

Saint Lawrence O'Toole Parish

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✠ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

July 19, 2026

PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED this week of July 20 – 24. You can still leave a phone or email message, and we will get back to you if it is an emergency.

A GOSPEL WITH A STARK WARNING: Apocalyptic images like the “furnace of fire” and the “wailing and grinding of teeth” are not meant to be taken as technical descriptions of the afterlife. A common criticism of this symbolic reading is that it might seem to soften Jesus’ warnings. Yet symbolic does not mean gentle. **These images are intentionally vivid and unsettling — meant to awaken the conscience and stir the heart toward conversion.**

Christian faith teaches that our choices carry lasting significance, and that turning away from God’s love can have consequences that endure into eternity if freely embraced and never relinquished. **Hell** names the painful reality of turning away from God’s love, a self-chosen alienation that stands in stark contrast to the communion God desires for us. **Hell** describes the tragic result of a person’s own freedom misused — a self-imposed distance from the One who is life, joy, and communion.

The urgency of Jesus’ imagery lies in calling us away from that isolation and back toward the life God desires for us.

Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself. Do not be disheartened by your imperfections, but always rise up with fresh courage. ~ St. Francis de Sales

Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

July 20 – July 25

Tuesday SLO NO MASS

Wednesday HCM 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Michal Pajak, O.M.I. *by Miriam Westen*

Thursday HCM 9:00 a.m. + Bill Goulet *by Joseph & Kristan Hamon*

Friday SLO 9:00 a.m. + Alicia Coulas *by Catholic Women's League*

+ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

July 26, 2026

Saturday SLO 4:00 p.m. + Karl Coulas & Caroline August *by Gwen Coulas*
+ Shelagh MacNamara *by Karen Yakabuski*

Saturday SFdS 6:00 p.m. + Jackie Blank *by Margaret Blank & Family*

Sunday HCM 9:00 a.m. + Phillip Bond *by Cheryl Bond St. Amour*
Anniversary of Marriage *by Jack & Shirley Radey*

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

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

SLO July 25

Karen Yakabuski

Neil O'Reilly

Bruce Sullivan

Richard Luckasavitch

SLO July 26

Beverly Glofcheskie

Terry Recoskie

Paul Rivett-Carnac

Greg Kelly

Liturgical Appointments

Readings

Communion

Offertory

SFdS July 25

Linda Madigan

HCM July 26

Marissa Henry

Jerome Anderchek

Martin Lepinski

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday - St. Apollinaris, bishop, martyr

Tuesday - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor

Wednesday - St. Mary Magdalene, disciple of the Lord

Thursday - St. Bridget, religious

Friday - St. Sharbel Makhluf, priest

Saturday - St. James, apostle

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for parishioners and friends who are sick: *Diane Green, Ray Vananburg, Patricia Duggan, Judy Sauro, Carmel Rumleskie.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Jacob DeVries; Marie Dombroskie, Roger Mahon, Jaqueline Blank.*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: *The grace we receive in Confession not only heals our sins and restores us in our friendship with God — it strengthens us to forgive others with the Divine Mercy we ourselves have received.*

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

86th ANNUAL CORMAC PILGRIMAGE - NEXT 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!

PRAYER TO SAINT ANNE AND SAINT JOACHIM

O holy mother and father of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as parents you guided and nurtured Mary and, under your protection and love, watched her grow in holiness. Through your faithfulness and goodness, the Will of God was fulfilled; the fruits of your virtue and faith brought salvation to the whole world with the birth of the baby Jesus.

Most Holy Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, come close to us and guide our hand and our hearts in the way of virtue. Help us to parent our children and grandchildren with a gentle heart as you did. Show us how to raise our children in faith and bring our families into the Light of Jesus. Remain close to us and help us on our journey to salvation. Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, we place our petitions in your hands and ask that you lay them before the child Jesus. Seek this, my favour [*State your request...*] but only if it be for the greater glory of God and the good of my soul. *Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be to the Father....*

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY: Pope Francis established this day in 2021. This annual celebration takes place on the fourth Sunday of July (Sunday, July 26 this year), close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, who were the grandparents of Jesus. This special day recognizes the wisdom and contributions of grandparents and emphasizes the importance of intergenerational connections. It's a beautiful way to honor and appreciate the elderly within our families and communities.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

SLO: Total: \$2,333.65 (Envelopes: \$1,865.00; Loose: \$248.65; Visitors: \$220.00)

HCM: Total: \$1,541.00 (Envelopes: \$906.00; Loose: \$300.00; E-Transfers: \$100.00; Summer Collection: \$225.00)

SFdS: Total: \$438.00 (Envelopes: \$235.00; Loose: \$148.00; Summer Collection: \$20.00; Building Fund: \$15.00)

Every parish is its people: a community where Christ's beauty and mercy take living form in faith and service. Thank you for your generous donations, which sustain our mission and ministry.

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.

SAINT BONAVENTURE SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY: meetings take place at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Hall the last Sunday of the month starting Sunday September 27. All those interested in learning more about the charisms and the way of life of Saint Francis of Assisi or to learn more about becoming a Secular Franciscan, are welcome to attend Saint Bonaventure Fraternity meetings at 1:00 - 3:00 pm the last Sunday of each month starting September through to and including June. For more information or questions please contact: Marek Milan (613) 756-2835.

WEEKLY MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturdays, 7:00 a.m., St Mary's Church Hall in Wilno. 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 Avila? Our group (not a prayer group) meets monthly at St. Andrew Parish in Killaloe, Ontario. For more information call Patricia at 613-756-2267.