

# 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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ✠

September 17, 2023

**THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL:** is a favourite parable of Matthew, continuing and concluding his theme that forgiveness is the life's-blood of any Christian community. Matthew gathers together into one chapter the special teachings about the community of the disciples, and half of it concerns quarrels, offences and disagreements. We cannot live together without upsetting one another, unwittingly, or even deliberately. So forgiveness is the vital step, and real forgiveness cements a relationship, leaving it stronger than it was before the offence. Don't forgive and forget but remember the forgiveness!

The parable expands and stresses the petition in the Lord's Prayer, 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others.' The importance of this petition was already underlined by Matthew; it is the only petition of the Lord's Prayer to which he adds at the end a confirmatory saying of Jesus. Like so many of Matthew's parables, this one revolves round contrasting characters, the 'goodie' and the 'baddie' (wedding-guests and guest without a wedding-garment; the two who use their talents and the one who hides it; the girls with and without oil for their lamps; the sheep and the goats). The contrast between the two sums of money is deliberately fantastic: the first slave owes millions of dollars, a sum no private person could ever repay, let alone a slave; it is more than a year's tax for a whole Roman province. The second owes a couple of months' wages of a casual labourer. ~ *Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB*

## Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

September 18 – 23

**Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. (with *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)  
+ Harold Murray by *Karen Yakabuski*

**Friday** 9:00 a.m. + Jerome Cybulski by *Viola Cybulski*

## + Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

September 24, 2023

**Saturday** 4:00 p.m. + Ruth Cowan by *Terri MacLeod*  
+ Elmer & Margaret Dombroski & Frances Cybulski  
*By Family*

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

Liturgical Appointments	September 23	September 24
Readings	<i>Sean Conway</i>	<i>Pierre- Paul Filion</i>
Communion	<i>Maxine Smaglinski</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i>
	<i>Barry Dombroskie</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:

- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Donna & Gary Helferty; Gerard Burchat; 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 Lucasavitch.*

### ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - Ferial – ordinary weekday  
Tuesday - St. Januarius, bishop, martyr  
Wednesday - St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, priest, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions, martyrs  
Thursday - St. Matthew, apostle, evangelist  
Friday - Ferial – ordinary weekday  
Saturday - St. Pius of Petrelcina, (Padre Pio), priest

**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!

**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. Bishop Desrochers will be installed as the Archbishop of Moncton on October 18, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

**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.

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

**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

**LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:**

Total: \$1,869.00; (Envelopes: \$1,444.00; E-Transfers: \$160.00; Loose: \$195.00; Visitors: \$50.00; Needs of the Canadian Church: \$20.00 [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 in 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 as essential for family faith formation. The parish provides resources and catechetical assistance. The beginning of the preparation begins with an informal meeting with Fr. Burchat after Sunday Mass.

**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 a.m. to 1 p.m. Includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, guided prayer, examination of conscience, confession, benediction and a talk. Bring your lunch for a get together afterward. To carpool from Barry's Bay, please contact Teresa at [teresamoose63@gmail.com](mailto:teresamoose63@gmail.com).

**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.

**MADAWASKA VALLEY HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE** is offering a 6-week Grief Support Group in Barry's Bay. Tuesdays, beginning October 24th. To register or for more information please call 613 756 3045 ext 350 or email Jenna Stamplicoski at [stamplicoski@sfmhosp.com](mailto:stamplicoski@sfmhosp.com)

**O Lord, You crown the year with Your Goodness.**