

# Saint Lawrence O'Toole Parish

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## ✠ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ✠

*March 24, 2024*

**HOLY WEEK** closes the Season of Lent. The Liturgy is not afraid of tragedy. It makes us live the hour of Jesus, that Hour at once dark and glorious for which he had said he had come. We follow his every footstep, from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem acclaimed by the crowd of his followers, to the loneliness of Golgotha where he is abandoned by almost everyone, even those he himself had chosen and for whom he gives his life. Everything happens quickly and seems to collapse. Yet, even in what seems complete dereliction – “My God, why have you abandoned me?” – Jesus, with outstretched arms, attracts and gathers to himself humanity and the universe. All seems lost. All is about to be made new.

### **PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK:**

Father of Mercies, by shedding his blood for us on the wood of the Cross,  
your Son, Jesus Christ, inaugurated the Paschal Mystery,  
healing us from the wound of sin and saving us from eternal death.  
In your goodness, help us to put on the likeness of our Lord Jesus  
who was obedient to your will unto death,  
and with your Spirit, pour into our hearts the power of your unchanging love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. The Church continues her fast on Holy Saturday [until sundown] in preparation for the Great Solemnity of Our Lord's Resurrection.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** *With visiting priest-confessors*

**TODAY:** 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.*

## + Holy Week +

March 25 - 27

*Tuesday 10:30 a.m. CHRISM MASS @ St. Columbkille Cathedral/Pembroke*

## +++ 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

### Liturgical Appointments:

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<i>Karen Yakabuski</i>	<i>John Morris</i>
	<b>Server</b>	<i>Terry Recoskie</i>	<i>Pierre-Paul Filion</i>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<i>Bev Glofcheskie (R)</i>	<i>Susan Coulas (N)</i>
		<i>Judy Filion (S2)</i>	<i>Sean Conway (S1)</i>
	<b>Server</b>	<i>Terry Recoskie</i>	<i>Pierre-Paul Filion</i>
	<b>Collection</b>	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>Eddie Etmanskie</i>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<i>Neil O'Reilly</i>	
	<b>Reader</b>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>	
	<b>Communion</b>	<i>Pierre-Paul Filion</i>	
	<b>Collection</b>	<i>Tom Ryan</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i>

### 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 Holy Week and the commemoration of the saving mystery of our Saviour's Passion, Death and Resurrection.
- 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: *Mary Davis; Bill Ryan; Kathy Duggan; Patrick Joseph O'Brien; Ervin Sorensen; Michael Sullivan; Rita Gauthier-Gutoskie*.

**GENUFLECTING BEFORE THE HOLY CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY:** The only time of the liturgical year that we genuflect before the Holy Cross is at the Adoration of the Cross on Good Friday.

Genuflecting before the Holy Cross on Good Friday is a special gesture of adoration that originated in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century and in Rome in the seventh. It was a special act of adoration that was originally directed toward the principal relics of the True Cross kept in these cities. Later when the rite became of common usage throughout the church, the sign of adoration usually reserved to the True Cross became extended to the Cross/Crucifix used in the commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday.

While the object of adoration or worship is always Christ, the special veneration of the Cross on this day with a genuflection seems to say that although the tabernacle is empty, all other images covered, and the Church silently awaits the resurrection, his divine presence is symbolized by the image of the Cross through which he saved us from our sins. By concentrating on the image of the Cross, the Church, as Fr. Louis Bouyer says, "causes us to realize what could not be discovered by the 'powers' who crucified the Lord of Glory, that in his cross is our glorification."

**WHAT IS THE "PASCHAL MYSTERY"?** Since the Second Vatican Council, the term *Paschal Mystery* has been used by Catholic Church Magisterium as one of basic concepts of Christian faith and life. The first known use of the term (literally *Mystery of the Pascha*) was found in a homily by Melito of Sardis written between A.D. 160 and 170.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "The Paschal mystery of Christ's cross and Resurrection stands at the center of the Good News that the apostles, and the Church following them, are to proclaim to the world. God's saving plan was accomplished 'once for all' by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ." (CCC 571)

"His Paschal mystery is a real event that occurred in our history, but it is unique: all other historical events happen once, and then they pass away, swallowed up in the past. The Paschal mystery of Christ, by contrast, cannot remain only in the past, because by his death he destroyed death, and all that Christ is - all that he did and suffered for all men - participates in the divine eternity, and so transcends all times while being made present in them all. The event of the Cross and Resurrection abides and draws everything toward life." (CCC 1085)

It also says that "The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life. This new life is above all justification that reinstates us in God's grace, 'so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.' Justification consists in both victory over the death caused by sin and a new participation in grace. It brings about filial adoption so that men become Christ's brethren." (CCC 654)

**LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:**

Total: \$2,637.35; (Envelopes: \$2,007.00; Loose: \$110.35; Visitors: \$85.00; Easter Flowers: \$425.00; Easter Offering: \$10.00) [People at Mass:4:00 p.m./116; 10:30 a.m./81]

**OFFICE HOURS:** The parish office will be closed Good Friday.

**LENTEN MISSIONS AND DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION:** will be 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.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Please submit your intentions & offerings by Wednesday, March 27 in order to have loved ones listed in the Easter bulletin memorial page.

**CWL NEWS:** We gratefully appreciate everyone who supported our Pot O'Gold raffle by selling & purchasing tickets. For all who made donations towards the raffle & the social, those who helped, and for the wonderful entertainers, The Stationkeeper singers & the Yo-Yo Mamas who brought out the Irish in all of us. A big Thank You!

**Winners of the Pot O'Gold Raffle:** 1st Neil Gonzalez \$750, 2nd Danna Gutz \$500, 3rd Donna Smith \$250, 4th Melissa Tremback \$100.

**EVENINGS OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER:** NOTE: Cancelled on Holy Thursday.

**GOSPEL OF MARK STUDY:** Meeting time is changing to Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Church hall starting April 10th. We have now arrived at Mark 8:1 in our study following Professor Mary Healy's commentary on the Gospel of Mark. Our group is attracting Catholics from as far away as Combermere and Lake St. Peter. Members have commented that learning this Gospel is central to knowing our faith. For more information contact John Morris, 613 729-6647. You are welcome to drop-in anytime.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** *With visiting priest-confessors on*  
Sunday, March 24; 1:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole  
Sunday, March 24; 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, Wilno  
Monday, March 25; 5:30 p.m. at St. Hedwig's

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** April 7. The Novena begins on Good Friday.