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✠ Second Sunday of Lent ✠

March 1, 2026

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS begins next weekend; please set clocks ahead one hour.

OUR LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION: Parishioners of the pastoral family of St. Lawrence O'Toole, Holy Canadian Martyrs, and St. Francis de Sales are invited to a Lenten Day of Reflection with Most Reverend Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R., Bishop of Pembroke. At St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Hall on Saturday, March 21, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 2:30 p.m. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. Refreshments will be available upon arrival. Lunch will be served onsite at 12:00 noon and will include soup and sandwiches. There is no fee for the day; a free-will offering will be gratefully accepted. Formal registration is required so we can prepare adequately for lunch. Please call St. Lawrence O'Toole parish office at 613-756-2037 or e-mail at stlawrenceotoole@hotmail.com. Last date to register will be Friday, March 13.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, we give sacrificially to the poor and not just from our surplus. We can simplify our lifestyle, reduce our consumerism, and give that discretionary income to those in need. Almsgiving can be combined with fasting, giving to the poor the money saved by eating, drinking, or buying less as we rely more upon God's abundant grace. May the experience of physical hunger also remind us of our deep need and desire for Christ the Bread of Life. The **Lenten Mission & Development collection** taken up on Good Friday is the fruit of our sacrificial giving.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS made for the glory of God and in memory of loved ones or for special intentions, may be submitted using the Flowers for Easter envelopes found in your box of Sunday Offering Envelopes, or the Flower Offering envelopes available at the entrance of the church. The Masses of Easter will be offered for all intentions received. To have names included on the Easter bulletin memorial page, please return your donation by Monday, March 23.

Second Week of Lent

March 2 – March 7

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (*beginning with the Way of the Cross*)
+ Deceased Family Members by *Eddie & Diane Etmanskie*
First Friday 9:00 a.m. + Wilfred, Josephine & Kevin Cowan by *Thelma Cowan*

+ Third Sunday of Lent +

March 8, 2026

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Veronica O'Reilly by *Terri MacLeod*
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

| Liturgical Appointments | March 7 | March 8 |
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| Readings | <i>Susan Coulas</i> | <i>Paul Rivett-Carnac</i> |
| Communion | <i>Maxine Smaglinski</i> | <i>Peirre-Paul Fillion</i> |
| Offertory | <i>Bruce Sullivan</i> | <i>John Jeffrey</i> |
| | <i>Richard Luckasavitch</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:

- may the Uncreated Light that transfigured Jesus Christ upon the holy mountain transform the poverty of our mortality into the likeness of His deified flesh and draw us through the radiance of that transcendent beauty into the filial obedience of the Cross.
- for those who celebrated the Rite of Commitment to Gospel Life in the Secular Franciscan Order: *Morris and Virginia Korneluk, Mary-Ann McCrae and Joseph Rideout.*
- for parishioners and friends who are sick (*please call the office to be listed/re-listed*)
- for those who have died, especially: *Jeannette Bonnette Stoppa, Joan Florent.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Wednesday - St. Casimir
Saturday - St. Perpetua and St. Felicity, martyrs

**Of You my heart has spoken:
seek His Face.**

DIOCESE OF PEMBROKE PASTORAL PLANNING

* Parishioners of the Barry's Bay Deanery will meet **TODAY, Sunday, March 1**, at St. John Bosco School, Barry's Bay - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will be to a pastoral planning information meeting.

At these recent Regional Deanery Meetings, the Bishop and the Diocesan Steering Committee are presenting significant information about the current situation of the Diocese of Pembroke, including clergy availability, demographic trends, administrative and financial realities, and the opportunities and challenges affecting parish life and sacramental ministry.

A basic summary of our current situation, **Walking Together in Hope**, can be accessed at: <https://pembrokediocese.com/article/pastoral-planning-overview-report/>

*** Bishop Brehl has asked every Pastor to hold a parish meeting with parishioners to reflect together on this information and to consider three guiding questions for our diocesan discernment:**

1. What did you hear at the Regional Deanery Meeting? Please share how this information affects you, and please listen to one another carefully.
2. In the short term, the diminishing number of active priests will necessitate some interim decisions to address the situation of the Diocese. Please reflect on the pastoral, financial, and building status of your parish. What do you think you can change or adapt in your parish community/parish cluster to begin to respond to these circumstances?
3. As you consider the longer-term plans for our Diocese, do you have any proposals, suggestions, or considerations which will help the Bishop and the Steering Committee in guiding the process of pastoral planning?

*** Our local meetings are:**

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| St. Lawrence O'Toole | Tuesday, March 10 | 7:00 p.m. in the hall |
| Holy Canadian Martyrs | Wednesday, March 11 | 7:00 p.m. in the church |
| St. Francis de Sales | Saturday, March 14 | after the 6:00 p.m. Mass |

The meeting will be an opportunity for parishioners to share their thoughts and for us to listen carefully and record all responses. It will not be a time for debate. Fr. Burchat will serve as moderator solely to ensure that responses remain focused on the three questions.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: Preparation for First Holy Communion (7 years of age and up) and Confirmation (11 years of age and up) in our parish is conducted 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. The parish provides resources, catechetical assistance and preparatory meetings to support this journey.

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$1,956.00 (Envelopes: \$1,562.00; Loose: \$99.00; Visitors: \$125.00; E-Transfer: \$160.00; Building Fund: \$10.00).

2025 CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS: will be issued TODAY, along with the Financial Report. Please review your receipt carefully and contact the parish office with any questions, corrections, or omissions. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity and continued 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.

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR: Fridays at 9:45 a.m., following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish.

DR. KEITH CASSIDY LECTURE: 'Cardinal Newman Among the Doctors'

Wednesday, March 4 at 7:30pm in St. Hedwig's Church Hall. Lecturer: Dr. Ryan N.S. Topping. Admission is free and open to all. Sponsored by OLSWC Also livestreamed and available on the College's website (www.seatofwisdom.ca).

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE POT OF GOLD TICKETS & DRAW

Thank You to all who sponsored and sold Pot of Gold Tickets. If you still have tickets, please hand in asap.

A Draw & Social will be held Sunday, March 15 after 10.30 a.m. mass. Coffee, tea and muffins will be served. **Come join us for a few Irish songs** and see who the winners are. Please come out to hear firsthand who the Lucky winners are. Everyone is welcome. Your continued support is always appreciated.