

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

✠ **Third Sunday of Easter** ✠

April 23, 2023

CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION: by Bishop Desrochers will take place at St. Lawrence O'Toole next Sunday, April 30, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

125th 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 125th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Pembroke. The Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R. will be the principal celebrant. A reception in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Mass to which all are invited.

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

Second Week of Easter

April 24 - 29

- Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. (*with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
+ Anna Mary Kubesheskie by *Maxine Smaglinski*
- Friday** 9:00 a.m. + Dowdall Murray by *Calvin & Shirley Ann Hudder*

+ Fourth Sunday of Easter +

April 30, 2023

- Saturday** 4:00 p.m. Intentions of Fr. John N. Burchat (Anniversary Ordination)
by *David & Mary Yantha*
- Sunday** 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

April 29

Jane Beahen

Beverley Glofcheskie

Bruce Sullivan

Richard Luckasavitch

April 30

Pierre-Paul Filion

Ursula Jeffrey

John Jeffrey

Jamie Prince

ROMAN CALENDAR:

- Monday - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, – priest, martyr
Tuesday - St. Mark, evangelist
Wednesday - Our Lady of Good Counsel
Thursday - Ferial – ordinary weekday
Friday - St. Peter Chanel, priest, martyr & St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest
Saturday - St. Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for the youth of our parish who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday, that confirmed by the gift of the Spirit, they may give witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love.

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

ON THE WAY WITH BURNING HEART: The Gospel of this Sunday - the Third of Easter - is the famous account of the disciples of Emmaus (see Lk 24: 13-35). It tells the tale of two followers of Christ who, on the day after the Sabbath or the third day after his death, were leaving Jerusalem sad and dejected, bound for a village that was not far off called, precisely, Emmaus. They were joined on their way by the Risen Jesus but did not recognize him. Realizing that they were downhearted, he explained, drawing on the Scriptures, that the Messiah had to suffer and die in order to enter into his glory. Then entering the house with them, he sat down to eat, blessed the bread, and broke it; and at that instant they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight, leaving them marveling before that broken bread, a new sign of his presence. And they both immediately headed back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples of the event.

The locality of Emmaus has not been identified with certainty. There are various hypotheses and this one is not without an evocativeness of its own for it allows us to think that Emmaus actually represents every place: the road that leads there is the road every Christian, every person, takes. The Risen Jesus makes himself our traveling companion as we go on our way, to rekindle the warmth of faith and hope in our hearts and to break the bread of eternal life. In the disciples' conversation with the unknown wayfarer the words the evangelist Luke puts in the mouth of one of them are striking: "We had hoped..." (Lk 24: 21). This verb in the past tense tells all: we believed, we followed, we hoped..., but now everything is over. Even Jesus of Nazareth, who had shown himself in his words and actions to be a powerful prophet, has failed, and we are left disappointed. This drama of the disciples of Emmaus appears like a reflection of the situation of many Christians of our time: it seems that the hope of faith has failed. Faith itself enters a crisis because of negative experiences that make us feel abandoned and betrayed even by the Lord. But this road to Emmaus on which we walk can become the way of a purification and maturation of our belief in God. Also, today we can enter into dialogue with Jesus, listening to his Word. Today too he breaks bread for us and gives himself as our Bread. And so, the meeting with the Risen Christ that is possible even today gives us a deeper and more authentic faith tempered, so to speak, by the fire of the Paschal Event; a faith that is robust because it is nourished not by human ideas but by the Word of God and by his Real Presence in the Eucharist.

This marvelous Gospel text already contains the structure of Holy Mass: in the first part, listening to the Word through the Sacred Scriptures; in the second part, the Eucharistic liturgy and communion with Christ present in the Sacrament of his Body and his Blood. In nourishing herself at this two-fold table, the Church is constantly built up and renewed from day to day in faith, hope, and charity. Through the intercession of Mary Most Holy, let us pray that in reliving the experience of the disciples of Emmaus every Christian and every community may rediscover the grace of the transforming encounter with the Risen Lord. ~ *Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; April 6, 2008*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Total: \$2,831.55; (Envelopes: \$2,126.00; E-Transfers: \$50.00; Loose: \$154.55; Visitors: \$65.00; Share Lent: \$45.00; Building Fund: \$211.00; Easter Offering: \$180.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./99; 10:30 a.m./124]

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
[Message from the Bishop for Easter – Diocese of Pembroke \(pembrokediocese.com\)](http://www.pembrokediocese.com/article/message-from-the-bishop-for-easter/)
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REGISTRATION AT OUR LADY SEAT OF WISDOM COLLEGE: Summer Semester 2023 online courses is now open. The courses being offered for the Spring Semester (May-June) are Tolkien, Special Topics in Theology: Canon Law, and Biomedical Ethics. The courses being offered for the Summer Semester (July-August) are: Creative Writing, Philosophy of Education, and Psychology. For more information please visit the College's website at www.seatofwisdom.ca/spring-and-summer-online-courses/, or to sign up for courses please contact admissions@seatofwisdom.ca.

SPRING CCRSO CONFERENCE – “Be Clothed With Power”

The Spring CCRSO Conference, “*Be Clothed With Power*”, will take place **April 29th, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Ottawa. Speakers are Bishop Scott McCaig CC and Dr. Ralph Martin. For more information or to register go to: www.CCRSO.net (Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services of Ontario).

THE EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION: is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!",
- it unites us more firmly to Christ;
- it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;
- it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross.

Like Baptism which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an *indelible spiritual mark*, the "character," which is the sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit by clothing him with power from on high so that he may be his witness, receiving the power to profess faith in Christ publicly. (*from the Catechism of the Catholic Church*)