

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

✠ **Fifth Sunday of Lent** ✠

March 26, 2023

MASS OF CHRISM: At St. Columbkille Cathedral on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Reception following Mass at Cathedral Hall. Everyone welcome! At this Mass, the Bishop blesses the oils used for the Sacraments and there is a renewal of priestly promises.

EASTER VIGIL: This year, parishioners of both St. Lawrence O'Toole and Holy Canadian Martyrs have been invited to participate in the Vigil Mass which will begin at 8:30 p.m. at St. Hedwig's. Fr. John Burchat will be concelebrating. This Mass does satisfy your obligation for Easter Sunday.

NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST: Do you desire a deeper experience of the Holy Spirit and a vital rediscovery of the Sacraments in your life? Do you long for a personal relationship with Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit? Do you seek a greater outpouring of God's healing and love? Do you yearn for a greater openness to prayer and Scripture? The Spirit of the Living God Prayer Group invites you to a "Life in the Spirit" Seminar. St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Hall, Barry's Bay. Seven Thursdays, April 13 - May 25, 7 - 8:15 pm. "With all my heart I hope that Renewal in the Spirit may be a true "gymnasium" in the church for prayer, asceticism, virtue and holiness." (St John Paul II)
Contact: Pierre Paul or Judy 613-602-6580

Fifth Week of Lent

March 27 – April 1

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions* resume after Easter)
+ Wade Seguin *by Monique Perry*
~ Intentions of Noreen Leandro *by Leah Kinghorn*

Friday 9:00 a.m. (*Beginning with the Stations of the Cross*)
+ Alphonse & Rose Coulas *by Family*

+ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord +

April 2, 2023

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Phelanda Hall *by Family*
+ Clarence Prince *by Jackie Prince*

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

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

April 1

Lorraine Flynn

Beverley Glofcheskie

Bruce Sullivan

Richard Luckasavitch

April 2

Paul Aikenhead

Pierre-Paul Filion

Eddie Etmanskie

Jamie Prince

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: *Fr. Roch Gagnon, Veronica Murack; Julia Coghlan; and Joseph Samuel Troesch, father of Judy Filion.*

CELEBRATION OF THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION: by Bishop Desrochers will take place at St. Lawrence O'Toole on Sunday, April 30, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Candidates are required to research and speak to Fr. Burchat about the saint whose name they will be using answering this question: *How did the Holy Spirit inspire this person to proclaim and live the Gospel in the church and the world?*

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE: In our Lenten journey we have reached the Fifth Sunday, characterized by the Gospel of the resurrection of Lazarus (Jn 11: 1-45). It concerns the last "sign" fulfilled by Jesus, after which the chief priests convened the Sanhedrin and deliberated killing him, and decided to kill the same Lazarus who was living proof of the divinity of Christ, the Lord of life and death. Actually, this Gospel passage shows Jesus as true Man and true God.

First of all, the Evangelist insists on his friendship with Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary. He emphasizes that "Jesus loved" them (Jn 11: 5), and this is why he wanted to accomplish the great wonder. "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him out of sleep" (Jn 11: 11), he tells his disciples, expressing God's viewpoint on physical death with the metaphor of sleep. God sees it exactly as sleep, from which he can awaken us. Jesus has shown an absolute power regarding this death, seen when he gives life back to the widow of Nain's young son (see Lk 7: 11-17) and to the 12 year-old girl (see Mk 5: 35-43). Precisely concerning her he said: "The child is not dead but sleeping" (Mk 5: 39), attracting the derision of those present. But in truth it is exactly like this: bodily death is a sleep from which God can awaken us at any moment.

This lordship over death does not impede Jesus from feeling sincere "com-*passion*" for the sorrow of detachment. Seeing Martha and Mary and those who had come to console them weeping, Jesus "was deeply moved in spirit and troubled", and lastly, "wept" (Jn 11: 33, 35). Christ's heart is divine-human: in him God and man meet perfectly, without separation and without confusion. He is the image, or rather, the incarnation of God who is love, mercy, paternal and maternal tenderness, of God who is Life. Therefore, he solemnly declared to Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die". And he adds, "Do you believe this?" (Jn 11: 25-26). It is a question that Jesus addresses to each one of us: a question that certainly rises above us, rises above our capacity to understand, and it asks us to entrust ourselves to him as he entrusted himself to the Father. Martha's response is exemplary: "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world" (Jn 11: 27). Yes, O Lord! We also believe, notwithstanding our doubts and darkness; we believe in you because you have the words of eternal life. We want to believe in you, who give us a trustworthy hope of life beyond life, of authentic and full life in your Kingdom of light and peace.

We entrust this prayer to Mary Most Holy. May her intercession strengthen our faith and hope in Jesus, especially in moments of greater trial and difficulty.

Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; March 9, 2008

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD PRAYER GROUP: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall. 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs in the sacristy. Questions? Call Greg or Mary 613-756-6643 or Pierre-Paul or Judy 613-602-6508

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Total: \$2,391.15; (Envelopes: \$1,899.00; E-Transfers: \$40.00; Loose: \$222.15; Visitors: \$145.00; Easter Flowers: \$85.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./117; 10:30 a.m./123]

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS: for the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones can be made with the envelopes provided at the entrance of the church. The Masses of Easter will be offered for your intentions. Donations must be submitted by Friday, March 31, in order to have loved ones listed in the Easter bulletin memorial page.

2023 DIOCESAN LENTEN MISSIONARY AND DEVELOPEMENT COLLECTION: This collection is taken up on Good Friday. Lent is a time of sacrificial almsgiving. This is more than simply writing a cheque or philanthropy. Almsgiving is a form of prayer because it is 'giving to God'. It is a form of fasting because it demands sacrificial giving — not just giving something, but giving up something, giving till it hurts. In a sense, almsgiving is better than fasting because it involves both prayer and fasting.

There is a copy of a talk given by a member of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada available at the entrances. Development and Peace was established in 1967, and for the past 55 years has been the Canadian Catholic Church's official international development and solidarity organization.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: With visiting priest-confessors on:
TODAY, Sunday, March 26; 1:00 – 2:00 pm. at St. Lawrence O'Toole
(& First Confessions)

Sunday, April 2; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs

Sunday, April 2; 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's in Wilno

Monday, April 3; from 5:30 p.m. at St. Hedwig's

COMMEMORATIONS OF THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM:

Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs

Good Friday: 12:00 p.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs

3:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole

Easter Vigil: 8:30 p.m. at St. Hedwig's *All parishioners and pastor are invited.*

Easter Sunday: 9:00 a.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs

10:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole

10:30 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales

POT O' GOLD WINNERS: Thank You for the great support. Winners were Michelle Etmanskie \$1,000; Rose Ann Hudder \$500; Charlotte Conway \$200; Adele Yantha \$200; Carol Chippior \$200 & Lorraine & Pat Flynn \$100. Congratulations to all. Results at meeting on March 29th at 2:30 pm.