

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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✠ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

January 14, 2024

WHAT IS ORDINARY TIME? The term ‘ordinary’ in our common use typically refers to something being plain. Ordinary, in a liturgical context, comes from the Latin term *ordinalis*, meaning ‘numbered’ or ‘ruled’. This title simply refers to the ongoing and rhythmical nature of the season. Just like everyday life, there is a rhythm to the days and the weeks. Sure, we have holidays and special occasions that we look forward to that change the pace, just like we have holy days and feasts in the Church year. But those special occasions aren’t the whole picture, just like there is more to the life of Christ than what we celebrate in other liturgical seasons.

The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ.

The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green. This is to represent the time of growth and expansion of the Church following the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Green is a very natural color and is often a symbol for growth and new life. ~ by *Dominick Albano*

Second Week of Ordinary Time

January 15 – 20

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Beverly Brotton *by Basil & Margaret Brotton*

Friday 9:00 a.m. + Aloysuis “Al” Smaglinski *by Maxine Smaglinski*

+ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time +

January 21, 2024

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Andrew Dombroskie *by Lawrence & Barb Biskup*
+ Elmer & Margaret Dombroskie *by Family*

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

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

January 20

Lorraine Flynn

Leona Chapeskie

Bruce Sullivan

Barry Dombroskie

January 21

Judy Filion

Ursula Jeffrey

John Jeffrey

Jason Dombroskie

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: *Gerard O'Malley; Marg Abbott; Anna Neimun.*

- for those who have died, especially: *Susan Serran; Michael Sauro; Wendy Jessup.*

- 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 - Ferial, ordinary weekday

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Wednesday - St. Anthony, abbot

Thursday - Ferial, ordinary weekday

Friday - Ferial, ordinary weekday

Saturday - St. Fabian, pope, martyr & St. Sebastian, martyr

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD!

As in the Feast of the Epiphany and in that of the Baptism of Jesus, so too today's Gospel passage (cf. Jn 1:35-42) proposes the theme of the manifestation of the Lord. This time it is John the Baptist who points Him out to his disciples as "the Lamb of God" (v. 36), thus inviting them to follow Him. And thus it is for us: the One whom we have contemplated in the Mystery of Christmas, we are now called to follow in daily life. Therefore, today's Gospel passage introduces us perfectly into Ordinary Liturgical Time, a time that helps to invigorate and affirm our journey of faith in ordinary life, in a dynamic that moves between epiphany and following (sequela), between manifestation and vocation.

The Gospel narrative indicates the essential characteristics of the journey of faith. There is a journey of faith, and this is the journey of the disciples of all times, ours too, beginning with the question that Jesus asks the two who, urged by the Baptist, set out to follow Him: "What do you seek?" (v. 38). It is the same question that the Risen One asks Mary Magdalene on Easter morning: "Woman, whom do you seek?" (cf. Jn 20:15). Each of us, as a human being, is seeking: seeking happiness, seeking love, a good and full life. God the Father has given us all this in his Son Jesus.

In this search, the role of a true witness — of a person who first made the journey and encountered the Lord — is fundamental. In the Gospel, John the Baptist is this witness. For this reason, he is able to direct the disciples toward Jesus, who engages them in a new experience, saying: "Come and see" (Jn 1:39). And those two [disciples] will never forget the beauty of that encounter, to the extent that the Evangelist even notes the time of it: "It was about the tenth hour" (ibid.). Only a personal encounter with Jesus engenders a journey of faith and of discipleship. We will be able to experience many things, to accomplish many things, to establish relationships with many people, but only the appointment with Jesus, at that hour that God knows, can give full meaning to our life and render our plans and our initiatives fruitful.

It is not enough to build an image of God based on the words that are heard; one must go in search of the divine Master and go to where he lives. The two disciples ask Jesus, "where are you staying?" (v. 38). This question has a powerful spiritual meaning: it expresses the wish to know where the Lord lives, so as to abide with him. The life of faith consists in the wish to abide in the Lord, and thus in a continuing search for the place where he lives. This means that we are called to surpass a methodical and predictable religiosity, rekindling the encounter with Jesus in prayer, in meditating on the Word of God and in practicing the Sacraments, in order to abide with him and bear fruit thanks to him, to his help, to his grace.

Seeking Jesus, encountering Jesus, following Jesus: this is the journey. Seeking Jesus, encountering Jesus, following Jesus. ~ *Angelus Address by Pope Francis; January 14, 2018.*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$4,557.05; (Envelopes: \$2,397.00; E-Transfers: \$120.00; Loose: \$195.05; Visitors: \$1,330.00; Initial Offering: \$215.00; Fuel: \$20.00; New Years Day Offering: \$280.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./195; 10:30 a.m./81])

MASS INTENTIONS: When requesting a specific date for a Mass please give a six-month notice at least.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: If you have not picked up your new box of envelopes, they will be in the Parish Office.

EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Returns Thursday, January 4, 2024, at St. Lawrence's; 7:00 p.m. For more info contact Greg or Mary 613-756-6643.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: The Sunday readings in 2024 focus on The Gospel of Mark. As such, we are reading Mary Healy's Catholic Commentary called The Gospel of Mark. We pay close attention to Old Testament references and the Catechism for Church teaching as we move through the book. The next session will run January 30 - March 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Hall. Everyone is welcome. Please contact John Morris, 613-729-6647, johnlorrainemorris@gmail.com for information.

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.

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN: Recollections are like mini retreats that help you take a break from your busy schedule to think and pray about your life, your relationship with God and gain a fresh outlook. Join us at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pembroke on January 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, guided prayer, examination of conscience, confession, benediction and a talk. Bring your lunch and stay to socialize afterward. Josemaria Escrivaivity, inspired by the writings of St. Josemaria Escriva, is entrusted to Opus Dei, a personal Prelature of the Roman Catholic Church. For more information, please contact nadia.bagshaw@sympatico.ca or 613-584-9388.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Our next Knights of Columbus meeting is Wednesday, January 17th. Rosary at 7:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the St. Hedwig Rectory.