

# Saint Lawrence O'Toole Parish

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## ✠ Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

*November 3, 2024*

**PRAYING FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:** **November** is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. It's a time for Catholics to pray for the faithful departed who are believed to be undergoing purification before entering heaven. *“All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.”* [CCC 1030]

Our **Book of Remembrance** is at the front of the church. You are invited to enter the names of deceased loved ones to be prayed for at our Masses this month.

The **offering of Masses** for the faithful departed and Holy Souls are good and holy acts. The practice is not new. The Catechism asserts, *“From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.”* [CCC 1032]

It is especially meritorious to **visit a cemetery** and pray the following prayer:

**Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

**MASS FOR ALL DECEASED CWL MEMBERS:** will be celebrated on Saturday, November 9, at the 4:00 p.m. mass at St. Lawrence O'Toole parish. The Rosary will be prayed at 3:30 p.m. Music ministry will be provided by the CWL, so PLEASE go up into the choir, which will be directed by Peter Glofcheskie.

## Thirty-First Week of Ordinary Time

November 4 – 9

**Tuesday** NO MASS  
**Friday** 9:00 a.m. + Jerry Green by *John & Rita Hudder*  
+ Basil Gutoskie by *Kelly & Rumleskie Families*

## + Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time +

November 10, 2024

**Saturday** 4:00 p.m. Deceased CWL Members & Spiritual Advisors  
**Sunday** 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

<b>Liturgical Appointments</b>	<b>November 9</b>	<b>November 10</b>
<b>Readings</b>	<i>Lorraine Flynn</i>	<i>Judy Fillion</i>
<b>Communion</b>	<i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i>
	<i>Barry Dombroskie</i>	<i>Jamie Prince</i>

**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, *Marcella Chippior, Anne Villeneuve-Banks,*  
*Suzanne Mickus, Agnes Mask, Greg Sullivan.*

### ROMAN CALENDAR:

**Monday** - St. Charles Borromeo, bishop  
**Saturday** - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**DRINK AND LIGHT SNACKS** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Courtesy of the Knights of Columbus.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** for the deceased CWL members will be held on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall with special tributes to Joan Marie Potvin, Susan Shirley Coulas, Marie Nicholas and Catherine Serran. Everyone is welcome.

**THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL** (Mk 12:28-34) offers us Jesus' teaching on the greatest commandment, the commandment of love, which is two-fold: love of God and love of neighbour. The Saints, who we have recently celebrated together in a single solemn Feast are precisely those who, trusting in God's grace, tried to live according to this fundamental law. In fact, those who live a profound relationship with God, just as a child becomes capable of loving, starting from a good relationship with his mother and father, may put the commandment of love fully into practice. St John of Avila, who I recently proclaimed a Doctor of the Church, writes at the beginning of his Treatise on the Love of God: "the cause", he says, "that mostly pushes our hearts to love of God is considering deeply the love that He had for us.... This, beyond any benefit, pushes the heart to love; because he who gives something of benefit to another, gives him something he possesses; but he who loves, gives himself with everything he has, until he has nothing left to give" (n. 1). Before being a command — love is not a command — it is a gift, a reality that God allows us to know and experience, so that, like a seed, it can also germinate within us and develop throughout our life.

If the love of God has planted deep roots in a person, then he is able to love even those who do not deserve it, as God does us. Fathers and mothers do not love their children only when they deserve love; they always love them, though of course, they make them understand when they are wrong. We learn from God to seek only what is good and never what is evil. We learn to look at each other not only with our eyes, but with the eyes of God, which is the gaze of Jesus Christ. A gaze that begins in the heart and does not stop at the surface, that goes beyond appearances and manages to capture the deepest aspirations of the other: waiting to be heard, for caring attention, in a word: love. But the opposite is also true: that by opening myself to another, just as he or she is, by reaching out, by making myself available, I am also opening myself to know God, to feel that he is there and is good. Love of God and love of neighbour are inseparable and are mutually related. Jesus did not invent one or the other but revealed that they are essentially a single commandment and did so not only through the Word, but especially with his testimony: the person of Jesus and his whole Mystery embody the unity of love of God and neighbour, like the two arms of the Cross, vertical and horizontal. In the Eucharist he gives us this two-fold love, giving himself, because, nourished by this Bread, we love one another as he has loved us.

Dear friends, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, we pray that every Christian may know how to show his/her faith in the one true God with a clear witness to love of neighbour. *From an Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; November 4, 2012*

**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 7-8:45 p.m. For details contact John Morris, 613-729- 6647.

## **LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:**

Total: \$3,304.00 (Envelopes: \$2,552.00; Loose: \$147.00; Visitors: \$170.00; E-transfers: \$245.00; Building Fund: \$95.00; World Mission: \$30.00; Christmas Flowers: \$40.00; Christmas Offering: \$25.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./93; 10:30 a.m./98]

**SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2025:** Please find your envelope box on the back table at the entrance of the church in alphabetic order. If you use e-transfer, you are still issued a box which contains special collection envelopes authorized by the diocese.

Make your financial gift in support of our parish count. Use church envelopes for a secure and personalized contribution. **YOUR SUPPORT, OUR COMMUNITY.**

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

**THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES** are available at the back of the church. Please take and fill your shoebox according to instructions in the Pamphlet. Please return shoeboxes to the link by Parish Office by **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

**ST. ANDREW'S TURKEY BINGO:** Thursday, November 28 in Killaloe at 7:00 p.m.

**COMBERMERE HUNTERS' SUPPER:** Saturday, November 9 at Combermere Community Center; 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**ST. HEDWIG SACRED HEART LEAGUE CRAFT & BAKE SALE:** Sunday, November 17, 12:00 until 3:00 p.m. in St. Hedwig's Parish Hall.

**ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE PARISHIONER RECEIVES AWARD:** On Friday, October 18, at a ceremony at the Embassy of Poland in Ottawa, Peter Gloczieskie was awarded with the prestigious Silver Cross of Merit from the President of Poland, Andrzej Duda. This medal, when established in 1923, became the highest civilian award in Poland and is given in recognition of exemplary public service that goes above and beyond the call of duty. It was presented to Peter by the Ambassador of Poland to Canada, the honourable J.E. Witold Dzielski.

For the past 20 years, 11 as President of the Wilno Heritage Society, Peter has worked with respectful diligence to celebrate, commemorate and preserve the Polish and Kashubian heritage of his and for many of us, our, Canadian immigrant ancestors. His family efforts include heritage stone dedications, history booklets, reunions, heritage gatherings and more.

Peter concluded his acceptance remarks with a hope “that our immigrant ancestors would be proud of us”.