

Saint Lawrence O'Toole Parish

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✠ Fifth Sunday of Easter ✠

May 3, 2026

PARISH OFFICES will be closed this week Tuesday, May 5 to Friday, May 8.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION: We will be celebrating **Fr. Wilfried Lenius' 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ** on Sunday, June 7th with Mass at 9:00 a.m. in Holy Canadian Martyrs Church followed by an informal reception at George Vanier School. Everyone is welcome.

MAY AS "MARY'S MONTH": The month of May always falls within the Easter season providing us with a reminder of the Blessed Virgin's share in the Paschal Mystery of her Son, and in the event of Pentecost that brought to birth the Church's pilgrim and missionary journey. Her maternal presence is inseparable from the mysteries we celebrate in Eastertide. She who stood at the foot of the Cross would have also rejoiced in the glory of the Resurrection, becoming the most faithful witness to the New Life her Son won for us. In the Upper Room, her prayerful presence helped prepare the disciples to receive the Holy Spirit, making her the quiet heart of the Church's birth. For this reason, honouring Mary in May is never a distraction from Christ but a way of contemplating how grace unfolds in a human life surrendered to God.

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS announced by The Most Reverend Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R. are posted on the bulletin board. (*note 3 retirements and further clustering.*)

~ **Fifth Week of Easter** ~

May 4 – May 9

Tuesday	SLO	(with <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions</i>) 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Lorraine Leddy by <i>Robert & Monica Rady</i> Intentions of Darryle Moore by <i>Monique Perry</i>
Wednesday	HCM	9:00 a.m. + Reginald, Christopher & Lucy Perrier & Maureen Shulist by <i>Perrier Estate</i>
Thursday	HCM	9:00 a.m. + Deacon David & Mary Dauvin by <i>Ted & Theresa Baklinski</i>
	HCM	11:00 a.m. <i>George Vanier School Liturgy of the Word</i>
Friday	SLO	9:00 a.m. + Greg Sullivan by <i>Jackie Stoppa</i>

+ **Sixth Sunday of Easter** +

May 10, 2026

Saturday	SLO	4:00 p.m. + Ambrose & Emma Pecaskie & Jeannie by <i>Ray & Linda Fish</i>
Saturday	SFds	6:00 p.m. + Vonda Murack Watson by <i>Carson & Judy Carson</i> (with the recitation of the <i>Most Holy Rosary before Mass</i>)
Sunday	HCM	9:00 a.m. + Jackie Bouchard by <i>Emile & Family</i> + Joseph & Frances Hudder by <i>Gilbert & Marilyn Brotton</i>
Sunday	SLO	10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments

Readings
Communion
Offertory

SLO May 9

Sean Conway
Beverly Glofcheskie
Bruce Sullivan
Barry Dombroskie

SLO May 10

Joanne Olsen
Ursula Jeffrey
John Jeffrey
Jamie Prince

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Linda Madigan

HCM May 10

St. Joseph's House
Jerome Anderchek
Kenneth Golka

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - St. Marie-Leonie Paradis, virgin
Wednesday - St. Francois de Laval, bishop
Friday - Blessed Catherine de Saint-Augustin, virgin

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for our Catholic schools, as we celebrate Catholic Education Week from May 3 to 8, 2026, that we may walk together as *pilgrims of hope*, guided by God's love on the path to holiness; that our students, families, and educators may live the message that God loves us, Christ saves us, and the Holy Spirit lives in us, bringing peace and joy to all we meet.

- for parishioners and friends who are sick: *Carmel Rumleskie*

- for those who have died, especially: *Kim (Murray) Maika, David Peplinskie, Dennis Edward Palbiski, Deacon Daniel Dauvin, Tony Joseph Yantha, Anthony Pierroz.*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

SLO: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in sacristy. Weekdays – before/after weekday Masses in the sacristy.

HCM: Before all weekday and weekend Masses.

SFdS: After Mass

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.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

SLO: Total: \$2,315.00 (Envelopes: \$1,971.00; Loose: \$124.00; Visitors: \$20.00; E-transfers: \$150.00; Share Lent: \$50.00).

HCM: Total: \$1,044.00 (Envelopes: \$635.00; Loose: \$154.00; E-Transfers: \$215.00)

SFdS: Total: \$415.00 (Envelopes: \$275.00; E-transfer: \$55.00; Loose: \$85.00)

SLO - THE MOST HOLY ROSARY will be recited a half hour before Sunday Masses in May, the Month of Mary, by the Catholic Women's League.

HCM SUNDAY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP: will resume in the fall.

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

HCM MOTHER'S DAY SOCIAL: next Sunday , after Mass, as we gather to honour and celebrate all mothers in our parish community. Those who are able, are kindly invited to bring a small baked treat to share. Coffee will also be served.

HCM CWL: To date, no one has stepped forward to provide leadership as Madame President. This position is essential for the continued life and mission of our CWL council.
HCM GARDENS: To date, a new Gardener-Coordinator to lead the care of our church flower gardens has not yet stepped forward. With the growing season approaching, this role is becoming urgent/

ST. JOSEPH'S HOUSE IN COMBERMERE is a mission house of the Madonna House Community. Their thrift shops are open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, offering affordable, good-quality household items to people in the local area.

They would gratefully accept donations of pots and pans, baking dishes, silverware, kitchen utensils, comforters, pillows, towels, art supplies, and toys to help stock the shops. If you would like to help by donating any of these or other items, please call St. Joe's at 613-756-6267 to arrange an appointment for drop-off. Thank you, and God bless.

ROSES FOR LIFE: The Knights of Columbus will be distributing "Roses for Life" before and after all Masses on the weekend of May 16/17 as part of their annual tradition. This initiative often inspires donations and serves as a fundraiser for the council's pro-life activities. In recent years, proceeds have supported the Bancroft Pregnancy Centre with annual contributions of \$800. Parishioners are invited to accept a lapel rose sticker and consider supporting this important cause.

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE: The Lord Jesus spoke to us of freedom in the Gospel passage we have just heard: "*You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free*" (Jn 8:32). Those, who are listening to him do not understand: "From what slavery must we be freed?", they ask themselves. And Jesus explains that the most deceptive and repressive slavery is that of sin (cf. Jn 8:34). Only he can free us from that slavery.

This is the message that the Church proclaims to the world: **Christ is our freedom, because he is the truth.** Not an abstract truth, gropingly sought by ever restless human reason. **The truth for us is the person of Christ.** It is he who told us: "*I am the way, and the truth and the life*" (Jn 14:6). If the darkness of sin is defeated by the light of life, then there is no slavery that can suppress freedom. ~ *St. John Paul II; May 8, 1999*

In the Gospel we have just heard, Jesus tells his Apostles to put their faith in him, for he is "the way, and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6). Christ is the way that leads to the Father, the truth which gives meaning to human existence, and the source of that life which is eternal joy with all the saints in his heavenly Kingdom. Let us take the Lord at his word! Let us renew our faith in him and put all our hope in his promises! ~ *Pope Benedict; April 20, 2008*