

# 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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Canadian Martyrs at 613-756-3606 during  
Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday,  
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

## ✠ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

July 16, 2023

**THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL:** God sows his Word into each of our hearts liberally. He does not solely give his grace to those he knows will bear fruit. He sows the Word in everyone, but it doesn't flourish for each person due to circumstances (secularism, anxiety, the allurements of the world). Strive to counter that by letting the Word open you to the implications of his Lordship. God is always giving himself to you, listen and act.  
~Bishop Robert Barron

**60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** St. Joseph's House, Combermere is having an Open House to celebrate their 60th anniversary, **TODAY**, Sunday July 16, 1-4 p.m. Music and food, shopping and visiting old friends and new. Donations of finger food would be appreciated. *This will also be an opportunity to say farewell to its director Sandra Novakowsky (11 years) and meet the new director, Joanne Dionne.*

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:** July 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Welcome to all our summer visitors!

## Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

July 17 – 22

<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	(with <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions</i> ) + Theresa Yantha by <i>Joan Pecarskie &amp; Family</i>
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	+ John MacLeod by <i>Terri MacLeod</i>

## + Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

July 23, 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m.	+ Beverly Brotton by <i>Alphonse Brotton</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

### Liturgical Appointments

#### Readings

#### Communion

#### Offertory

### July 22

*Jane Beahen*

*Beverley Glofcheskie*

*Bruce Sullivan*

*Richard Luckasavitch*

### July 23

*Ursula Jeffrey*

*Pierre-Paul Filion*

*John Jeffrey*

*Jamie Prince*

**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:

- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Michael Sauro; Carmel Rumleskie; Gerard O'Malley; Fr. Grant Neville, Fr. Ken O'Brien, John Lynch*

- for those who have died, especially: *Bob Maika, Jimmy Sullivan; Edmund Peplinski, John Pronovost.*

### ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Tuesday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Wednesday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Thursday	- St. Apollinaris, bishop, martyr
Friday	- St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor
Saturday	- St. Mary Magdalene, disciple of the Lord

**A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW:** In this Sunday's Gospel (Mt 13:1-23), Jesus recounts to the crowd the well-known Parable of the Sower. In a certain way it is an "autobiographical" passage, for it reflects the very experience of Jesus, of his preaching. He identifies himself with the sower who scatters the good seed of the Word of God and notes the different effects it obtains, in accordance with the way in which people hear the proclamation.

Some listen superficially to the Word but do not take it in; others accept it at the time but are unable to persevere and lose it all; there are those who are engrossed by worldly concerns and enticements; and those who listen receptively, like the good soil: here the word bears an abundance of fruit.

However, this Gospel also puts the accent on Jesus' preaching "method", that is, on his use of parables. "Why do you speak to them in parables?", his disciples ask (Mt 13:10). And Jesus answers distinguishing between them and the crowd: to his disciples — namely to those who have already decided for him — he can speak openly about the Kingdom of God, to others, instead, he must proclaim it in parables, precisely to encourage their decision, conversion of the heart; indeed, by their very nature parables demand the effort of interpretation, they not only challenge the mind but also freedom. St John Chrysostom explained: "And this he [Jesus] says to draw them unto him, and to provoke them and to signify that if they would covert, he would heal them" (see Homily on the Gospel of Matthew, 45, 1-2).

Basically, God's true "Parable" is Jesus himself, his Person who, in the sign of humanity, hides and at the same time reveals his divinity. In this manner God does not force us to believe in him but attracts us to him with the truth and goodness of his incarnate Son: love, in fact, always respects freedom.

May the Virgin Mary help us, through her example, to be "good soil" where the seed of the Word may bear fruit in abundance. ~ *Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; July 11, 2011*

**THE GROANING OF CREATION – Romans 8:** Though already present in his Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled "with power and great glory" by the King's return to earth. This reign is still under attack by the evil powers, even though they have been defeated definitively by Christ's Passover. Until everything is subject to him, "until there be realized new heavens and a new earth in which justice dwells, the pilgrim Church, in her sacraments and institutions, which belong to this present age, carries the mark of this world which will pass, and she herself takes her place among the creatures which groan and travail yet and await the revelation of the sons of God (*Lumen Gentium*).” That is why Christians pray, above all in the Eucharist, to hasten Christ's return by saying to him:6 Maranatha! "Our Lord, come!" *from The Catechism of the Catholic Church 671*

**LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:** Total: \$2,754.50; (Envelopes: \$2,143.00; E-Transfers: \$170.00; Loose: \$231.50; Visitors: \$130.00; Building Fund: \$20.00; Seminary: \$10.00; Donation: \$50.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./98; 10:30 a.m./134]

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** We will once again publish requests for prayers for the sick. Because of privacy laws, these requests can only be published if the parish office is notified by the person who is sick or by family or friend who has been given permission to make the request on their behalf. The request will be published for two months after which time the request must be renewed.

**PARISH BULLETIN:** is always posted to our website. If you would also like to be sent the St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Bulletin and/or the Holy Canadian Martyrs/St. Francis de Sales, please let the office know.

**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 756-6643 or Pierre-Paul or Judy at 613-602-6580.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF ST. ANN, CORMAC: On Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>** with Bishop Guy Desrochers. The three day triduum is led by Fr. Réal Ouellette; the theme of the Pilgrimage will be "Living a Daily Life with the Holy Trinity." The principal **Pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m.** with Bishop Guy Desrochers presiding. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will occur at 1 p.m.** Area priests will be assisting with Confessions and the blessing with St. Ann's oil.

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pembroke on Thursday, July 20th from 11 am to 1 pm. Take a break from your busy schedule to think about your life, your relationship with God and gain a fresh outlook. Includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, guided prayer, examination of conscience, confession, benediction and a talk. Bring your lunch for a get together afterward.

**IT'S SUMMERTIME – ANOTHER SEASON, ANOTHER THEOLOGY LESSON!** Saint John Paul II wrote that "to contemplate creation is to hear a message." What message? As Pope Francis put it, "The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God." For those with eyes to see, he continues, "there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop." "For from the greatness and the beauty of created things their original author, by analogy, is seen" (Wisdom 13:5)