

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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9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

✠ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

February 4, 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14th: With Lent beginning on St. Valentine's Day this year, let's make this "I LOVE LENT" in preparation for the Paschal Triduum (Easter).

HOW TO PREPARE FOR LENT: How do I want to be during Lent this year? More quiet and thoughtful? More open to God's desires? Better able to sit with people who need me? More attentive to sacred readings, whether in church or in private? Do I need to be more compassionate toward my own fears and failings? Do I need to become more courageous about using the gifts God has given me?

Prior to Lent, ask God, every day:

"What does my soul need?"

"What about my life makes You happy?"

"How can I be open to the graces of this Lenten season?"

This is a beginning: three short and simple prayer starters to ready yourself for the holy season.

Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

February 5 – 10

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (with *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)
Special Intention by *Loretta Murray*
Intentions of Carmel Rumleskie
by *Diocesan Development & Peace Council*

Friday 9:00 a.m. + Darlene Sheilds by *Eddie & Diane Etmanskie*

+ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

February 11, 2024

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Jerome “Jerry” Green by *Karen Yakabuski*

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

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

February 10

Martin Yakabuski

Maxine Smaglinski

Bruce Sullivan

Richard Luckasavitch

February 11

Beverly Glofcheskie

Ursula Jeffrey

John Jeffrey

Jamie Prince

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: *Carmel Rumleskie; Nathaniel Burchat; Gerard O'Malley; Marg Abbott; Anna Neimun.*

- for those who have died, especially: *Joseph Herbert Kuehl; Susan Serran.*

- 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. Agatha, virgin, martyr

Tuesday - St. Paul Miki & companions, martyrs

Wednesday - Ferial, ordinary weekday

Thursday - St. Jerome Emiliani, priest & St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin

Friday - Ferial, ordinary weekday

Saturday - St. Scholastica, virgin

JESUS THE DIVINE PHYSICIAN: Today's Gospel (cf. Mk 1:29-39) presents us Jesus who, after having preached in the Synagogue on the Sabbath, heals many sick people. Preaching and healing: this was Jesus' principle activity in his public ministry. With his preaching he proclaims the Kingdom of God, and with his healing he shows that it is near, that the Kingdom of God is in our midst.

Entering the house of Simon Peter, Jesus sees that his mother-in-law is in bed with a fever; he immediately takes her by the hand, heals her, and raises her. After sunset, since the Sabbath is over the people can go out and bring the sick to Him; He heals a multitude of people afflicted with maladies of every kind: physical, psychological, and spiritual. Having come to earth to proclaim and to realize the salvation of the whole man and of all people, Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, He reveals Himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the Good Samaritan of man. He is the true Saviour: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.

The reality of Christ's healing of the sick invites us to reflect on the meaning and virtue of illness. This also reminds us of the World Day of the Sick, which we celebrate on February 11, the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The salvific work of Christ is not exhausted with his Person and in the span of his earthly life; it continues through the Church, the sacrament of God's love and tenderness for mankind. In sending his disciples on mission, Jesus confers a double mandate on them: to proclaim the Gospel of salvation and to heal the sick (cf. Mt 10:7-8). Faithful to this teaching, the Church has always considered caring for the sick an integral part of her mission. "The poor and the suffering you will always have with you", Jesus admonishes (cf. Mt 26:11), and the Church continually finds them along her path, considering those who are sick as a privileged way to encounter Christ, to welcome and serve him. To treat the sick, to welcome them, to serve them, is to serve Christ: the sick are the flesh of Christ.

This also occurs in our own time, when, notwithstanding the many scientific break-throughs, the interior and physical suffering of people raises serious questions about the meaning of illness and pain, and about the reason for death. They are existential questions, to which the pastoral action of the Church must respond with the light of faith, having before her eyes the Crucifixion, in which appears the whole of the salvific mystery of God the Father, who out of love for human beings did not spare his own Son (cf. Rm 8:32). Therefore, each one of us is called to bear the light of the Word of God and the power of grace to those who suffer, and to those who assist them — family, doctors, nurses — so that the service to the sick might always be better accomplished with more humanity, with generous dedication, with evangelical love, with tenderness. Mother Church, through our hands, caresses our suffering and treats our wounds, and does so with the tenderness of a mother. *From an Angelus Address by Pope Francis; February 8, 2015.*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,705.25; (Envelopes: \$1,987.00; E-Transfers: \$80.00; Loose: \$118.25; Visitors: \$75.00; Fuel: \$440.00 [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./120; 10:30 a.m./78])

CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS: will be sent out the week of February 14th along with a Parish Financial Report.

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.

EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER – Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole parish hall. For more information contact Greg or Mary 613-756-6643

DIOCESAN YOUTH NIGHT, NEW! The Diocese of Pembroke of Family Life and Youth Ministry is starting a new event for youth in **grade 7 to 12** at **St. James the Less Parish, Eganville**. The upcoming dates are **Fridays February 9th, April 12th, and June 7th** from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Any questions? Contact Yvette Bourque at yvettebourque@pembrokedioocese.com. All are invited and welcome!

ST. MARY'S BREAKFAST: Potato & Regular Pancake/Sausage/Bologna Breakfast, and other trimmings, at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Sunday, February 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Adults \$15, under 10 years \$8, and family deals. Information call Ed Chippior 613-602-6535

PARISH CUSTODIAN JOB ADVERTISEMENT: We are currently recruiting for a Custodian to oversee and maintain St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, parish hall & two cemeteries. 25 hours per week - \$19.00 per hour

Additional hours during winter months for snow removal and so living close by is necessary. Please provide your resume by mail to: St. Lawrence O'Toole, 19450 Opeongo Line, Box 118, Barry's Bay, ON, K0J 1B0

Resume must include: details of past employment; names and contact information for three references; photocopy of front and back of your current driver's license

**Job Description is available upon request

NOTE Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted