

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

✠ **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** ✠

August 27, 2023

SMALL GROUP SCRIPTURE STUDY: We will begin a study of The Gospel of Mark (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture by Mary Healy) on Tuesdays, starting September 19th from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. These evenings will be led by Fr. John Burchat and John Morris. Each evening will include a time of study, a time of voluntary sharing on what the Lord is doing in our lives, prayer needs for our families, and the Church. Books for this study are being ordered through the church office. Please call or email the office to order your copy; each is \$20. Having a book will be very helpful, but not mandatory. Please bring a recent translation of the Holy Bible with you.

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand

Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

August 28 – September 2

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Margaret Peplinski *by Viola Cybulski*
First Friday 9:00 a.m. + Eva Kulas *by Catholic Women's League*
Intentions of the Starflowers Prayer Initiative

+ Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time +

September 3, 2023

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Phelanda Hall *by Family*
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	September 2	September 3
Readings	<i>Jane Beahen</i>	<i>Paul Aikenhead</i>
Communion	<i>Leona Chapeskie</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</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: *Fr. Joe Legree; Diane Green; Michael Sauro; Carmel Rumleskie; Gerard O'Malley; Fr. Ken O'Brien; John Lynch*
- for those who have died, especially: *Ann Troesch; Constance "Stanny" Chippure; Fr. Grant Neville; Joseph & Lorraine Luckasavitch; Julia (Murach) Lorbetskie.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - St. Augustine, bishop, doctor
Tuesday - The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Wednesday - Ferial – ordinary weekday
Thursday - Ferial – ordinary weekday
Friday - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Saturday - Blessed Andre Grasset, priest, martyr

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? This Sunday's liturgy addresses to us Christians but also at the same time to every man and every woman the double question that one day Jesus put to his disciples. He first asked them: "Who do men say that the Son of man is?". They answered him saying that some of the people said John the Baptist restored to life, others Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. The Lord then directly questioned the Twelve: "But who do you say that I am?". Peter spoke enthusiastically and authoritatively on behalf of them all: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". This solemn profession of faith the Church continues to repeat since then. Today too, we long to proclaim with an innermost conviction: "Yes, Jesus, you are the Christ, the Son of the living God!". Let us do so in the awareness that Christ is the true "treasure" for whom it is worth sacrificing everything; he is the friend who never abandons us for he knows the most intimate expectations of our hearts. Jesus is the "Son of the living God", the promised Messiah who came down to earth to offer humanity salvation and to satisfy the thirst for life and love that dwells in every human being. What an advantage humanity would have in welcoming this proclamation which brings with it joy and peace! ~ *Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; August 24, 2008*

The Gospel we have just heard (see Mt 16:13-20) suggests two different ways of knowing Christ. The first is an impersonal knowledge, one based on current opinion. When Jesus asks: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?", the disciples answer: "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets". In other words, Christ is seen as yet another religious figure, like those who came before him. Then Jesus turns to the disciples and asks them: "But who do you say that I am?" Peter responds with what is the first confession of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God". Faith is more than just empirical or historical facts; it is an ability to grasp the mystery of Christ's person in all its depth.

Yet faith is not the result of human effort, of human reasoning, but rather a gift of God: "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven". Faith starts with God, who opens his heart to us and invites us to share in his own divine life. Faith does not simply provide information about who Christ is; rather, it entails a personal relationship with Christ, a surrender of our whole person, with all our understanding, will and feelings, to God's self-revelation. So, Jesus' question: "But who do you say that I am?", is ultimately a challenge to the disciples to make a personal decision in his regard. Faith in Christ and discipleship are strictly interconnected.

And, since faith involves following the Master, it must become constantly stronger, deeper and more mature, to the extent that it leads to a closer and more intense relationship with Jesus. Peter and the other disciples also had to grow in this way, until their encounter with the Risen Lord opened their eyes to the fullness of faith. ~ *Pope Benedict XVI; August 21, 2011*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,381.70; (Envelopes: \$1,744.00; E-Transfers: \$160.00; Loose: \$236.60; Visitors: \$85.00; Northern Missions: \$96.10; Building Fund: \$60.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./90; 10:30 a.m./97])

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.

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: Greg or Mary 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

INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP-DESIGNATE GUY DESROCHERS, C.Ss.R.

The Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R. will be installed as the Archbishop of Moncton on October 18, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

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.

FOOD BANK SUMMER FUNDRAISER – SPAGETTI DINNER: On Saturday, August 26th at the Royal Canadian Legion, Barry's Bay starting at 5:00 p.m.

 **Welcome to all our summer visitors !**