

# ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday & Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*For emergencies during the week also call  
Holy Canadian Martyrs at 613-756-3606  
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9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

## ✠ Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord ✠

August 6, 2023

**RADIATING CHRIST - Midsummer Mini Mission:** with 30-minute mission sermons by Fr. Salvador Rego. **At Holy Canadian Martyrs in Combermere. Schedule:** August 9, 10, 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. He teaches theology at the Chesterton Academy of Ottawa.

**WILNO HERITAGE SOCIETY & POLISH HERITAGE INSTITUE KASZUBY:** presents and celebrates Polish hymns on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church, Wilno. Social hour will follow in the parish hall.

☀ **Welcome to all our summer visitors!** ☀

## **Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

August 7 – 12

**Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. (*with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)  
+ Lawrence Sullivan *by Estate of Lawrence Sullivan*  
~ Intentions of Joan Marie Potvin *by Bernard Potvin*

**Friday** 9:00 a.m. + Kevin Peplinski & Beatrice Peplinski  
*by Kiedroski Family*

## **+ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time +**

August 13, 2023

**Saturday** 4:00 p.m. + Evelyn Rumleskie *by Leonard Rumleskie*

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

### **Liturgical Appointments**

#### **Readings**

#### **Communion**

#### **Offertory**

#### **August 12**

*Sean Conway*

*Neil O'Reilly*

*Bruce Sullivan*

*Barry Dombroskie*

#### **August 13**

*Beverley Glofcheskie*

*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:**

- 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: *Fr. Grant Neville; Joseph & Lorraine Luckasavitch; Julia (Murach) Lorbetskie; Bob Maika; Jimmy Sullivan.*

### **ROMAN CALENDAR:**

Monday - St. Sixtus II, pope, and Companions, martyrs & St. Cajetan, priest

Tuesday - St. Dominic, priest

Wednesday - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin and martyr

Thursday - St. Lawrence, deacon, martyr

Friday - St. Clare, virgin

Saturday - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious

# Light from Light

*Angelus Address by St. John Paul II; August 6, 2000*

Today is the feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ. According to today's Gospel account, Jesus "was transfigured" before Peter, James, and John: "his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light" (*Mt 17,2*). Through the veil of humanity, the Son of God was revealed, "Light of Light." And this was confirmed by a mysterious voice coming from on high: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (*Mt 17,5*). We are before a true epiphany: the manifestation of the Son of God to the world.

We are at the center of the Christian mystery which spurs us to renew our fidelity to Christ. The feast of the Transfiguration brings to mind my beloved predecessor, the Servant of God Paul VI, who died precisely on August 6, 1978, which, like today, fell on a Sunday. He was an inspired preacher of the Transfiguration, in which he contemplated the whole mystery of Christ, true man and true God. To contemporary man, bewildered by thousands of deceitful claims, Paul VI points out Christ with intense love and wise doctrine, "Teacher, Shepherd, Light of the soul." In a homily he said, "He is necessary, and we cannot make do without Him; he is our fortune, our joy and happiness, promise and hope; our way, truth, and life" (*Teachings, III [1965], 1192*).

**St. Leo the Great:** "The primary purpose of this transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of Christ's disciples; the greatness of his hidden glory was revealed to them to prevent their faith being shaken by the self-abasement of the suffering he was voluntarily to undergo.

In his foresight, however, he was also laying the foundations of the Church's hope, teaching the whole body of Christ the nature of the change it is to receive, and schooling his members to look forward to a share in the glory which had already shone forth in their head ...

If we continue in the acknowledgment and love of Christ who took upon himself all the weakness of our lowly nature, what he conquered we too shall conquer, and the promise he gave us we shall receive. So then, whether it is to encourage us to obey his commands or to endure hardships, let the Father's voice always be ringing in our ears and telling us: *This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased: listen to him.* "

**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.

## **LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Total: \$2,291.00; (Envelopes: \$1,744.00; E-Transfers: \$290.00; Loose: \$212.00; Visitors: \$45.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./138; 10:30 a.m./76])

**July 30<sup>th</sup>** – Total: \$2,273.00; (Envelopes: \$1,981.00; E-Transfers: \$40.00; Loose: \$187.00; Visitors: \$45.00; Northern Missions: \$10.00; Building Fund: \$10.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./97; 10:30 a.m./63])

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> from noon until 4:00 p.m. Barbeque with lots of activities. Take out available. Everyone welcome.

**O LORD YOU CROWN THE YEAR WITH YOUR GOODNESS:** August is often considered a transitional month in our seasonal calendar. It is the time of the year we begin to wind-down from our summer travels and vacations and prepare for Autumn — back to school, country fairs, fall festivals, harvest time, etc. The days of summer have provided a welcome change of routine and pace affording us the time to relax and refresh. However, as creation peaks in its fruitfulness and then begins to wane, we are also left with an uneasy sense of the transience of existence itself. All is passing. What remains?

In her liturgical calendar during August, the Church most notably celebrates the feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) and the feast of the Assumption (August 15). As if to re-ignite our faith, the Church offers these feasts which fill us with a divine hope that strengthens us with courage and resilience to endure the vicissitudes of time.

This divine hope anticipates a promised future already breaking into the present. We present-day members of the Mystical Body are certain of the reward to which we are called, for Christ's Transfigured body is a preview of that glory. Moreover, in the Assumption of his Mother, Our Lord has demonstrated his fidelity to his promise. Her privilege is the highest fruit of the Redemption and our consoling assurance of the coming of what we hope for — the glorification which is ours too in Christ Jesus.

Yes, all is passing, but all that is filled with Christ endures! Enjoy the rest of the summer! ~ *Fr. John*

**THANK YOU** ladies who look after our church and rectory flower gardens! Beautiful!