

# 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.*

## ✠ **Second Sunday of Lent** ✠

*March 5, 2023*

**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<sup>st</sup>, to have loved ones listed in the Easter bulletin memorial page.

**THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: REFLECTIONS FOR LENT AND EASTER:** A book from Word on Fire Ministries (Bishop Baron) is available from the parish office for \$10.

**THE MYSTERY OF REDEMPTION:** The weekday homilies during Lent will focus on different aspects of the Mystery of our Redemption by Christ. *Why did Jesus die for my sins? 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?*

**CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND 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.

## Second Week of Lent

March 6 – 11

<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	+ Patricia Kulas <i>by Karen Yakabuski</i>
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	( <i>Beginning with the Stations of the Cross</i> ) +Stanley Zilney <i>by Garnet and Elaine Hudder</i>

## + Third Sunday of Lent +

March 12, 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m.	+Frances Cybulskie <i>by Catherine &amp; John Lucas</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

### Liturgical Appointments

#### Readings

#### Communion

#### Offertory

#### March 11

*Martin Yakabuski*

*Maxine Smaglinski*

*Tony Burant*

*Barry Dombroskie*

#### March 12

*Beverley Glofcheskie*

*Pierre Paul Filion*

*John Jeffrey*

*Jason Dombroskie*

### IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

-that these 40 days of spiritual renewal may help us turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

-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: *Joseph Samuel Troesch*, father of *Judy Filion*; *Marie Riley*; *Mary Patricia McConville*; *Cory Plebon*; and *David 'Rocky' Coulas*.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Before all weekday and weekend Masses.

With visiting priest-confessors on:

Sunday, March 26; 1:00 – 2:00 pm. at St. Lawrence O'Toole

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

**THIS SUNDAY**, the Second Sunday of Lent, is called “of the Transfiguration” because the Gospel recounts this mystery of Jesus’ life. After Jesus had foretold his Passion to the disciples, “he took with him Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light” (Mt 17:1-2). According to the senses, the light of the sun is the brightest light known in nature but, according to the spirit, the disciples briefly glimpsed an even more intense splendour, that of the divine glory of Jesus which illumines the whole history of salvation. St Maximus Confessor says that “[the Lord’s] garments appear white, that is to say, the words of the Gospel will then be clear and distinct, with nothing concealed” (Ambiguum 10: PG 91, 1128 B).

The Gospel tells that beside the transfigured Jesus “there appeared... Moses and Elijah, talking with him” (Mt 17:3); Moses and Elijah, figure of the Law and of the Prophets. It was then that Peter, ecstatic, exclaimed “Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah” (Mt 17:4). However, St Augustine commented, saying that we have only one dwelling place, Christ: “he is the Word of God, the Word of God in the Law, the Word of God in the Prophets” (Sermo De Verbis Ev. 78:3: PL 38, 491).

In fact, the Father himself proclaims: “this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him” (Mt 17:5). The Transfiguration is not a change in Jesus but the revelation of his divinity: “the profound interpenetration of his being with God, which then becomes pure light. In his oneness with the Father, Jesus is himself ‘light from light’” (Jesus of Nazareth: From the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration, Doubleday, New York, 2007, p. 310).

Peter, James and John, contemplating the divinity of the Lord, are ready to face the scandal of the Cross, as it is sung in an ancient hymn: “You were transfigured on the mountain and your disciples, insofar as they were able, contemplated your glory, in order that, on seeing you crucified, they would understand that your Passion was voluntary and proclaim to the world that you are truly the splendour of the Father” (Κοντάκιον εἰς τὴν Μεταμόρφωσιν, in: Μηναῖα, t. 6, Rome 1901, 341).

Dear friends, let us to share in this vision and in this supernatural gift, making room for prayer, and for listening to the Word of God. Further, especially in this Season of Lent, I urge you, as the Servant of God Paul VI wrote, “to respond to the divine precept of penitence by some voluntary act, apart from the renunciation imposed by the burdens of everyday life” (Apostolic Constitution Pænitemini, 17 February 1966, III, c: AAS 58 [1966], 182).

Let us invoke the Virgin Mary so that she may help us always to listen to and follow the Lord Jesus, even to the Passion and the Cross, in order to also participate in his glory.

~ *Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; March 20, 2011*

**LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:** Total: \$5,081.00; (Envelopes: \$4,139.00; E-Transfers: \$570.00; Loose: \$127.00; Visitors: \$95.00; Christmas Offering: \$100.00; Building Fund: \$50.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./140; 10:30 a.m./72]

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

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DESROCHERS:** On the Occasion of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Pembroke. Copies are available at the entrance. "With joy, 2023 marks the momentous occasion of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diocese of Pembroke. This milestone provides an opportunity to give thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit and for us to recognize God's grace continually at work in the life of our diocese."

**CWL NEWS:** Thank You to all for your support of our Pot O' Gold fundraiser. Your generosity is outstanding!! Plan now to join us for the Sunday Social next week on March 12th in the parish hall after Mass. Refreshments will be served with home-made muffins etc., some Irish music will be led by the Kelly's, a 50/50 draw will be held, and the raffle tickets will be drawn. Come and enjoy some time together.

**RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pembroke on Thursday, March 16th from 11 am to 1 pm. Includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, guided prayer, examination of conscience, confession, benediction & a talk. Bring your lunch for a get together afterward. This spiritual activity, inspired by the writings of St. Josemaria Escriva, is entrusted to Opus Dei, a Personal Prelature of the Roman Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Nadia at [nadia.bagshaw@sympatico.ca](mailto:nadia.bagshaw@sympatico.ca) or 613-584-9388.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** wish to thank all who helped with, & participated in, our Chili & Toboggan Fest, & Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. Our next Knights of Columbus meeting is Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Rosary at 7pm, Meeting at 7:30 p.m. St. Jerome's Meeting Room in the basement of the St. Hedwig Rectory.

### **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 <i>All parishioners and pastor are invited.</i>
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