

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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✠ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

August 13, 2023

RADIATING CHRIST – Midsummer Midweek Mini Mission: with 30-minute mission sermons by Fr. Salvador Rego. **At Holy Canadian Martyrs in Combermere. Schedule:** August 16, 17; Mass at 11:30 a.m.; Mission Sermon at 12 noon. **This is a mission for all 3 parishes: St. Lawrence O'Toole, St. Francis de Sales, and Holy Canadian Martyrs.**

Fr. Salvador is an Opus Dei priest born in Madrid, Spain. He moved to Montreal to study engineering at McGill University. For eleven years he worked in the private sector and as a university researcher in Ottawa and Toronto. In 2014, he went to Rome to complete his theology studies and was ordained in 2017. Since returning to Canada, he has worked as a university chaplain in Montreal and in Ottawa, where he currently lives and teaches.

MORNING OFFERING

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day:
for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the
salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians; for the
intentions of our bishops and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father
this month. Amen.

Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

August 14 – 19

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
+ Theresa Yantha by *Joan Pecarskie & Family*

Friday 9:00 a.m. + Al Smaglini by *Clarence and Roseann Cybulski*

+ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

August 20, 2023

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Beverly Brotton by *Maria Panetta*
+ Greg Conway by *Mark Yakabuski*

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

| Liturgical Appointments | August 19 | August 20 |
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| Readings | <i>Karen Yakabuski</i> | <i>Joan Olsen</i> |
| Communion | <i>Beverley Glofcheskie</i> | <i>Terry Recoskie</i> |
| Offertory | <i>Bruce Sullivan</i> | <i>Eddie Etmanskie</i> |
| | <i>Richard Luckasavitch</i> | <i>Jamie Prince</i> |

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: *Diane Green; Michael Sauro; Carmel Rumleskie; Gerard O'Malley; Fr. Ken O'Brien; John Lynch*

- for those who have died, especially: *Constance "Stanny" Chippure; Fr. Grant Neville; Joseph & Lorraine Luckasavitch; Julia (Murach) Lorbetskie; Bob Maika; Jimmy Sullivan.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr
Tuesday - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday - St. Stephen of Hungary
Thursday - Ferial – ordinary weekday
Friday - Ferial – ordinary weekday
Saturday - St. John Eudes, priest

IN THIS SUNDAY’S GOSPEL we find Jesus who, after withdrawing to the mountain, prays throughout the night. The Lord, having distanced himself from the people and the disciples, manifests his communion with the Father and the need to pray in solitude, far from the commotion of the world. This distancing, however, must not be seen as a lack of interest in individuals or trust in the Apostles. Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side where he would see them again. In the meantime, the boat “was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them” (v24). And so in the fourth watch of the night [Jesus] came to them, walking on the sea” (v25); the disciples were terrified, mistaking him for a ghost and “cried out for fear” (v26). They did not recognize him; they did not realize that it was the Lord.

Nonetheless Jesus reassured them: “Take heart, it is I; have no fear” (v27). This is an episode from which the Fathers of the Church drew a great wealth of meaning. The sea symbolizes this life and the instability of the visible world; the storm points to every kind of trial or difficulty that oppresses human beings. The boat, instead, represents the Church, built by Christ and steered by the Apostles. Jesus wanted to teach the disciples to bear life’s adversities courageously, trusting in God, in the One who revealed himself to the Prophet Elijah on Mount Horeb “in a still small voice” [the whispering of a gentle breeze] (1 Kings 19:12). The passage then continues with the action of the Apostle Peter, who, moved by an impulse of love for the Teacher, asks him to bid him to come to him, walking on the water. “But when he saw the wind [was strong], [Peter] was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’” (Mt 14:30). St Augustine, imagining that he was addressing the Apostle, commented: the Lord “leaned down and took you by the hand. With your strength alone you cannot rise. Hold tight to the hand of the One who reaches down to you” (En. in Ps. 95, 7: PL 36, 1233), and he did not say this to Peter alone but also to us. Peter walks on the water, not by his own effort but rather through divine grace in which he believes. And when he was smitten by doubt, when he no longer fixed his gaze on Jesus but was frightened by the gale, when he failed to put full trust in the Teacher’s words, it means that he was interiorly distancing himself from the Teacher and so risked sinking in the sea of life.

So, it is also for us: if we look only at ourselves, we become dependent on the winds and can no longer pass through storms on the waters of life. The great thinker Romano Guardini wrote that the Lord “is always close, being at the root of our being. Yet we must experience our relationship with God between the poles of distance and closeness. By closeness we are strengthened, by distance we are put to the test” (Accettare se stessi, Brescia 1992, 71). Dear friends, the experience of the Prophet Elijah who heard God passing and the troubled faith of the Apostle Peter enable us to understand that even before we seek the Lord or invoke him, it is he himself who comes to meet us, who lowers Heaven to stretch out his hand to us and raise us to his heights; all he expects of us is that we trust totally in him, that we really take hold of his hand. - *Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; August 7, 2011*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$3,458.70; (Envelopes: \$2,620.00; E-Transfers: \$415.00; Loose: \$270.70; Visitors: \$93.00; Northern Missions: \$30.00; Building Fund: \$30.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./109; 10:30 a.m./117])

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation of our parish is in accordance with diocesan policy and a process of individualized family faith formation. Families who wish to have their children prepare for these sacraments are invited to return to the practice of the faith with regular Sunday Mass attendance. The parish provides resources and catechetical assistance.

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.

REQUESTS FOR PASTORAL PERMISSIONS OR PASTORAL REFERENCES: require that you are known by the pastor of the parish in whose territory you reside and practice your faith with regular Mass attendance. An informal introduction of yourself to your parish priest after a Sunday Mass is a good place to start the process!

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.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: Starting Wednesday, September 13th from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. 7-week seminar at St. Casimir's Church in the meeting room, Round Lake Centre, sponsored by the St. Casimir's Peace Prayer Group. Further information contact Diane Yantha at 613-757-1429 or Doren Rankin at 613-757-2792

ST. HEDWIG'S PARISH PICNIC FUNDRAISER: Sunday, August 20th from noon until 4:00 p.m. Barbeque with lots of activities. Take out available. Everyone welcome.

PARISH SUPPERS:

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Bancroft, September 10th; 11:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
St. Patrick, Mt. St. Patrick, September 24th, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the DACA Center.

 **Welcome to all our summer visitors!** 