

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

✠ Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

September 3, 2023

MASS OF THANKSGIVING: for the Episcopal Ministry of the Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R. as the Ninth Bishop of Pembroke will be held at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille, Pembroke, on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. A farewell reception will be held in the Cathedral Hall immediately after the Mass. All are welcome for this occasion to wish Archbishop-designate Desrochers well as departs to assume his ministry in the Archdiocese of Moncton.

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.

SMALL GROUP SCRIPTURE STUDY: We will begin a study of The Gospel of Mark (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture by Mary Healy) on Tuesday evenings, starting September 19th from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. **in St. Lawrence O'Toole Church Hall.** 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.

Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

September 4 – 9

- Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. + Alphonse & Rose Coulas *by Family*
+ Gilbert Rumleskie *by Eddie & Diane Etmanskie*
- Friday** 9:00 a.m. + William “Bill” Green *by Terry & Crystal Crowley*
+ David Joseph Afelskie *by Pat Kuiack*

+ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time +

September 10, 2023

- Saturday** 4:00 p.m. + Andrew “Della” Dombroskie *by Shirley Dombroskie*
- Sunday** 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	September 9	September 10
Readings	<i>Susan Coulas</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>
Communion	<i>Neil O’Reilly</i>	<i>Terry Recoskie</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i> <i>Barry Dombroskie</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i> <i>Jason Dombroskie</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:

- all students and educators at the start of a new school year: that education will lead to a deeper experience of what it means to be human.
- that as we enjoy this Labor Day weekend, the Lord will prosper the work of those who labor and show special compassion to those who are unemployed.
- 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. Joe Legree, Marc Sebanc, Constance “Stanny” Chippure; Fr. Grant Neville; Joseph & Lorraine Lucasavitch; Julia (Murach) Lorbetskie.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

- Monday - Blessed Dina Belanger, virgin
Tuesday - Ferial – ordinary weekday
Wednesday - Ferial – ordinary weekday
Thursday - Ferial – ordinary weekday
Friday - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday - St. Peter Claver, priest

CARRY THE CROSS WITH ME: Today too, the Apostle Peter, like last Sunday, appears in the foreground of the Gospel. However, whereas last Sunday, we admired him for his forthright faith in Jesus, whom he proclaimed the Messiah and Son of God, this time, in the episode that immediately follows, he shows a faith that is still immature and too closely bound to the mentality of “this world” (see Rm 12: 2). Indeed, when Jesus begins to speak openly of the fate that awaits him in Jerusalem, in other words that he will have to suffer many things and be killed in order subsequently to be raised, Peter protests saying: “God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you” (Mt 16: 22). It is obvious that the Teacher and the disciple follow two opposite ways of thinking. Peter, in accordance with a human logic, is convinced that God would never permit his Son to end his mission by dying on the Cross. Jesus, on the contrary, knows that in his immense love for mankind the Father sent him to give his life for them and that if this should involve the Passion and the Cross, it is right that it should happen in this manner. Moreover, he knows that the last word will be the Resurrection. Although Peter’s protest was spoken in good faith and for sincere love of the Master, to Jesus it sounds like a temptation, an invitation to save himself, whereas it is only by losing his life that he will receive new and eternal life for us all.

If, to save us, the Son of God had to suffer and die on the Cross, it was certainly not by a cruel design of the heavenly Father. The reason is the gravity of the illness from which he came to heal us: it was such a serious, mortal disease that it required all his Blood. Indeed, it was with his death and Resurrection that Jesus defeated sin and death and re-established God’s lordship. Yet the battle is not over. Evil exists and resists in every generation, as we know, in our day too. What are the horrors of war, violence to the innocent, the wretchedness and injustice unleashed against the weak other than the opposition of evil to the Kingdom of God? And how is it possible to respond to so much wickedness except with the unarmed and disarming power of love that conquers hatred and of life that has no fear of death? It is the same mysterious power that Jesus used, at the cost of being misunderstood and abandoned by many of his own.

Dear brothers and sisters, in order to bring the work of salvation fully to completion, the Redeemer continues to associate to himself and his mission men and women who are prepared to take up their cross and follow him. Consequently, just as for Christ carrying the cross was not an option but a mission to be embraced for love, so it is for Christians too. In our world today, where the forces that divide and destroy seem to dominate, Christ does not cease to offer to all his clear invitation: anyone who wants to be my disciple must renounce his own selfishness and carry the cross with me. Let us invoke the help of the Blessed Virgin who followed Jesus first and to the very end on the way of the Cross. May she help us to walk in the Lord’s footsteps with determination, to experience from this moment, even in trial, the glory of the Resurrection. *Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; August 31, 2008*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$3,567.35; (Envelopes: \$2,684.00; E-Transfers: \$280.00; Loose: \$268.35; Visitors: \$250.00; Northern Missions: \$25.00; Building Fund: \$60.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./133; 10:30 a.m./103])

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

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.
Our Lady of the Angels, Brudenell, September 30th, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP: Membership in St. Francis Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is \$5 for 2 years. To renew or join the auxiliary drop off fee at hospital gift shop or contact Theresa at 613-756-1085.

FROM THE CHANCERY: On July 21, 2023, the Holy Father granted the release from the clerical state and all related obligations to Mr. Justin Bertrand, following his voluntary petition for this request. The rescript has been formally received by Justin and came into effect on 26 August, 2023.