

# 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

October 22, 2023

**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.

**DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR:** Subsequent to the installation of the Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R. as Archbishop of Moncton this past October 18, 2023, the College of Consultors of the Diocese of Pembroke on October 19, 2023, elected Reverend George Ryan Holly as Diocesan Administrator of Pembroke, as required by Canon Law (c. 421 §1).

*A Diocesan Administrator governs the diocese until the new bishop takes possession of that diocese. He should have attained the age of 35 and have served as a Catholic priest for at least 5 years. He is bound by the obligations and exercises the power of a diocesan bishop, excluding those matters which are excepted by nature of things or by law itself. His office ceases when the new bishop takes possession of the diocese.*

## Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

October 23 – 28

<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	(with <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions</i> ) + Ignatius Vajda by <i>Nick Family</i>
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 a.m.	+ Colleen Yantha by <i>Maxine Smaglinski &amp; Family</i>

## + Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

October 29, 2023

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m.	Howard & Mary Fox by <i>Georgina, Patsy, Jean &amp; Irene</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

<b>Liturgical Appointments</b>	<b>October 28</b>	<b>October 29</b>
<b>Readings</b>	<i>Lorraine Flynn</i>	<i>Judy Filion</i>
<b>Communion</b>	<i>Leona Chapeskie</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i> <i>Richard Luckasavitch</i>	<i>Eddie Etmanski</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:**

- the process of selecting and sending another Bishop to shepherd the Diocese of Pembroke.
- Fr. Ryan Holly as he additionally serves as our Diocesan Administrator.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Jacob Westen; Donna & Gary Helferty; Gerard Burchat; Michael Sauro.*
- for those who have died, especially: *David Stamplecoski; Allan Shulist; Elizabeth “Beth” Holmes (Madonna House); Elizabeth “Nancy” Peplinskie; John Lynch.*

### **ROMAN CALENDAR:**

Monday	- St. John of Capistrano, priest
Tuesday	- St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop
Wednesday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Thursday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Friday	- Ferial – ordinary weekday
Saturday	- St. Simon & St. Jude, apostles

**THIS SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURES:** The first reading from the Second Book of Isaiah, tells us that God is one, there is no other; there are no gods other than the Lord and even the powerful Cyrus, Emperor of the Persians, was part of a larger plan that God alone knew and carried ahead. This Reading gives us *the theological meaning of history: the epochal upheavals and the succession of great powers are under the supreme domination of God; no earthly power can stand in his stead.* The theology of history is an important and essential aspect of the New Evangelization because the people of our time, after the inauspicious season of the totalitarian empires in the 20th century, need to rediscover an overall look at the world and at time, a truly free, peaceful look, that look which the second Vatican Council communicated in its documents and which my predecessors, the Servant of God Paul VI and Bl. John Paul II, illustrated with their Magisterium.

Let us now reflect on the Gospel passage. It is the text about the legitimacy of the tribute to be paid to Caesar which contains Jesus’ famous answer: “render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Mt 22:21). Jesus replies with a surprising political realism, linked to the theocentrism of the prophetic tradition. The tribute to Caesar must be paid because his image is on the coin; but the human being, every person, carries in him- or herself another image, that of God, and therefore it is to him and to him alone that each one owes his or her existence. The Fathers of the Church, drawing inspiration from the fact that Jesus was referring to the image of the Emperor impressed on the coin of the tribute, interpreted this passage in the light of the fundamental concept of the human being as an image of God, contained in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis.

An anonymous author wrote: “*The image of God is not impressed on gold, but on the human race. Caesar’s coin is gold, God’s coin is humanity.... Therefore, give your riches to Caesar but keep for God the unique innocence of your conscience, where God is contemplated.... Caesar, in fact, asked that his image be on every coin, but God chose man, whom he created to reflect his glory*” (Anonymous, Incomplete Work on Matthew, Homily 42). And St Augustine used this reference several times in his homilies: “*If Caesar reclaims his own image impressed on the coin*”, he says, “*will not God demand from man the divine image sculpted within him?*” (En. Ps., Psalm 94:2). And further, “*as the tribute money is rendered to him [Caesar], so should the soul be rendered to God, illumined and stamped with the light of his countenance*” (ibid., Ps 4:8).

This word of Jesus is rich in anthropological content, and it cannot be reduced only to the political context. The Church, therefore, is not limited to reminding human beings of the right distinction between the sphere of Caesar’s authority and that of God, between the political and religious contexts. The mission of the Church, like that of Christ, is essentially to speak of God, to remember his sovereignty, to remind all, especially Christians who have lost their own identity, of the right of God to what belongs to him, that is, our life. *From a Homily of Pope Benedict XVI; October 16, 2011*

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

Total: \$2,241.00; (Envelopes: \$1,586.00; E-Transfers: \$350.00; Loose: \$170.00; Visitors: \$50.00; Building Fund: \$60.00; World Mission: \$15.00; Needs of the Canadian Church: \$10.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./73; 10:30 a.m./90]

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPE: Numbers #148.** Please print your name and full address on the next couple of envelopes this will help with updating our system so there will be no hold-ups when giving out income tax receipts.

**SMALL GROUP SCRIPTURE STUDY:** Tuesdays, 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. On the Gospel of Mark. For details contact John Morris, 613 729 6647. Open to all.

**EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP, AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER** – Open to all – Join with the Spirit of the Living God Prayer Group on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the St Lawrence O'Toole parish hall. For info contact Pierre-Paul or Judy 613-602-6580)

**CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP** will be taking place on Friday, October 27, in the hall of St. Mary's parish in Wilno, immediately following the 7:00 p.m. mass. All youth ages 13-18 are welcome to attend.

**FAITH FORMATION DAY:** "*I want More: Going Deeper in Faith*" is open to all, and will be **held on Saturday, November 4** at the Most Holy Name of Jesus ANNEX, 284 Trafalgar Road, Pembroke, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Guest speakers: Pierre- Alain Giffard, Father Michael Smith, and Greg and Mary Doyle. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Please inform us if you have any food allergies. There is no registration fee, but registration is necessary. To register, or for more information, please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at 613 732-7933 ext. 206 **by November 2.** [dcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:dcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com).

**THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES** are available at the back of the church. Please take and fill your shoebox according to instructions in the Pamphlet. Please return shoeboxes to the link by Parish Office by Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**CWL TICKET DONATION** - Members and parishioners are invited to consider making a monetary donation towards prizes for our fundraiser, the "Pot O'Gold" raffle. Any amount is appreciated. Please place your donation in an envelope marked **CWL – ticket donation** and drop off in the collection basket or give to Maxine Smaglinski (756-0194), Beth Hildebrandt (756-0912) or Talk O' The Town (756-3676) before **Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>**. If you are donating \$100 or more and wish to be recognized on the ticket, please make note of that along with your donation.