

Saint Lawrence O'Toole Parish

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BLESSING OF THE FLEET: In many port cities around the world, the fishing season begins with boats being blessed to ensure the safety of the captain and crew and a bountiful haul of fish. St. Francis de Sales Mission in Latchford Bridge is reviving this ancient tradition and extending the blessing to all types of boats including canoes and kayaks. The blessing will take place after the 6 p.m. Mass beginning around 6:45p.m. **NEXT** Saturday July 4th in the Church parking lot. The blessing of the fleet will be followed by an international potluck dinner and a chance to view the township fireworks. Email katrinaboguski@hotmail.ca for more information on the dinner or the blessing. All are welcome to attend any or all parts of the evening.

AS WE CELEBRATE CANADA at the start of summer this Wednesday, July 1, we're invited to look deeper than fireworks and long weekends. Our world often tells us that everything depends on our own effort, and this can quietly wear down our sense of gratitude. But the season itself speaks differently: the warmth, the light, and the beauty around us remind us that life is first a gift, not an achievement. Canada Day is a moment to remember that our country, like our lives, is held within something larger than ourselves. We honour it best not by turning it into an idol, nor by being blinded by the insanity of modernity or by nostalgia for the past, but by receiving it with thankfulness and renewing our commitment to generosity, justice, and hope. The beauty of summer invites us to see God's quiet generosity at work in creation and to let that same generosity shape how we live with one another.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

-that as we celebrate Canada Day Weekend 2026, let us give thanks to God for our beautiful country and renew our desire to strive for a society that seeks truth and reconciliation with its First Peoples, and respects the dignity and rights of each and every human person – from natural conception to natural death in this, our native land

- for parishioners and friends who are sick: *Ray Vananburg, Patricia Duggan, Judy Sauro, Carmel Rumleskie.*

- for those who have died, especially: *Jaqueline Blank, James Hanlon, Anna Marie Burchat, William “Bill” Goulet, Dorothy Anne Larkin.*

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: Before/after Mass

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, LATCHFORD BRIDGE: A Rite of Visitation at the grotto of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Feast Day, July 16) will take place at 6 p.m. followed by a procession to the church for Mass on Saturday, July 11. All are welcome!

Our grotto was originally erected by the members of the Third Order of Carmelites (Lay Carmelites) who belonged to St. Francis de Sales.

CANADA DAY: On the occasion of the **Dominion of Canada’s** 159th birthday this Wednesday, July 1st, we also celebrate what makes our country feel like home and our Faith which has been profoundly integral to our Canadian creativity and heritage. How blessed are we to live in this beautiful country with its diversity of landscapes and peoples!

A mari usque ad mare has been the official motto of the Dominion of Canada for nearly a century; it is inscribed on the Canadian coat of arms approved by King George V in 1921. The phrase comes from a verse in Psalm 72, translated as “he shall have dominion from sea to sea.” This verse inspired the choice of Dominion as the title for Canada. **O God, by glorifying You, may our land remain truly glorious and free.**

86th ANNUAL CORMAC PILGRIMAGE on Sunday, July 26. The Triduum of preparation will be led by Bishop Michael Brehl, bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke. The principal Pilgrimage Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. at the Shrine. The Sacrament of Confession is available throughout the day. A Mass of healing with the Anointing of St. Ann’s oil will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. (Please bring your own seating.) On site: St. Ann’s religious articles and other religious articles, St. Ann’s Mass League memberships, food and refreshments vendors. For more information <http://www.cormacpilgrimage.com> or <http://www.facebook.com/CormacStAnn> Welcome everyone!

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

SLO: Total: \$2,106.00 (Envelopes: \$1,505.00; Loose: \$266.00; E-transfers: \$80.00; Seminary: \$210.00; Building Fund: \$35.00; Education for Priests: \$10.00)

HCM: Total: \$1,947.00 (Envelopes: \$981.00; Loose: \$125.00; E-Transfers: \$275.00; Education of Priests: \$566.00)

SFdS: Total: \$370.00 (Envelopes: \$260.00; Loose: \$90.00; Education of Priests: \$20.00)

SFdS CHURCH STEPS: will again be re-capped by a parishioner who also did them years ago. We will eventually set a date and call for volunteers later this summer.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD PRAYER GROUP: Looking for a prayer group to attend? We meet every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church. Our purpose in being, is first and foremost, to give praise to God, and to intercede for the needs of others. All are welcome. For more information call Greg or Mary at 756-6643.

WEEKLY MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturdays, 7:00 a.m., St Mary's Church Hall in Wilno. Good food, great camaraderie, intercessory prayer. No fee; donations welcome. For more information or to let us know you're coming, call or text Greg at 613-633-2398. All men welcome, bring a friend, make new friends! Hope to see you there!

THE SECULAR ORDER OF DICALCED CARMELITES: Would you be interested in discerning a secular (lay) vocation? Are you spiritually attracted to st. Therese of Lisieux or st. Teresa of Avail? Our group (not a prayer group) meets monthly at St. Andrew Parish in Killaloe, Ontario. For more information call Patricia at 613-756-2267.

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL: "Fear no one. . . .do not be afraid." This whole chapter of Matthew brings together and sums up what Jesus has to say to his apostles about declaring his teaching in the face of hostility and persecution. Jesus himself was fearless in proclaiming his message. He 'taught with authority', as the gospel constantly tells us. His disciples are sent out to do the same. We do not often meet with real persecution, though it may yet happen. The martyrs of communist Russia or Vietnam lived many years of peaceful Christianity before unexpectedly facing martyrdom. The monk martyrs of Algeria did not reckon on martyrdom when they went to Algeria. The only preparation for martyrdom can be fidelity and prayer. More often we face mockery for holding to Christian principles, and that too can be difficult to bear. We can be accused of narrow-mindedness, lack of appreciation of human values, blind obedience, sentimentality, naivety, and a host of other hurtful slurs. Jesus did not promise that the Father would prevent the sparrows falling to the ground! Nor is it always easy to respond to such slurs with the patience and generosity as well as the truthfulness which Jesus would have shown. 'A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar', said St Francis de Sales. ~ *Henry Wansbrough OSB*