

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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✠ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

June 18, 2023

FATHER'S DAY: If there's one thing, we need now more than ever, it's fatherhood. Authentic fatherhood reflects the fatherhood of God and is critical for a healthy and stable society. That's what Father's Day is all about – honoring fatherhood in all its forms, from biological dads to foster fathers to grandfathers, and even priests as they serve as spiritual fathers to souls. Be sure to thank your father on Father's Day and tell him how grateful you are for all he has done for you.

On one occasion, the disciples heard Jesus praying, and the significance of that prayer so impressed them that their immediate response was: "Teach us to pray!" So, Jesus taught them. What followed was not a formula for us to pray, but a model to teach us how to pray. And it begins not with confession, not with a petition for our needs, and not with thanksgiving, but with a recognition of and commitment to our relationship with God — Abba — Our Father. So, on Father's Day, let this be your deep satisfaction and joy — God the Eternal Father is your Father! You are completely secure in His unchanging love. He delights in your friendship as his son or daughter.

May the Living God bless fathers everywhere this day.

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL: While the beginnings of the Church in Galilee reflect the docility and compassion of Christ's Heart, they foretold another battle, another upheaval, inspired by the forces of evil. Christ gave to the Twelve, we heard, "authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity" (Mt 10: 1). The Twelve must cooperate with Jesus in establishing the Kingdom of God, that is, his beneficial, life-giving lordship, and life in abundance for the whole of humanity. The Church in essence, like Christ and together with him, is called and sent out to establish the Kingdom of life and to drive out the dominion of death so that the life of God may triumph in the world; so that God who is Love may triumph. Christ's work is always silent, it is not spectacular; the great tree of true life grows even in the humility of being Church, of living the Gospel every day. Precisely with these humble beginnings the Lord encourages us so that in the humility of the Church today too, in the poverty of our Christian lives, we may see his presence and thus have the courage to go to meet him and make his love, this force of peace and of true life, present on our earth. So, this was God's plan: to spread over humanity and throughout the cosmos his love that generates life. It was not a spectacular process; it was a humble process, yet it brought with it the true power of the future and of history.

Thus, it is a plan that the Lord desires to implement with respect for our freedom, for love, by its nature, cannot be imposed. The Church in Christ then is the place in which to accept and mediate God's love. In this perspective it is clear that the Church's *holiness* and *missionary character* are two sides of the same coin: only because she is holy, that is, filled with divine love, can the Church carry out her mission, and it is precisely in terms of this task that God chose her and sanctified her as his property. Our first duty, therefore, precisely in order to heal this world, is to be holy, configured to God; in this way we emanate a healing and transforming power that also acts on others, on history. *From a Homily of Pope Benedict XVI, June 15, 2008*

60th ANNIVERSARY: St. Joseph's House, Combermere is having an Open House to celebrate their 60th anniversary, Sunday July 16, 1-4 p.m. Music and food, shopping and visiting old friends and new. Donations of finger food would be appreciated.

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD PRAYER GROUP: Evenings of Praise, Worship, Sharing and Intercession - Open to all - Thursdays at 7 p.m. - St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall. For information: Mary or Greg at 613-756-6643 or Contact: Pierre-Paul or Judy at 613-602-6580.

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Total: \$2,580.00; (Envelopes: \$1,829.00; E-Transfers: \$210.00; Loose: \$100.00; Visitors: \$40.00; Building Fund: \$376.00; Evangelization Project: \$25.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./98; 10:30 a.m./94]

THEOLOGY ON TAP – BARRY'S BAY – Friday, June 23rd at Royal Canadian Legion, 250 John Street, Barry's Bay. Guest Speaker: Dennis Buonafede. Topic: "Angels and Demons". For more information about the Barry's Bay Theology on Tap contact Kenton Biffert at kentonbiffert@gmail.com.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: At Most Holy Name of Jesus Church; 284 Trafalgar Road, Pembroke on Thursday, June 22nd. Supper: 5:00 p.m. // Post Supper: 6:30 p.m. RSVP for Supper: Deacon Adrien Chaput: dcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com
Everyone is welcome to join the Development & Peace gathering to celebrate our Diocese's successful second year and their efforts to create a more just world. There will be a guest from Development & Peace to inform of the work and experience.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF ST. ANN, CORMAC: Sunday, July 30 with Fr. Real Ouellette "Living a Daily Life with the Trinity" Thursday, July 27th at 7:00 p.m.; Friday, July 28th at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, July 29th at 7:00 p.m. Mass and Homily given each evening by Fr. Real Ouellette. Sunday, July 30 Celebrations 11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass of Healing at the Shrine; 1:00 p.m.

WALK THE OPEONGO LINE: July 27-30. Join pilgrims from ages 7-77 in this life changing, 4-day journey from Our Lady of Fatima, Renfrew to St. Ann's Shrine, Cormac. For more information and to register, visit: www.walktheopeongoline.org

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL - SLEEPING BEAUTY: A children's musical production of *Sleeping Beauty* featuring over thirty children from the Diocese. The show runs on Thursday, June 22nd at 7pm and Friday, June 23rd at 3pm at the Eagles Nest (178 Jane Street) in Eganville. Entrance is by free will donation, with soft drinks and snacks available for purchase. Please email ottawavalleymusicals@gmail.com or call 343-369-8739 to reserve seats. Thank you for your support!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Wednesday, June 21st. 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

THE DISCALCED CARMELITE SECULAR ORDER: Our group (not a prayer group) meets monthly at St. Andrew Parish in Killaloe, Ontario. For more information call Patricia at 613-756-2267