

Saint Lawrence O'Toole Parish

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✠ Third Sunday of Easter ✠

April 19, 2026

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL — the Emmaus account (Gospel of Luke 24:13–35) — shows how two disciples walk in sadness, unable to understand what just happened on Good Friday. They do not recognize the One who comes to walk beside them is the risen Christ who quietly and gently draws near, without force or spectacle. He first listens, then speaks, opening the meaning of the Scriptures in a way that slowly stirs their hearts. This encounter reflects the constant teaching of the Church: **our risen Lord remains present and active among believers, guiding them through Scripture and Sacrament.**

This quiet unfolding reveals that the resurrection is not only a moment in the past, but the beginning of a new presence that enters their lives and gives shape to their journey. Their movement from confusion to understanding shows that Christ is not simply explaining Scripture but revealing the purpose that has always lived within it: **the Love that Never Ends.** In this way, the encounter already points toward its fulfillment: the Lord who opens the Scriptures is the same Lord who gives himself in the breaking of the bread, and in this unity of Word and Sacrament, our eyes are prepared to recognize him.

When recognition finally comes, it is not through argument but through a simple act at table. In the breaking of the bread, their eyes are opened. The whole scene becomes a living pattern of faith: **Christ walks with us, listens to us, teaches us, and is made known in humble, sacred gestures that reveal a presence already near, drawing us toward our true end.** Augustine of Hippo reflects on this mystery: *“When we believe, Christ is with us. The disciples at Emmaus had him with them at their table; we have him within our hearts. And it is a greater thing to have Christ dwelling in the heart than merely to sit in the same place with him.”* (Sermon 232)

~ **Third Week of Easter** ~

April 20 – April 25

Tuesday	SLO	9:00 a.m. + Shelagh MacNamara <i>by Andrew & Irene Murray</i>
Wednesday	HCM	9:00 a.m. Intentions of Patricia & Jack Duggan <i>by Lois LoSole</i>
Thursday	HCM	9:00 a.m. + Alicia Coulas <i>by Posie Douthwright</i>
	HCM	11:00 a.m. <i>George Vanier School Liturgy of the Word</i>
Friday	SLO	9:00 a.m. + Bradley Parisien <i>by Wayne & Dominique Bleskie</i>

+ **Fourth Sunday of Easter** +

Good Shepherd Sunday

April 26, 2026

Saturday	SLO	4:00 p.m. + Living & Deceased CWL Members & Spiritual Advisors <i>by Catholic Women's League</i>
Saturday	SFD	6:00 p.m. + Arthur Murack <i>by Carson & Judy Watson</i>
Sunday	HCM	9:00 a.m. + Michael Sauro <i>by Rick & Judy Sauro</i>
Sunday	SLO	10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments **SLO April 25**
Readings *Susan Coulas*
Communion *Neil O'Reilly*
Offertory *Bruce Sullivan*
 Richard Luckasavitch

SLO April 26
Beverly Glofcheskie
Perrier-Paul Filion
Paul Rivett-Carnac
Greg Kelly

Liturgical Appointments **SFD April 25**
Readings *Jackie Kuehl*
Communion
Offertory

HCM April 26
Marissa Henry
Patricia Maika
Michael Palubeskie

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for parishioners and friends who are sick.
- for those who have died, especially: Deacon Daniel Dauvin, Tony Joseph Yantha, Anthony Pierroz

ROMAN CALENDAR:

- Tuesday - St. Anselm, bishop, doctor
- Thursday - St. George, martyr and St. Adalbert, bishop, martyr
- Saturday - St. Mark, evangelist

SAVE THE DATE: We will be celebrating Fr. Wilfried Lenius' 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ on Sunday, June 7th, 2026.

DECORUM IN OUR 5 CEMETARIES: Because our cemeteries are sacred places where we commend our loved ones to God, we strive to keep the grounds dignified, prayerful, and safe for all who visit. We gently remind all families and visitors that, in keeping with our cemetery by-laws, flowers, ornaments, candles, and other devotional items should be securely affixed to the monument. Items that are not attached may need to be removed by our caretaker so that the grass can be cut and the cemetery maintained with the reverence these holy resting places deserve. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us care for the graves of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

HCM WEEKLY EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST - ADORATION CHAPEL:
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m.

HCM SUNDAY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP: every Thursday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass for about one hour. Animator-Moderator: Lois LoSole; Pastoral Resource: Fr. John Burchat. Come and prayerfully reflect upon the Gospel for the coming Sunday.

HCM: “THE SEARCH” begins and you and your friends are invited!

When and where: Wednesdays, April 29th to June 10th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at George Vanier Catholic School, Combermere.

This innovative video series and discussion time will tackle the key questions of every human heart. You may be reassured by some parts and challenged by others. Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about. There is no cost.

The seven topics are: *What Do You Seek? Who Are You? Why A God? What's Our Story? Who is Jesus? Am I Saved? Why A Church?*

For information, contact Greg or Mary at 613-756-6643, gmdoyle39@gmail.com

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

VALLEY MANOR: Fr. Burchat celebrates Holy Mass once a month for the residents unless there is a respiratory outbreak. We are grateful that Pierre-Paul and Judy Filion also bring the residents Holy Communion once a month.

THE DIOCESE OF PEMBROKE WEEKLY BULLETIN: provides current diocesan news, pastoral activities, upcoming events, and spiritual reflections. You can access the full collection of weekly bulletins here: www.pembrokedioocese.com Navigate to News → Weekly Bulletin, or go directly to the bulletin section from the homepage.

UNIFIED PARISH BULLETIN: In response to the helpful suggestions raised during our recent pastoral planning meetings, our family of three parishes will now move to a single, shared bulletin. This will allow all parishioners to see the full life of our united communities, stay informed about upcoming events, and grow together in mission. Thank you for your support as we take this simple step toward deeper collaboration.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

SLO: Total: \$2,749.00 (Envelopes: \$1,858.00; Loose: \$138.00; Visitors: \$35.00; E-transfer:\$110.00; Building Fund:\$388.00; Easter Offering:\$60.00; Share Lent: \$160.00).

HCM: Total: \$1,469.00 (Envelopes: \$817.00; Share Lent: \$100.00; Loose: \$92.00; Visitors: \$5.00; E-Transfers: \$175.00; Building Renovation Fund: \$200.00; Easter Offering: \$80.00)

SFds: Total: \$399.00 (Envelopes: \$260.00; Visitors: \$20.00; Loose: \$119.00)

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. Our Catholic schools c

FUNERAL MASS SCHEDULING: Our pastoral family of St. Lawrence O'Toole, Holy Canadian Martyrs, and St. Francis de Sales accompanies families in their time of loss with **Funeral Masses Monday through Friday, but NOT on Saturdays or Sundays.**

Because of my pastoral responsibilities across our three parishes and the ongoing decline in active clergy, I am already committed to celebrating two Masses on both Saturday and Sunday. Church law does not permit a priest to celebrate a third Mass (a practice known as trination) on these days.

Our local funeral homes are aware of this limitation and will assist families in arranging suitable days and times for Funeral Masses. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work within these necessary boundaries. ~Fr. John Burchat, Pastor

CHURCH YARD AND GARDEN SPRING CLEANUP

AT SFds: Saturday, May 3rd, weather permitting. Start time between 8:30/9:00 a.m. Please bring your rakes. *This year we are again asking for the help of all able-bodied parishioners.*

AT HCM: Saturday, May 3rd, weather permitting. Start time 8:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed. Please bring your rakes. *Please call Paul Shulist or Ray Pastway if you need info. The cemetery can be raked anytime during this week too, especially if you can't make it on Saturday.*