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✠ Third Sunday of Lent ✠

March 8, 2026

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.

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

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

CWL POT OF GOLD DRAW & SOCIAL will be held **next 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. If you still have tickets, please hand in asap. Everyone is welcome.

Third Week of Lent

March 9 – March 14

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (*beginning with the Way of the Cross*)
+ August, Theresa & Wayne Hudder & Majella Rush
by Charlie & Debbie Rodway

Friday *** 11:00 a.m. **Funeral Mass: + Edward Harold Hammer**

+ Fourth Sunday of Lent +

Laetare Sunday

March 15, 2026

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Patrick Dombroskie *by Glenn Dombroskie & Family*
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

March 14

Lorraine Flynn

Leona Chapeskie

Bruce Sullivan

Barry Dombroskie

March 15

Ursula Jeffrey

Terry Recoskie

Paul Rivett-Carnac

Greg Kelly

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 Church may always reveal the inexhaustible generosity of God—welcoming every person as Christ welcomed the Samaritan woman, beyond every barrier of culture, history, or sin.

- 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, Jeannette Bonnette Stoppa.*

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - St. Frances of Rome, religious

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.

DIOCESE OF PEMBROKE PASTORAL PLANNING MEETINGS

Bishop Brehl has asked every Pastor to hold a parish meeting with parishioners to reflect together on the information provided at recent Deanery Meetings and also available at: <https://pembrokedioocese.com/article/pastoral-planning-overview-report/> 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?

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.

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.

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

LAST WEEK'S SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Total: \$3,802.00 (Envelopes: \$2,850.00; Loose: \$62.00; Visitors: \$25.00;
E-Transfer: \$780.00; Easter Flowers: \$85.00).

UNCOLLECTED 2025 CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS: have been mailed out. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity and continued financial commitment.

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.

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.

ON THIS THIR SUNDAY OF LENT, the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman reveals the astonishing truth that God always takes the first step toward us, meeting us in the dry places of our lives with a love that restores dignity and awakens desire for the fullness of truth. At the well, Christ breaks through barriers of division, prejudice, and wounded history, showing that every human heart—no matter how burdened or distant—is thirsting for the living water that only He can give. This living water is not merely consolation but a transforming grace that draws us into communion, heals our fragmented identities, and sends us forth as witnesses of mercy. In this simple conversation, we glimpse the patient pedagogy of God, who enters our story gently, stirs our deepest questions, and leads us from confusion to worship “in spirit and in truth,” so that our lives may become a source of hope for a world still longing to be renewed.

O Christ, Living Water, refresh our wearied hearts.