

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

19450 Opeongo Line, Barry's Bay, ON K0J 1B0

Est. 1934



www.stlawrenceotoole.ca

Fr. John N. Burchat, Parish Priest
Fr. JohnNBurchat@gmail.com
Maureen Kiedroski, *Office Administrator*
Louis A. Dombroskie, *Custodian*

OFFICE/RECTORY: 613-756-2037
stlawrenceotoole@hotmail.com

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday & Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*For emergencies during the week also call Holy
Canadian Martyrs at 613-756-3606 during
Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday,
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

✠ First Sunday of Advent ✠

December 3, 2023

PREPARATION FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST-MASS: When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease." CC524

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS: Here are just some good websites that provide free materials:

<https://dynamiccatholic.com> <http://www.ewtn.com>

<http://www.catholicmom.com>

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/>

https://www.youtube.com/CCCB_CECC

WILNO COMMUNITY CHOIR will be presenting KOLEDY, a collection of traditional Christmas Carols, on December 27 at 7:00 p.m., in St. Mary's Church Wilno. Anyone who would just like to listen is welcome. For further information please see the parish bulletin board.

First Week of Advent

December 4 – 9

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (*with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
+ Theresa Yantha by *Dennis & Sylvia Stamplecoskie*

Friday 9:00 a.m.
+ Matthew Biskup by *Eldon Pecarski*
Intentions of Lorraine Leddy by *Monica Radey*

+ Second Sunday of Advent +

December 10, 2023

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Jack Boldt & Tommy Sayyea
by Georgina, Patricia, Jean & Irene
+ Caroline Yeretch by *Joanne & Edward*

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

Liturgical Appointments	December 9	December 10
Readings	<i>Lorraine Flynn</i>	<i>John Morris</i>
Communion	<i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</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:

- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Eleanor Ryan; Elaine Potvin; Carmel Rumleskie; Gerard O'Malley; Shaun O'Malley; Jacob Westen; Donna Helferty; Michael Sauro.*

- for those who have died, especially: *Wendy Jessup; Bernard Prince; Joan Marie Potvin; Gary Helferty; Jerome "Jerry" Green; Keith Towns; Gerard Burchat.*

- that the Lord Jesus would anoint with the gift of the Holy Spirit the process of calling forth a new bishop to shepherd our diocese.

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - St. John Damascene, priest, doctor
Tuesday - Ferial – ordinary weekday
Wednesday - St. Nicholas, bishop
Thursday - St. Ambrose, bishop, doctor
Friday - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

December 23

4:00 p.m. St. Lawrence O'Toole, Barry's Bay
6:00 p.m. St. Francis de Sales, Latchford Bridge
7:00 p.m. Holy Canadian Martyrs, Combermere

December 24/25

4:00 p.m. St. Lawrence O'Toole, Barry's Bay
6:00 p.m. St. Francis de Sales, Latchford Bridge
8:00 p.m. Holy Canadian Martyrs, Combermere
10:30 a.m. St. Lawrence O'Toole, Barry's Bay

Confessions: with visiting priest-confessors

Holy Canadian Martyrs – Wednesday, December 13;
@10:00 a.m.; @2:00 p.m.; 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
St. Lawrence O'Toole – Sunday, December 17; 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

ADVENT begins this Sunday. It is a very evocative religious season because it is interwoven with hope and spiritual expectation: every time the Christian community prepares to commemorate the Redeemer's birth, it feels a quiver of joy which to a certain extent it communicates to the whole of society.

In Advent, Christians relive a dual impulse of the spirit: on the one hand, they raise their eyes towards the final destination of their pilgrimage through history, which is the glorious return of the Lord Jesus; on the other, remembering with emotion his birth in Bethlehem, they kneel before the Crib.

The hope of Christians is turned to the future but remains firmly rooted in an event of the past. In the fullness of time, the Son of God was born of the Virgin Mary: "Born of a woman, born under the law", as the Apostle Paul writes (Gal 4:4).

Today's Gospel invites us to stay on guard as we await the final coming of Christ. "Look around you!", Jesus says. "You do not know when the master of the house is coming" (Mk 13:35). The short parable of the master who went on a journey and the servants responsible for acting in his place highlights how important it is to be ready to welcome the Lord when he suddenly returns.

The Christian community waits anxiously for his "manifestation", and the Apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthians, urges them to trust in God's fidelity and to live so as to be found "blameless" (see 1 Cor 1:7-9) on the day of the Lord. Most appropriately, therefore, the liturgy at the beginning of Advent puts on our lips the Psalm: "Show us, O Lord, your kindness, and grant us your salvation" (see Ps 85[84]:8). *Benedict XVI, Angelus, November 27, 2005*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,782.50; (Envelopes: \$1,958.00; E-Transfers: \$160.00; Loose: \$207.50; Visitors: \$95.00; Christmas Flowers: \$362.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./114; 10:30 a.m./91]

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your new box at the church entrance which are displayed in alphabetical order. If I have missed anyone, please contact the office.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS: for the Glory of God and in Memory of loved ones can be made with the envelopes provided at the entrance of the church or in your Offering box. The Masses of Christmas will be offered for your intentions. Donations must be submitted by Monday, December 18th in order to have loved ones listed in the Christmas bulletin memorial page.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Get ready for the 2023-24 lectionary! We're learning The Gospel of Mark (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture by Mary Healy) on Tuesdays until December 19th, 7-8:45 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Hall. Please bring a Bible. For information call John Morris, 613 729 6647.

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 Greg or Mary 613-756-6643

RESPECT FOR LIFE WEEKLY HOUR OF PRAYER: for the sanctity of life, marriage and family on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. here at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church.

ADVENT FAIR:

St. Andrew on Wednesday, December 6th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please join the Queen of Angels homeschool co-op for an evening of festive spirit, homemade gifts, crafts, cookies, hot chocolate, music, ballet, a Christmas play and snatch up some unique gifts to support our young people. A special guest appearance of St. Nicholas! It's going to be a great night-and everyone is welcome to be a part of it! Please see poster in the back of the church for more information.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR YOUTH: inviting ages 9 to 17 on Sunday at 12 noon on December 10, 2023, at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College portable. Guest Speaker: Maria Rose Moyses of Action Life Canada. Sponsored by the St. Hedwig Pro-Life Group.

THANK YOU to all who participated in the Annual Samaritan Purse Operation Shoe Box Drive. We had another successful year, as our Parish collected 16 shoe boxes. Your generosity is most appreciated. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.