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✠ Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

November 10, 2024

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Is this Monday, November 11th when at 11:00 a.m. we formally observe 2 minutes of silence. *Lest we forget.*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

PRAYING FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: November is traditionally 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.

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. 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.**

CWL MEMORIAL SERVICE for the deceased members will be held on Tuesday, November 12th, 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.

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

Thirty-Second Week of Ordinary Time

November 11 – 16

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	+ Sylvester Prince <i>by Eric & Susan Coulas</i>
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	PATRONAL FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE + For all the faithful departed of our parish family
Friday	9:00 a.m.	+ Margaret Cowan <i>by Gwen Coulas</i> + Leo & Joan Marie Potvin <i>by Louis & Maxine Dombroskie</i>

+ Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time +

November 17, 2024

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+ Thomas O'Reilly <i>by Veronica O'Reilly & Family</i> + Beverly Hare <i>by Carson & Judy Watson</i>
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	November 16	November 17
Readings	<i>Sean Conway</i>	<i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i>
Communion	<i>Maxine Smaglinski</i>	<i>Pierre-Paul Filion</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i>
	<i>Richard Luckasavitch</i>	<i>Jason Dombroskie</i>

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- St. Martin of Tours, bishop
Tuesday	- St. Josaphat, bishop, martyr
Thursday	- St. Lawrence O'Toole, bishop
Friday	- St. Albert the Great, bishop, doctor
Saturday	- St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Gertrude, virgin

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.

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.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- that this Remembrance Day, each one of us may cherish more our civil freedom and rights;
- for the souls in purgatory who have no one to pray for them;
- for all who have died in war and during peacekeeping duties;
- for parishioners and friends who are sick, especially: *Ken Hudder, Carmel Rumleskie.*
- for those who have died, especially, *Helen Jean Shulist, Marcella Chippior, Anne Villeneuve-Banks, Suzanne Mickus, Kathleen Pecoskie, Agnes Mask, Greg Sullivan.*

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$3,040.40 (Envelopes: \$2,172.00; Loose: \$143.40; Visitors: \$160.00; E-transfers: \$535.00; Building Fund: \$20.00; Christmas Flowers: \$10.00) [People at Mass: 4:00 p.m./103; 10:30 a.m./96]

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.

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

OUR PATRON: St. Lawrence O'Toole was born around 1128 in County Kildare, Ireland. His father was the chief of Hy Murray, and his mother one of the Clan O'Byrne. At the age of 10, Lawrence was given up as a hostage to King Mac Murehad of Leinster, who treated him with such inhumanity that his father obliged the King to turn him over to the Bishop of Glendalough.

St. Lawrence grew to be such a model of virtue, that at the young age of 25 he was chosen to replace the Bishop as abbot upon the Bishop's death. He governed his community with virtue and prudence, and was unanimously chosen to fill the new See of Dublin in 1161.

In 1171, St. Lawrence visited King Henry II of England to handle affairs of his diocese. While approaching the altar to officiate at Mass, the Archbishop was violently attacked by a maniac. Everyone present thought he was mortally wounded, but Saint Lawrence came to, asked for some water, blessed it and applied it to his wound. The bleeding immediately stopped and the Archbishop continued to celebrate Mass.

St. Lawrence was most widely known for his piety, charity, and prudence, and was respected as a negotiator. He died on November 14, 1180, at Eu in Normandy. He was canonized in 1225 by Honorius III.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD THIS SUNDAY: gives us two widows as models of faith. They are presented in parallel: one in the First Book of Kings (17:10-16) and the other in the Gospel of Mark (12:41-44). Both these women are very poor, and it is precisely this condition that speaks of their great faith in God. The first appears in the series of narratives about the Prophet Elijah. In a time of famine, he receives an order from the Lord to go to pagan territory near Sidon, outside Israel. There he meets a widow and asks her for water to drink and a little bread. The woman replies that there is only a handful of flour and a drop of oil, but, since the Prophet insists and promises her that, if she listens to him, flour and oil will not be wanting; she listens and is rewarded.

The second widow in the Gospel is noticed by Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem, to be precise at the treasury, where men and women are giving alms. Jesus sees this woman throwing two coins into the treasury; he then calls his disciples and explains that her contribution is greater than that of the rich, because, while they gave of their plenty, the widow put in “everything she had, her whole living” (Mk 12:44).

From these two biblical passages, wisely juxtaposed, one can learn a valuable lesson about the faith. It appears as an interior attitude of he who bases his life on God, on the Word, and trusts totally in him. Being a widow in antiquity was in itself a condition of grave need. This is why in the Bible widows and orphans were people whom God cared for in a special way: they have lost their earthly support, but God remains their Spouse, their Parent.

Yet, Scripture says that the objective state of need, in this case being a widow, does not suffice: God always asks for our free adherence to faith, that it is expressed in love for him and for our neighbour. No one is so poor that he cannot give something. And, in fact, both of these widows from today demonstrate their faith by carrying out an act of charity: one for the Prophet and the other by almsgiving. Thus, they attest to the inseparable unity between faith and love, as between love of God and love of one’s neighbour — as the Gospel of last Sunday reminded us. Pope St Leo the Great, whose memory we celebrated yesterday, affirmed this: “On the scales of divine justice the quantity of gifts is not weighed, but the weight of hearts. The widow deposited in the Temple treasury two small coins and by doing so surpassed the gifts of all the rich. No gesture of goodness is meaningless before God, no mercy is left barren” (Sermo de jejuniis dec. mens., 90, 3). The Virgin Mary is the perfect example of someone who gives her whole self by trusting in God; with this faith she proclaims her fiat to the Angel and accepts the Will of Lord. May Mary help each one of us too, during this Year of Faith, to strengthen our faith in God and in his Word. ~
Pope Benedict, November 11, 2012

GREY CUP MEN’S SOCIAL: Sunday, November 17th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at no cost. Come join us for the 111th Grey Cup game from Vancouver. The game will be on the Royal Canadian Legion’s large screen television in the clubroom which has been graciously provided by them. Light snacks will be provided by the Christian Men’s Group.