

Saint Lawrence O'Toole Parish

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✠ Fifth Sunday of Lent ✠

March 22, 2026

THE EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE: In the Catholic Church, penitents who wish to receive the Sacrament of Penance are encouraged to examine their conscience. This examination is a general review of one's actions from a moral point of view, reflecting upon one's responsibility and looking at one's sins and weaknesses in preparation for repentance. Several examinations of conscience are now available on the tables at the entrance of the church for adults, youth and children.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Before all weekday and weekend Masses.
With visiting priest-confessors on:

Sunday, March 22; 1:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole

Monday, March 23; 6:00 p.m. at St. Hedwig's

Wednesday, March 25; 7:00 p.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs

Sunday, March 29; 3:00 pm. at St. Mary's, Wilno

*Lord Jesus, may shame never make me forget your mercy,
and may pride never prevent me from asking for mercy.*

COMMEMORATION OF THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM: April 2-5

Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs

Good Friday: 12:00 p.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs

3:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole

Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m. at Holy Canadian Martyrs

Easter Sunday: 8:30 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales

10:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole

Fifth Week of Lent

March 23 – March 28

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (*beginning with the Way of the Cross*)
+ Shelagh MacNamara by Karen Yakabuski

Friday 9:00 a.m. + Veronica O'Reilly by Catholic Women's League

+ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord + *March 29, 2026*

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Leonard Stoppa by Bruce & Karen Sullivan

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

Liturgical Appointments

March 28

March 29

1st & 2nd Readings

Jane Beahen

Ursula Jeffrey

Gospel Narrator

Karen Yakabuski

Lorraine Flynn

S Parts

Susan Coulas

Judy Filion

Communion

Maxine Smaglinski

Pierre-Paul Filion

Offertory

Bruce Sullivan

John Jeffrey

Barry Dombroskie

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:

- that the Holy Spirit may stir within us a deep longing to take up the Cross and grant us a living understanding of its mysterious glory as we enter Passiontide and draw near to Holy Week, preparing to commemorate the saving mystery of our Saviour's Passion and Death.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick (*please call the office to be listed/re-listed*)
- for those who have died, especially: *Edward Harold Hammer*.

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.

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop

Wednesday - ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

LAZARUS, COME OUT! Lazarus had already been dead four days, before Jesus arrived. Before the sealed tomb of his friend Lazarus, Jesus “cried with a loud voice: ‘Lazarus, come out!’ This cry is an imperative to all men, because we are all marked by death, all of us; it is the voice of the One who is master of life and wants that all we all may “have it abundantly” (Jn 10:10). Christ is not resigned to the tombs that we have built for ourselves with our choice for evil and death, with our errors, with our sins. He is not resigned to this! He invites us, almost orders us, to come out of the tomb in which our sins have buried us. He calls us insistently to come out of the darkness of that prison in which we are enclosed, content with a false, selfish and mediocre life. “Come out!”, he says to us, “Come out!”. It is an invitation to true freedom, to allow ourselves to be seized by these words of Jesus who repeats them to each one of us today. It is an invitation to let ourselves be freed from the “bandages”, from the bandages of pride. For pride makes of us slaves, slaves to ourselves, slaves to so many idols, so many things. Our resurrection begins here: when we decide to obey Jesus’ command by coming out into the light, into life; when the mask falls from our face — we are frequently masked by sin, the mask must fall off! — and we find again the courage of our original face, created in the image and likeness of God.

Jesus’ act of raising Lazarus shows the extent to which the power of God’s grace can go, and, thus, the extent of our conversion, our transformation. Listen carefully: there is no limit to the divine mercy offered to everyone! There is no limit to divine mercy which is offered to everyone! Remember this sentence. And we can all say it together: “there is no limit to divine mercy which is offered to all people!”. Let us say it together: “There is no limit to divine mercy which is offered to everyone!”. The Lord is always ready to remove the tombstone of our sins, which keeping us apart from him, the light of the living.
Angelus Address by Pope Francis; April 6, 2014

CHRISM MASS: All are invited to participate in the celebration of the Chrism Mass presided by Bishop Brehl at St. Columbkille Cathedral, Pembroke, on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 31, at 10:30 a.m. During the ceremony, the Bishop will bless the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and he will consecrate the Holy Chrism used for Baptism, Confirmation and Priestly ordinations.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, we give sacrificially to the poor and not just from our surplus. The Lenten Mission & Development collection taken up on Good Friday is the fruit of our sacrificial giving.

***You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God;
We cry to You, the conqueror of death.***

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$2,724.00 (Envelopes: \$1,715.00; Loose: \$449.00; Visitors: \$120.00; E-Transfer: \$150.00; Easter Offering: \$230.00; Building Fund: \$10.00; Fuel: \$30.00; Seminary: \$10.00; Pope's Works: \$10.00).

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.

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 in the parish. 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.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE - THE STORY OF SALVATION: beginning Wednesday April 15 from 7:00-8:45p.m. for 10 weeks until June 24, 20. A video production by Ascension Press with Jeff Cavins. Registration is required. To register, or for more information, contact Julie Culshaw at (613) 756-1136, julieculshaw5@gmail.com

OLSWC PRO-LIFE CLUB FUNDRAISER: on Saturday, March 28 from 8:30am to 6:30pm. is asking for the community assistance in collecting diapers, formula, baby clothing, etc...along with monetary donations for First Step Options Pregnancy Center in Pembroke, Drop off will be in the college van parked at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College 149 Dunn St., Barry's Bay. For info: swcprolifeclub@gmail.com

CWL POT O'GOLD WINNERS: Congratulations to:

1. Grady Billings - \$1,000. (donated by St. Franics Herb Farm)
2. Bridget Smaglinski - \$750. (donated)
3. Paul Berube - \$500. (donated)
4. Noelle Recoskie - \$300. (donated)
5. Carol Peplinskie - \$200. (donated by Chris & Erin Briggs)
6. Christine Trudel \$100. Gift Certificate to Homestead Golf Club (donated by Connie & Neil O'Reilly)

The C.W.L. of St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish wishes to thank everyone who supported the Pot O'Gold Raffle.