

# Saint Lawrence O'Toole Parish

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## ✠ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

*2 Weeks until Lent; 50 Days until Easter*

*February 8, 2026*

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Healing was at the heart of Jesus' ministry. Moved with compassion for those who were suffering, Jesus sought out the sick and laid His healing hands upon them. He gave sight to the blind, freed the possessed and brought to life many who had died. Healing was complete by merely touching His garments. The apostles and disciples followed the example of Jesus and carried out His teaching. Mark 6:12 tells us the Twelve expelled many demons, anointed the sick with oil and worked many cures. Prayer and the anointing with oil for the sick is attested to in the early Church. In the book of James 5:14-15 it states, "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven". What we today refer to as the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick used to be known as 'Extreme Unction' or 'Last Rites'. The name was changed to emphasize that it is no longer only for those who are dying. The dying are still anointed; but more so, the Church recognizes the power of this sacrament as one of strength and healing for the sick and the suffering. It is for those who need God and the support of the faith community to accompany them on their journey from sickness to healing and strength.

Who can be anointed? How often can one be anointed? One needs to be a baptized Catholic: children at the age of reason, teens, the middle aged and the elderly. The dead are not anointed since the sacrament's focus is one of healing and strength. For those who are suffering from serious chronic illness and old age, every six months to a year. For those facing surgery or serious illness, one time is sufficient unless there is a change in the person's condition.

**LENT BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 18 WITH ASH WEDNESDAY:** *Where in my life is Christ inviting me to begin again? Whom is God asking me to love, forgive, or reconcile with today?*

## Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

February 9 – February 14

**Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. + Bridget Gutoskie by *Maxine Smaglinski*  
**Wednesday** 7:00 p.m. ***Profession in the Secular Franciscan Order***  
**Friday** 9:00 a.m. + Esther Pierunek by *Francus & Marien Visuskie*

## + Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

*40 Days until Easter*

*February 15, 2026*

**Saturday** 4:00 p.m. + John Hildebrandt by *Zigmund & Jennifer Norlock*  
+ Veronica O'Reilly by *Marie Yantha*  
**Sunday** 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	February 14	February 15
Readings	<i>Sean Conway</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>
Communion	<i>Leona Chapeskie</i>	<i>Pierre-Paul Filion</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>Paul Rivett-Carnac</i>
	<i>Barry Dombroskie</i>	<i>Greg Kelly</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: *Shirlee Etmanskie, Diane Green, Jean-Paul Patenaude, Ray Vananburg, Carmel Rumleskie.*  
- for those who have died, especially: *Joan Florent, Percy Coulas, George Cadieux, Darinka Lucic, McGregor King Madigan, Joseph Rabishaw.*

### ROMAN CALENDAR:

**Tuesday** - St. Scholastica, virgin  
**Wednesday** - Our Lady of Lourdes; *World Day of Prayer for the Sick*  
**Saturday** - St. Cyril, monk & St. Methodius, bishop

**COFFEE SOCIAL: TODAY,** Sunday, February 8th, after the 10:30 am. Mass you are welcome to join fellow parishioners' downstairs for coffee and treats.

**CWL GENERAL MEETING** at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9. Everyone welcome.

**THE LORD’S WORDS** in today’s Gospel are brief yet demanding: “You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world.” He does not ask us to become these things; He tells us that we already are them through our communion with Him. Salt in the ancient world preserved what was good and gave flavour to what was bland. So too faith gives meaning to life, reveals truth, and fills existence with the joy of being loved by God. But salt loses its taste when it becomes diluted, and Christian witness weakens when shaped more by the world than by the Gospel. The Lord’s warning calls us back to prayer, the sacraments, and the clarity of truth, so that we may preserve what is good around us.

Light is another rich image. Christ is the true Light, and we shine only by reflecting Him. A lamp does not illuminate itself; it receives light from another source. Our mission is not to display our own brilliance but to let His light pass through our words, choices, charity, patience, and forgiveness. Isaiah tells us how this light becomes visible: by feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and acting with justice. Works of mercy are not optional; they are the very form of Christian light. When we serve with compassion, the world sees something beyond human effort. It sees God.

In the liturgy, we draw near to the source of this light. In the Eucharist, the Lord gives Himself so that we may carry Him into the world. We do not create light; we remain close to the One who is Light. Many today experience life as tasteless or overshadowed by confusion. A society without God loses its bearings, yet the answer is not condemnation but witness—the steady radiance of lives shaped by Christ. A single candle does not dispel all darkness, but it makes the darkness less absolute. A small amount of salt transforms an entire dish. So too a humble Christian life lived with integrity can change a family, a workplace, a parish, a community.

Let us ask for the grace to be what the Lord has already declared us to be: salt that preserves goodness and light that reflects Christ. May our faith give flavour to daily life, and may our charity make God’s light visible to all who seek hope, so that the world, seeing our good works, may give glory to our Father in heaven.

### **PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness.

O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden.

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

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

Total:\$2,494.00 (Envelopes: \$1,922.00; Loose: \$172.00; Visitors: \$70.00; Initial: \$20.00; Building Fund: \$30.00; Fuel: \$20.00).

**THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER:** Our Local Franciscan Fraternity, "St. Bonaventure" is pleased to announce the Profession of four new candidates to the Franciscan Secular Order to take place during 7:00 pm Mass on February 11, 2026, here at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish. All are welcome.

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** - The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to a 'Shrove Tuesday' Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17, from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. in St. Hedwig's Parish basement. Enjoy regular and potato pancakes, beans, and sausages. Admission is by donation.

**2025 CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS:** will be issued early in February along with a Financial Report. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity and financial commitment to the parish.

## **EVENING OF PRAISE, WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER:**

Thursdays at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Hall from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**DIOCESE OF PEMBROKE PASTORAL PLANNING:** Parishioners of the Barry's Bay Deanery are invited to **save the date of Sunday, March 1**, to attend a meeting at St. John Bosco School, Barry's Bay - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - to attend a pastoral planning information meeting. Bishop Brehl and members of the diocesan steering committee will present relevant pastoral, statistical and financial data to help equip parishioners in ongoing dialogue and discernment on the future of the diocese.

**SAVE THE DATE: *Family of 3 Churches Lenten Day of Reflection*** with Bishop Brehl on Saturday, March 21, 2026, in St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Hall.

**2026 ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY Lift Jesus Higher Rally -- Saturday, March 14, 2026**, this joyful day of renewal draws thousands each year and offers a profound opportunity to encounter the living Christ. For full details, registration, and promotional materials, visit: [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca)

**WOMEN'S RETREAT 2026:** There will be two women's retreats lead by Madonna House member Shatzi Duffy this spring and sacraments being celebrated by Madonna House Priests, Fr. Brian Christi (@Elim) and Fr. Zachary Romanowsky (@Graphite). Registration will open at the end of January.

**Elim Lodge, near Peterborough** - Friday, March 13 to Sunday, March 15

**Graphite Bible Camp, near Combermere** - Friday, April 10 - Sunday, April 12