

# Saint Lawrence O'Toole Parish

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## ✠ Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

September 29, 2024

**OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY:** On October 7th, the Catholic Church celebrates a memorial liturgy in honor of Mary as Our Lady of the Rosary. October has also been traditionally known as the month of the Rosary.

*The liturgical Memorial of the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary moves us to rediscover this traditional prayer, which is so simple yet so profound. The rosary is a contemplative view of the face of Christ carried out, so to speak, through Mary's eyes. Therefore, it is a prayer that is at the very heart of the Gospel. It is necessary that the Church "go into the deep" of the new millennium beginning with the contemplation of the face of Christ. Therefore, I wish to suggest the recitation of the rosary to individuals, to families and to Christian communities. To give force to this request, which will help to rediscover the beauty and depth of this prayer. ~ St. John Paul II, Angelus Address, 2002*

The Rosary will be led by the Catholic Women's League before each Sunday Mass.

**FOOD BANK OFFERING IN THANKSGIVING:** In gratitude for our many blessings, beginning next weekend, parishioners are invited to bring donations of non-perishable food for the Madawaska Valley Food Bank and personally place them at Our Lady of Perpetual Help altar. Let us adorn our church and place of worship with our offerings for the poor.

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN:** Preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in our parish is in accordance with diocesan policy which encourages a process of individualized family faith formation. Families who wish to have their children begin preparing for these sacraments are invited to speak to Fr. Burchat after Sunday Mass. Parents will also be invited to return to the practice of the faith with regular Mass attendance. The parish provides resources and catechetical assistance.

**PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED** this week, September 30 – October 4.

## Twenty-Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

September 30 – October 5

**Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. (with *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions*)  
+ Keith Towns by *Rozek Family*

**First Friday** 9:00 a.m. + Jerry Green by *Diane Green & Family*  
Intentions of the Starflowers Prayer Initiative

## + Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time +

October 6, 2024

**Saturday** 4:00 p.m. + Clarence & Christopher Kuiack by *Shirley Kuiack*  
+ Ellen Law by *the Dwyer Family*

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

### Liturgical Appointments

#### Readings

#### Communion

#### Offertory

#### October 5

*Karen Yakabuski*

*Neil O'Reilly*

*Barry Dombroskie*

*Richard Luckasavitch*

#### October 6

*Judy Filion*

*Pierre-Paul Filion*

*Jamie Prince*

*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: *Ken Hudder; Carmel Rumleskie.*  
- for those who have died, especially: *Agnes Chippior, Bernice Peplinskie; Sr. Marjorie Fitzpatrick, Fr. Norbert Cybulski, Fr. Joseph Hattie, O.M.I.; Marie Patenaude.*

### ROMAN CALENDAR:

**Monday** - St. Jerome, priest, doctor

**Tuesday** - St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

**Wednesday** - The Holy Guardian Angels

**Friday** - St. Francis of Assisi

**Saturday** - St. Faustina Kowalska, virgin

**THIS SUNDAY’S GOSPEL:** presents one of those episodes in Christ’s life which, even if they are noted, so to speak in passing, contain a profound meaning (see Mk 9:38-41). The event involved someone who was not a follower of Jesus but who had expelled demons in his name. The Apostle John, a young man and ardently zealous as he was, wanted to prevent him but Jesus did not permit this; on the contrary, he drew inspiration from this circumstance to teach his disciples that God could work good and even miraculous things even outside their circle, and that it is possible to cooperate with the cause of the Kingdom of God in different ways, even by simply offering a missionary a glass of water (v. 41). St Augustine wrote in this regard: “as, therefore, there is in the Catholic — meaning the Church — something which is not Catholic, so there may be something which is Catholic outside the Catholic Church” (see *On Baptism, Against the Donatists*, PL 43, VII, 39, 77).

Therefore, if a stranger to the community does good works in Christ’s name, so long as he does so with upright intentions and with respect, members of the Church must not feel jealous but must rejoice. Even within the Church, people can find it difficult, in the spirit of deep communion, to value and appreciate good things achieved by the different ecclesial entities. Instead, we must all and always be able to appreciate one another, praising God for the infinite “creativity” with which he acts in the Church and in the world.

The stream of invective of the Apostle James against the dishonest rich who rely on wealth accumulated by abuse, rings out in today’s Liturgy (see Jas 5:1-6). St Caesarius of Arles says in this regard in one of his sermons: “riches can do no harm to a good man, so long as he gives them compassionately, just as they cannot help a wicked man, so long as he keeps them greedily for himself or wastes them in dissipation” (*Sermons*, 35, 4). While the Apostle James’ words put us on guard against the worthless desire for material goods, they are a powerful appeal to use them with a view to solidarity and the common good, always acting with fairness and morality at all levels.

Dear friends, let us pray through the intercession of Mary Most Holy that we may be able to rejoice in every act and initiative for good without envy or jealousy and that we may use earthly goods wisely, in the constant search for heavenly goods. ~ *Pope Benedict; September 30, 2012*

**IMAGES OF HEAVEN - CONTEMPLATING DIVINE BEAUTY (1):** Eternal happiness, sometimes called beatitude, is the capacity to see the divine goodness and beauty. This is also called the beatific vision, a seeing God “face to face”.

The capacity to “see”, a supernatural gift of God, is called the *lumen gloriae* or “light of glory.” This gift enables the blessed souls in heaven to see God directly and intuitively. This divine light elevates and strengthens the intellect, allowing it to behold the essence of God, which is otherwise beyond human capacity.

The degree to which a soul can perceive God through the *lumen gloriae* depends on its perfection in charity, meaning the grace, love, and friendship of God.

**LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:**

Total: \$2,329.00 (Envelopes: \$1,947.00; Loose: \$112.00; Visitors: \$235.00; Need of the Canadian Church: \$35.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./83; 10:30 a.m./70]

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Please notify the parish office for a pastoral visit and monthly reception of Holy Communion on or near First Fridays when you are no longer able to attend Sunday Mass.

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

**BIBLE STUDY:** Gospel readings on Sundays this year are mostly from the Gospel of Mark. St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish is offering a Catholic Bible study on Wednesdays at 7:00 - 8:45 p.m., beginning September 18<sup>th</sup> in the hall. For details contact John Morris, 613-729- 6647. If you're reading this, this group is open to you.

**PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR:** date changed to Fridays at 9:45a.m. - following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish as we continue to pray together for the sanctity of life, marriage and family.

**CWL TICKET DONATION** - Members and parishioners are invited to consider making a monetary donation towards prizes for our fundraiser, the "Pot O'Gold" raffle. Any amount is appreciated. Please place your donation in an envelope marked **CWL – ticket donation** and drop off in the collection basket or Maureen at the church office or give to Maxine Smaglinski (756-0194) before **October 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you are donating \$100 or more and wish to be recognized on the ticket, please make note of that along with your donation. Thank you.

**PARISH SUPPERS:**

St. Patrick Parish, Mount St. Patrick; Sunday, September 29; 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

St. Alphonsus, Upper Pontiac Complex, Chapeau; September 29; 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF SEAT OF WISDOM:** Come and Celebrate the **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** and the 4th year degree granting status of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College on Sat. Oct. 19th, in Barry's Bay! Dinner, speaker, and dancing. For more information and to register go to: <https://www.seatofwisdom.ca> If you can't attend and would like to donate to the college for this special occasion, go to the same site.