

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

✠ **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ✠

February 5, 2023

ST. JOSEPH HOUSE is celebrating 60 years of serving the people of the Valley. Bishop Guy Desroschers is coming Sunday, February 12 to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish. On February 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.

COUNTDOWN TO LENT: Beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd, we can begin to reflect on the words of Pope Francis, who reminds us that, “Christians are asked to return to God ‘with all their hearts’ (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord.” Do you use the Lenten season yield yourself in being closer to Jesus? The season of Lent is an urgent call to conversion.

The weekday homilies during Lent will focus on themes of the Mystery of our Redemption by Christ. *How could the death of Jesus be the cause of our redemption? Was the cross necessary? How does Jesus meet the demands of justice through his passion and death?*

Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

February 6 – 11

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	+Zigmund Biernacki <i>by Peter & Bev Glofcheskie</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Joan Marie Potvin <i>by Bernard Potvin</i> +Conrad Etmanskis <i>by Family</i>

+ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

February 12, 2023

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Cory Plebon <i>by Family</i>
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	February 11	February 12
Readings	<i>Susan Coulas</i>	<i>Paul Aikenhead</i>
Communion	<i>Maxine Smaglinski</i>	<i>Terry Recoskie</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>Richard Luckasavitch</i>
	<i>Tony Burant</i>	<i>Jason Dombroskie</i>

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- St. Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs
Tuesday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Wednesday	- St. Jerome Emiliani, priest and St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin
Thursday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Friday	- St. Scholastica, virgin
Saturday	- Our Lady's Saturday

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: *Judy Shires, Rose (Blank) Coulas, and Bronis "Ronnie" Shalla.*

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.

IN THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL, the Lord Jesus tells his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth.... You are the light of the world" (Mt 5:13, 14). With these richly evocative images he wishes to pass on to them the meaning of their mission and their witness.

Salt, in the cultures of the Middle East, calls to mind several values such as the Covenant, solidarity, life and wisdom. Light is the first work of God the Creator and is a source of life: the word of God is compared to light, as the Psalmist proclaims: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps 119[118]:105).

And, again in today's Liturgy, the Prophet Isaiah says: "If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday" (58:10).

Wisdom sums up in itself the beneficial effects of salt and light: in fact, disciples of the Lord are called to give a new "taste" to the world and to keep it from corruption with the wisdom of God, which shines out in its full splendor on the Face of the Son because he is "the true light that enlightens every man" (Jn 1:9).

United to him, in the darkness of indifference and selfishness, Christians can diffuse the light of God's love, true wisdom that gives meaning to human life and action.

On February 11, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, we shall celebrate the World Day of the Sick. It is a favorable opportunity on which to reflect, to pray and to increase the sensitivity that the ecclesial communities, and civil society show to our sick brothers and sisters. Inspired by a sentence from the First Letter of Peter, "By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Pt 2:24), I invite everyone to contemplate Jesus, the Son of God, who suffered and died but is Risen.

God radically opposes the overbearingness of evil. The Lord takes care of human beings in every situation, he shares in their suffering and opens their hearts to hope. I therefore urge all health-care workers to recognize in the sick person not only a body marked by frailty but first and foremost a person, to whom they should give full solidarity and offer appropriated and qualified help.

I hope that everyone will make an effort to increase the culture of life and to make the human being the centre in all circumstances. According to both faith and reason, the dignity of the person cannot be reduced to his or her faculties or visible capacity; thus human dignity is never lacking even when the person is weak, sick or in need of help.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us invoke the motherly intercession of the Virgin Mary so that parents, grandparents, teachers, priests and all who are involved in education may inculcate in the your generations wisdom of heart, to enable them to attain fullness of life.
~ *Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; February 6, 2011*

PRAYER TO ST. MIVHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: will be prayed after the closing hymn of the weekday Masses. Anyone can lead the prayer.

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Total: \$2,060.00; (Envelopes: \$1,663.00; E-Transfers: \$160.00; Loose: \$77.00; Visitors: \$100.00; Initial Offering: \$20.00; Fuel: \$35.00; New Year's: \$5.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./129; 10:30 a.m./67]

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.

PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE: The members of the committee met recently and reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the past fiscal year 2022 and approved a financial report for parishioners which you will receive along with a pastoral letter and charitable donation receipts in February. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity and your financial commitment to St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish.

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 or call/text Caitlin 613-316-0992 or Kristan 613-585-0579

OUR LADY SEAT OF WISDOM COLLEGE: presents a live theatre production of "Candida", a comedy by George Bernard Shaw. Showtimes: Friday, February 10, 7 pm. Saturday, February 11, 7 pm. Sunday (matinee), February 12, 1 pm. at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 406, 250 John St, Barry's Bay. Tickets at the door: Adult: \$20, Students/Seniors: \$12 (cash, cheque, e-transfer only), Advance: \$15.35 (adult) / \$11.70 (student); e-transfer-only; Children under 6: Free, Family rate: \$50

CWL NEWS: Plan to attend our general meeting in the parish hall on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Our theme will be Valentine's Day and our meeting will be a mixture of business, spiritual direction and a fun social. Please join us!

FAMILY DAY FUN: Sunday, February 19, 2023 from noon until 3:00 p.m. Tobogganing at St. Hedwig Parish. Chili and hot chocolate will be served in St. Hedwig Hall beginning at noon until 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care: we are offering a Grief Group for anyone who has experienced the death of a special person. Weekly group begins Wednesday, March 1st, 2023, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (6 sessions) and to register or for more information call us at 613-756-3045 ext. 350. The group will take place in Barry's Bay, specific location will be given to registered participants only.