

# Saint Lawrence O'Toole Parish

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## ✠ Fifth Sunday of Lent ✠

*March 17, 2024*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** *With visiting priest-confessors on*  
**NEXT SUNDAY:** Sunday, March 24; 1:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole

*Lord Jesus, may shame never make me forget your mercy,  
and may pride never prevent me from asking for mercy.*

### **COMMEMORATION OF THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM: March 28-31**

Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole  
Good Friday: 12:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole  
3:00 p.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs  
Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs  
Easter Sunday: 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales  
10:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole

**MEMORARE TO ST. JOSEPH:** Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen. (*Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Principal Patron of Canada, Patron of the Universal Church; Tuesday, March 19*)

**We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You,  
because by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.**

*(Saint Francis of Assisi)*

## Fifth Week of Lent

March 11 – 16

**Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. (with *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)  
Intentions of Carmel Rumleskie by *James Rumleskie*  
Intentions of Carl & Lorraine Leddy by *Monica Radey*

[Wednesday @ Holy Canadian Martyrs – 7p.m. Mass beginning with the Stations of the Cross]

**Friday** 9:00 a.m. (Beginning with the Stations of the Cross)  
+ David ‘Rocky’ Coulas by *Daniel & Patsy O’Malley*

## + Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord +

March 24, 2024

**Saturday** 4:00 p.m. + Joseph, Beatrice & Mildred Brotton by *Brotton Family*  
**Sunday** 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

### Liturgical Appointments

#### Readings

#### Communion

#### Offertory

#### March 23

*Karen Yakabuski*

*Martin Yakabuski*

*Neil O’Reilly*

*Tony Burant*

*Barry Dombroskie*

#### March 24

*Judy Filion*

*Joanne Olsen*

*Perrier-Paul Filion*

*Eddie Etmanskie*

*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.

**EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER:** Thursdays  
at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O’Toole parish hall.

### IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

-that the Holy Spirit may give us a deep longing to take up the Cross and to understand its mysterious glory as we enter Passiontide and anticipate Holy Week and the commemoration of the saving mystery of our Saviour’s Passion and Death.

- 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.

- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Carmel Rumleskie*.

- for those who have died, especially: *Patrick Joseph O’Brien; Ervin Sorensen; Michael Sullivan; Rita Gauthier-Gutoskie; Gerard O’Malley*.

**JESUS OUR TRUE HIGH PRIEST:** Very appropriately, the liturgy brings us to meditate on this text of John's Gospel today, on this Fifth Sunday of Lent, while the days of the Lord's Passion draw near in which we will immerse ourselves spiritually as from next Sunday which is called, precisely, Palm Sunday and the Sunday of the Lord's Passion. It is as if the Church were encouraging us to share Jesus' state of mind, desiring to prepare us to relive the mystery of his Crucifixion, death and Resurrection not as foreign spectators but on the contrary as protagonists, involved together with him in his mystery of the Cross and the Resurrection. Indeed, where Christ is his disciples called to follow him, to be in solidarity with him at the moment of the combat must also be in order to share in his victory.

What our association with his mission consists of is explained by the Lord himself. In speaking of his forthcoming glorious death, he uses a simple and at the same time evocative image: "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (Jn 12: 24).

He compares himself to a "grain of wheat which has split open, to bring much fruit to others", according to an effective statement of St Athanasius; it is only through death, through the Cross that Christ bears much fruit for all the centuries. Indeed, it was not enough for the Son of God to become incarnate. To bring the divine plan of universal salvation to completion he had to be killed and buried: only in this way was human reality to be accepted, and, through his death and Resurrection, the triumph of Life, the triumph of Love to be made manifest; it was to be proven that love is stronger than death.

Yet the man Jesus who was a true man with the same sentiments as ours felt the burden of the trial and bitter sorrow at the tragic end that awaited him. Precisely since he was God-Man he felt terror even more acutely as he faced the abyss of human sin and all that is unclean in humanity which he had to carry with him and consume in the fire of his love. He had to carry all this with him and transform it in his love. "Now is my soul troubled", he confessed. "And what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour?" (Jn 12: 27). The temptation to ask: "Save me, do not permit the Cross, give me life!" surfaces. In the distress of his invocation, we may grasp in anticipation the anguished prayer of Gethsemane, when, experiencing the drama of loneliness and fear, he implored the Father to take from him the cup of the Passion. At the same time, however, his filial adherence to the divine plan did not fail, because it is precisely this that enables him to know that his hour has come and with trust he prays: "Father, glorify your name" (Jn 12: 28). By this he means "I accept the Cross" in which the name of God is glorified, that is, the greatness of his love. Here too Jesus anticipates the words of the Mount of Olives, the process that must be fundamentally brought about in all our prayers: to transform, to allow grace to transform our selfish will and open it to comply with the divine will. ~ *Pope Benedict XVI, 29 March 2009*

**LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:**

Total: \$2,304.60; (Envelopes: \$1,825.00; Loose: \$184.60; Visitors: \$85.00; Easter Flowers: \$170.00; Share Lent: \$20.00; Easter Offering: \$20.00) [People at Mass:4:00 p.m./113; 10:30 a.m./76]

**POT O'GOLD TICKETS** – CWL will be doing their Pot O' Gold ticket draw on Sunday, March 17 after the 10:30 a.m. mass and invite you to a social in the parish hall where the draw will take place. Come join us for some music, refreshments and the draw.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** for the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones or specific intentions can be made with the envelopes provided at the entrance of the church. The Masses of Easter will be offered for your intentions. Donations must be submitted by Tuesday, March 26 in order to have loved ones listed in the Easter bulletin memorial page.

**LENTEN MISSIONS AND DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION:** is taken up on Good Friday. There is a special envelope in your church envelopes box for this purpose. Lent is a time of sacrificial almsgiving. This is more than simply writing a cheque or philanthropy. Almsgiving is an act of love that incorporates both prayer and fasting and manifests itself by caring for our neighbor in need. Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, we give to the poor with sacrifice, not just from our surplus.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** on The Gospel of Mark is held on Tuesday mornings after mass January 30 - March 26, from 9:50 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. in St. Lawrence Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to drop-in any week through Lent. Consider it an alm to our Lord. Please bring your Holy Bible.

**CHRISM MASS:** All are invited to participate in the celebration of the Chrism Mass at St. Columbkille Cathedral, Pembroke, on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 26, at 10:30 a.m. The Most Reverend Brendan O'Brien, Archbishop Emeritus of Kingston will be the principal celebrant and will lead the priests in their annual renewal of priestly promises. He will also bless the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and he will consecrate the Holy Chrism. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall.

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Monday, March 25; 5:30 p.m. at St. Hedwig's