

# 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.*

## ✠ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

June 25, 2023

**THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL:** "Fear no one. . . do not be afraid." This whole chapter of Matthew brings together and sums up what Jesus has to say to his apostles about declaring his teaching in the face of hostility and persecution. Jesus himself was fearless in proclaiming his message. He 'taught with authority', as the gospel constantly tells us. His disciples are sent out to do the same. We do not often meet with real persecution, though it may yet happen. The martyrs of communist Russia or Vietnam lived many years of peaceful Christianity before unexpectedly facing martyrdom. The monk martyrs of Algeria did not reckon on martyrdom when they went to Algeria. The only preparation for martyrdom can be fidelity and prayer. More often we face mockery for holding to Christian principles, and that too can be difficult to bear. We can be accused of narrow-mindedness, lack of appreciation of human values, blind obedience, sentimentality, naivety, and a host of other hurtful slurs. Jesus did not promise that the Father would prevent the sparrows falling to the ground! Nor is it always easy to respond to such slurs with the patience and generosity as well as the truthfulness which Jesus would have shown. 'A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar', said St Francis de Sales. ~ *Henry Wansbrough OSB*

## Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

June 26 – July 1

<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	(with <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions</i> ) + John & Caroline August by <i>Gwen Coulas</i> +Leona Etmanskie by <i>Catholic Women's League</i>
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	+ Norine Helferty by <i>Terri MacLeod</i>

## + Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

July 2, 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m.	+ Howard Kavelman by <i>Maxie &amp; Maureen Kiedroski</i> + Rita Cybulskie-Babinski by <i>Parishioners</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

### Liturgical Appointments

#### Readings

#### Communion

#### Offertory

### July 1

*Sean Conway*

*Maxine Smaglinski*

*Bruce Sullivan*

*Barry Dombroskie*

### July 2

*Joanne Olsen*

*Ursula Jeffrey*

*Eddie Etmanskie*

*Jason Dombroskie*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy.  
Weekdays – before weekday Masses in sacristy or by appointment during office hours.

### IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

-that as we celebrate Canada Day 2023 on July 1<sup>st</sup>, let us give thanks to God for our beautiful country and renew our desire to strive for a society that seeks truth and reconciliation with its First Peoples, and respects the dignity of each and every human person – from natural conception to natural death in this, our native land.

-that the God of peace and mercy, who takes pity on the poor and lowly, and puts down their oppressors, may grant deliverance to all victims of war and violence, and change the hearts of aggressors, so his peace will prevail.

-that the peoples of our country, legislators and healthcare practitioners would choose life and not death regarding euthanasia, assisted suicide and abortion.

- for parishioners who are sick; and for those who have died, especially: *Rita (Anderchek) Cybulskie-Babinski; Brent Edwards, Phyllis Rouleau, Darlene Shields, and Fr. Roy Boucher, O.M.I.*

## **ROMAN CALENDAR:**

Monday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Tuesday	- Blessed Nykyta Budka & Vasyl Velychkovsky, bishops, martyrs
Wednesday	- St. Irenaeus, bishop, martyr
Thursday	- St. Peter and Paul, apostles
Friday	- The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Saturday	- Our Lady’s Saturday

**HAVE NO FEAR:** In this Sunday’s Gospel we find two invitations from Jesus: on the one hand to “have no fear” of human beings, and on the other, to “fear” God (see Mt 10: 26, 28). We are thus encouraged to reflect on the difference that exists between human fears and the fear of God. Fear is a natural dimension of life. In childhood we experience forms of fear that subsequently are revealed to be imaginary and disappear; other fears emerge later which are indeed founded in reality: these must be faced and overcome with human determination and trust in God. However, especially today, there is a deeper form of fear of an existential type and which sometimes borders on anguish: it is born from a sense of emptiness, linked to a certain culture permeated with widespread theoretical and practical nihilism.

In the face of the broad and diversified panorama of human fears, the Word of God is clear: those who “fear” God “are not afraid”. Fear of God, which the Scriptures define as “the beginning of knowledge” coincides with faith in him, with sacred respect for his authority over life and the world.

To be without “fear of God” is equivalent to putting ourselves in his place, to feeling we ourselves are lords of good and evil, of life and death. Instead, those who fear God feel within them the safety that an infant in his mother’s arms feels (see Ps 130: 2). Those who fear God are tranquil even in the midst of storms for, as Jesus revealed to us, God is a Father full of mercy and goodness. Those who love him are not afraid: “There is no fear in love”, the Apostle John wrote, “but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love” (1 Jn 4: 18). Believers, therefore, are not afraid of anything because they know they are in the hands of God, they know that it is not evil and the irrational which have the last word, but rather that the one Lord of the world and of love is Christ, the Word of God Incarnate, who loved us to the point of sacrificing himself for us, dying on the Cross for our salvation.

The more we grow in this intimacy with God, imbued with love, the more easily we overcome any form of fear. In the passage of today’s Gospel, Jesus repeats several times the exhortation to have no fear. ~ *Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; June 22, 2008*

**60<sup>th</sup> 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: \$2,355.00; (Envelopes: \$1,880.00; E-Transfers: \$40.00; Loose: \$118.00; Visitors: \$110.00; Seminary: \$207.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./93; 10:30 a.m./89]

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF ST. ANN, CORMAC:** Sunday, July 30 with Fr. Real Ouellette "Living a Daily Life with the Trinity" Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.; Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.walktheopeongoline.org)

**HOSPITAL MEMORIAL BUTTERFLY RELEASE:** On Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. You can release your butterfly at the in-person ceremony or pick up your butterfly to release in a special place of your choosing. Butterflies must be reserved by July 14th, 2023. Order your butterfly by calling us at 613-756-3045 ext. 217 or online at [www.sfvhfoundation.com](http://www.sfvhfoundation.com)

**SUMMERTIME:** The summer vacation period has arrived and I wish you and your families a happy period of rest and renewal. Many will have plans to travel: to the cottage, to a beach or pool on hot days, to visit with family and friends, or to see another part of our beautiful province or country. Enjoy your recreation, opportunities for hospitality, and conversations! I also encourage you to make prayer and the spiritual life, particularly Sunday Mass, a priority when making traveling plans. As a day of rest, Sunday provides an opportunity for withdrawing from the sometimes excessively demanding cycle of earthly tasks in order to renew our awareness that everything is a gift from God. But Sundays must not degenerate into emptiness or boredom. The Day of the Resurrection offers a time for creative leisure, spiritual enrichment, and opportunities for contemplation and familial communion.