

# 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  
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Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday,  
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

## ✠ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

September 10, 2023

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS** converge on the theme of brotherly love in the community of believers whose source lies in the communion of the Trinity. The Gospel text from chapter 18 of Matthew on the life of the Christian community tells us that brotherly love also involves a sense of mutual responsibility. For this reason, if my brother commits a sin against me I must treat him charitably and first of all, speak to him privately, pointing out that what he has said or done is wrong. This approach is known as "fraternal correction": it is not a reaction to the offence suffered but is motivated by love for one's brethren. All this demonstrates that we are responsible for each other in the journey of Christian life; each person, aware of his own limitations and shortcomings, is called to accept fraternal correction and to help others with this specific service. ~ *Pope Benedict XVI; 2011.*

**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 he departs to assume his ministry in the Archdiocese of Moncton.

## Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

September 11 – 16

<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	(with <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions</i> ) + Philip Heron, Jr. by <i>Dennis Heron</i>
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Susan Nick by <i>Family</i>

## + Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

September 17, 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m.	+ Sean Murray by <i>Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

<b>Liturgical Appointments</b>	<b>September 16</b>	<b>September 17</b>
<b>Readings</b>	<i>Lorraine Flynn</i>	<i>Judy Filion</i>
<b>Communion</b>	<i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i>	<i>Pierre- Paul Filion</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i> <i>Richard Luckasavitch</i>	<i>Eddie Etmanskie</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: *Theresa Davis (Madonna House), Caroline (Prince) Yeretch; Fr. Joe Legree, Marc Sebanc, Constance "Stanny" Chippure; Fr. Grant Neville; Joseph & Lorraine Luckasavitch; Julia (Murach) Lorbetskie; Bob Maika; Jimmy Sullivan.*

### ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Tuesday	- The Most Holy Name of Mary
Wednesday	- St. John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
Thursday	- The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Friday	- Our Lady of Sorrows
Saturday	- St. Cornelius, pope & St. Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

**FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS** (September 14): What are these Christians about, exalting an instrument of torture? First, we rejoice that something so terrible should have been transformed into a means of redemption for the whole human race. Second, we remind ourselves of the fact that Christianity is not an abstract and spiritual religion. It springs from God's direct intervention in the affairs of the world, a real historical event involving real people and, in the end, a real execution on a real cross. We may theorize and theologize all we like; but all our theorizings and theologizings are nothing without the history on which they are based. Take away that history – take away the Cross – and Christianity is nonsense.

**SMALL GROUP SCRIPTURE 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.

**LIFE CHAIN 2023:** A peaceful, prayerful witness on Sunday, October 1<sup>ST</sup> from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. downtown Barry's Bay. **Life Chain** is an act of prayerful solidarity with the little ones who are absolutely vulnerable and cannot speak for themselves. It is endorsed by Catholic bishops, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, and Muslims for Life. In Mystery, we are actually standing at the foot of the Cross, being present before the greatest evil that encompasses all other evils in human history, including the evil of abortion. It is public. It is silent. It is prayerful. It is an act of solidarity in Christ with our unborn sisters and brothers. There is no casual talking. There is no response given to negative reactions. Will you be there for this Hour in which our Lord invites us to *watch and pray*? Let us never tire in our witness and defence of the inviolable dignity of human life! Come and join us!

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** next meeting is Wednesday, September 20th rosary at 7 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of St. Hedwig rectory.

**CWL SPIRITUAL DAY OF REFLECTION - INDIGENOUS SPIRITUALITY AND CATHOLICISM:** on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall at 100 Lisgar Avenue, Renfrew. Please bring your lunch. Morning coffee, tea and muffins and soup at lunch time provided by the CWL council.

**LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:**

Total: \$3,245.20; (Envelopes: \$2,527.00; E-Transfers: \$290.00; Loose: \$157.60; Visitors: \$95.60; Northern Missions: \$20.00; Building Fund: \$130.00; Needs of the Church: \$25.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./93; 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!

**EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP, SHARING AND INTERCESSION** - Open to all - Thursdays at 7 p.m. - St Lawrence O'Toole parish hall - Come join The Spirit of the Living God Prayer Group. For info contact Greg or Mary 613-756-6643

**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

**AL-ANON DISTRICT 30'S CELEBRATION DAY:** on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at Holy Name Church, 284 Trafalgar Road, Pembroke. Theme: Carrying the Message. Registration at 9:00 a.m.

**RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pembroke on Thursday, September 21st from 11 am to 1 pm. Includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, guided prayer, examination of conscience, confession, benediction and a talk. Bring your lunch for a get together afterward. For more information, please contact Nadia at [nadia.bagshaw@sympatico.ca](mailto:nadia.bagshaw@sympatico.ca) or (613) 584-9388

**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.