

# ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday & Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

## ✠ Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy ✠

April 16, 2023

On May 23, 2000, the Church decreed that the Feast of Divine Mercy was to coincide with the Second Sunday of Easter. In the last century, Divine Mercy was especially promoted by St. Faustina Kowalska, whom the Pope canonized on April 30, 2000. The center of her life was to announce God's mercy toward every human being. The Pope chose that day to announce the surprise. "Throughout the world, the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come," the Holy Father explained on that occasion.

"In his resurrection, Christ has revealed the God of merciful love... the fullness of the love that the Father has for him and, in him, for all people.... In the same spirit, the liturgy of Eastertide places on our lips the words of the Psalm: I will sing of the Lord's mercy forever." ~ St. John Paul II, *Dives in Misericordia*

## Jesus, I Trust in You!

## Second Week of Easter

April 17- 22

- Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. (with *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)  
+ William “Bill” Green by *Terry & Helen Recoskie*
- Friday** 9:00 a.m. + Lawrence Sullivan by *Estate*

## + Third Sunday of Easter +

April 23, 2023

- Saturday** 4:00 p.m. + Stanley Zilney by *Brian & Donna Luckovitch*
- Sunday** 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

### Liturgical Appointments

#### Readings

#### Communion

#### Offertory

#### April 22

*Martin Yakabuski*

*Neil O'Reilly*

*Tony Burant*

*Barry Dombroskie*

#### April 23

*Judy Filion*

*Pierre-Paul Filion*

*Eddie Etmanskie*

*Jason Dombroskie*

### IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for parishioners who are sick; and for those who have died, especially: *Susan Pecarskie; Peter R. Etmanskie, brother of Conrad Etmanskie; Eugene McCambridge; Nathan Libby; Orville Kulas; Fr. Roch Gagnon and Veronica Murack.*

**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?* **All parents/candidates are to set up a meeting with Fr. Burchat this Thursday evening (April 20) in the church at 7:30 p.m. or this Saturday morning (April 22) at 10:00 a.m. This is mandatory.**

**CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** on April 30 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. **All parents/candidates are to set up a meeting with Fr. Burchat this Thursday evening (April 20) in the church at 7:30 p.m. or this Saturday morning (April 22) at 10:00 a.m. This is mandatory.**

## ANGELUS ADDRESS BY POPE BENEDICT XVI; 2006, 2007

This Sunday the Gospel of John tells us that the Risen Jesus appeared to the disciples, enclosed in the Upper Room, on the evening of the “first day of the week” (Jn 20: 19), and that he showed himself to them once again in the same place “eight days later” (Jn 20: 26). From the beginning, therefore, the Christian community began to live a weekly rhythm, marked by the meeting with the Risen Lord. This is something that the Constitution on the Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council also emphasizes, saying: “By a tradition handed down from the Apostles, which took its origin from the very day of Christ's Resurrection, the Church celebrates the Paschal Mystery every seventh day, which day is appropriately called the Lord's Day” (Sacrosanctum Concilium, no. 106).

The Evangelist further recalls that on the occasion of both his appearances - the day of the Resurrection and eight days later - the Lord Jesus showed the disciples the signs of the crucifixion, clearly visible and tangible even in his glorified Body (see Jn 20: 20, 27). Those sacred wounds in his hands, in his feet and in his side, are an inexhaustible source of faith, hope and love from which each one can draw, especially the souls who thirst the most for divine mercy.

In consideration of this, Saint John Paul II, highlighting the spiritual experience of a humble Sister, Saint Faustina Kowalska, desired that the Sunday after Easter be dedicated in a special way to Divine Mercy; and Providence disposed that he would die precisely on the eve of this day in the hands of Divine Mercy. The mystery of God's merciful love was the centre of the Pontificate of my venerable Predecessor. The words he spoke pointed out that the devotion of Divine Mercy is not a secondary devotion but an integral dimension of Christian faith and prayer.

This Sunday concludes the week or, more properly, the “Octave” of Easter, which the liturgy considers as a single day: “the day which the Lord has made” (Ps 117[116]: 24). It is not a chronological but a spiritual time, which God opened in the sequence of days when he raised Christ from the dead. The Creator Spirit, infusing new and eternal life in the buried body of Jesus of Nazareth, carried to completion the work of creation, giving origin to a “firstfruits”: the firstfruits of a new humanity, which at the same time is a first fruits of a new world and a new era.

This world renewal can be summed up in a single phrase, the same one that the Risen Jesus spoke to his disciples as a greeting and even more, as an announcement of his victory: “Peace be with you!” (Lk 24: 36; Jn 20: 19, 21, 26). Peace is the gift that Christ left his friends (see Jn 14: 27) as a blessing destined for all men and women and all peoples. It is not a peace according to a “worldly” mentality, as an equilibrium of forces, but a new reality, fruit of God's Love, of his Mercy. It is the peace that Jesus Christ earned by the price of his Blood and communicates to those who trust in him. “Jesus, I trust in you”: these words summarize the faith of the Christian, which is faith in the omnipotence of God's merciful Love.

**LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:** Total: \$7,267.35; (Envelopes: \$2,342.00; E-Transfers: \$280.00; Loose: \$246.35; Visitors: \$25.00; Share Lent: \$2,647.00; Building Fund: \$40.00; Easter Offering: \$1,677.00: Initial Offering: \$10.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./0; 10:30 a.m./167]

**NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST:** St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Hall, Barry's Bay. Seven Thursdays, April 13 - May 25, 7 - 8:15 pm. Contact: Pierre Paul or Judy 613-602-6580

**THANK YOU:** I extend my appreciation and gratitude to everyone who worked hard and gave of their time, talent, and personal gifts in making our parish celebrations of the Paschal Triduum a fitting and beautiful expression of worship and faith in our Risen Lord

I especially thank those who donated offerings to beautify the Church; those who contributed time and energy, and assisted us in our Easter liturgies: Choirs, Organists, Cantors, Communion Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers, Decorators, Sacristans, and all who helped co-ordinate the different liturgies over Easter.

Of course, our many efforts were accompanied by many prayers so that they would be made with patience and love! Thank you and may the Lord Jesus bless you for your generosity.

**125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF PEMBROKE:** All are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Thursday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m.** at St. Columbkille Cathedral, Pembroke, to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Pembroke. The Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, CSsR will be the principal celebrant. A reception in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Mass to which all are invited.

**125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHOIR:** On May 4<sup>th</sup>, the diocese will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Mass at the Cathedral. Anyone interested in singing in the choir for that Mass is invited to attend the first practice on **Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. at St. Columbkille Cathedral.**

**TWO EASTER MESSAGES FROM THE BISHOP:** can be found at [Happy Easter 2023 - Message from Bishop Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R. - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fyiGB0nntU)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fyiGB0nntU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fyiGB0nntU)  
[Message from the Bishop for Easter – Diocese of Pembroke \(pembrokedioocese.com\)](https://www.pembrokedioocese.com/article/message-from-the-bishop-for-easter/)  
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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** is Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. St. Jerome's Meeting Room in the basement of the St. Hedwig Rectory.