reigns, that God is Lord and that his lordship is present and actual, it is being realized. The newness of Christ's message, therefore, is that God made himself close *in him* and now reigns in our midst, as the miracles and healings that he works demonstrate. God reigns in the world through his Son made man and with the power of the Holy Spirit who is called "the finger of God" (Lk 11: 20). Wherever Jesus goes the Creator Spirit brings life, and men and women are healed of diseases of body and spirit. God's lordship is thus manifest in the human being's integral healing. By this, Jesus wanted to reveal the Face of the true God, the God who is close, full of mercy for every human being; the God who makes us a gift of life in abundance, his own life. The Kingdom of God is therefore life that asserts itself over death, the light of truth that dispels the darkness of ignorance and lies. ~ *Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; January 27, 2008*

**ST. JOSEPH HOUSE** is celebrating 60 years of serving the people of the Valley. Bishop Guy Desroschers is coming Sunday, Feb. 12 for a Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish. On Feb. 14, the anniversary of the first Mass said in their chapel, there will be an Open House and the second-hand shops will be open, both from 2-4 p.m. You are most welcome to attend. God willing there will be another celebration in the summer.

**CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY:** There is a great commentary on **The Gospel of Matthew** by Edward Sri and Curtis Mitch is available. It is available by calling the parish office and signing up to have a copy ordered for you. It is about \$25. Why not plan a personal study of this gospel as we read from it throughout this year?

**LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:** Total: \$2,463.00; (Envelopes: \$2,058.00; E-Transfers: \$60.00; Loose: \$30.00; Visitors: \$115.00; Initial Offering: \$ 45.00; Share Lent: \$20.00; Easter Offering: \$30.00; Easter Flowers: \$25.00; Fuel: \$50.00; Building Fund: \$30.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./109; 10:30 a.m./77]

*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.*

**USHERS:** Will again be taking up the collection at the offertory starting this weekend.

**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.

**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 p.m. Registration information can be found at [www.holynamestalphonsus.com/levelup](http://www.holynamestalphonsus.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. 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Yvette for more information or to receive a registration form. (613) 585-6301 or [yvettebourque@pembrokedioocese.com](mailto:yvettebourque@pembrokedioocese.com).

**ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT:** March 24 to 26, 2023 at the Graphite Bible Camp in Maynooth. Fr. Zachary Romanowsky and Cheryl Ann Smith from Madonna House will be leading the retreat. The cost is \$175.00. For more information contact us at [womensretreatcombermere@gmail.com](mailto:womensretreatcombermere@gmail.com) or call/text Caitlin 613-316-0992 or Kristan 613-585-0579