

Saint Lawrence O'Toole Parish

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✠ Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

August 30, 2026

LATE SUMMERTIME & TRANSITIONS: I hope this summer has brought peace and renewal to each of you. As August draws to a close, September gently reminds us of the return to work, school, and the rhythms of daily life. After the slower pace of summer, stepping back into routine can feel challenging. For some, this season stirs memories of years gone by, especially as younger family members embark on new educational paths. It may also bring moments of solitude or the need to readjust family dynamics and daily habits.

Yet in this time of transition, we're invited to reflect on a deeper truth: that spiritual maturity means living our lives in faithful discipleship following Jesus Christ (*sequela Christi*), to whom all time belongs. He is Lord of our past, present, and future, and remains with us always, just as He promised. ~ *Fr. John*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION: Families in our family of three parish communities who wish to have their children prepare for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are invited to an informal information session on Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall at St. Lawrence O'Toole, Barry's Bay.

Parents are the primary educators of their children in the faith. Throughout the preparation period, the parish will provide resources, guidance, and catechetical support to help families walk this path with confidence and joy. Jesus the Good Shepherd opens the gate before us and calls us into the generous, ever awakening life of God. May this time of preparation be a moment of blessing for our children and for our whole parish family.

Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

August 31 – September 5

Tuesday	SLO	<i>NO MASS</i>
Wednesday	HCM 9:00 a.m.	+ Lawrence Marquardt <i>by Margaret Blank & Family</i>
Thursday	HCM 9:00 a.m.	+ Michael, Mary, Nikola & Anica <i>by Jerome & Dragi Anderchek</i>
Friday	SLO	<i>NO MASS</i>

+ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time +

September 6, 2026

Saturday	SLO	4:00 p.m.	+ Brian Trebinskie <i>by Lorie Trebinskie</i>
Saturday	SFds	6:00 p.m.	+ Margaret Abbott <i>by B.W. Madigan</i> Intentions of Robert Luckovitch <i>by Dorothy Byrnes</i>
Sunday	HCM	9:00 a.m.	+ Bronis, Clifford & Jackie Blank <i>by Margaret Blank & Family</i>
Sunday	SLO	10:30 a.m.	Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments **SLO September 5**

Readings	<i>Jane Beahen</i>
Communion	<i>Neil O'Reilly</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i> <i>Barry Dombroskie</i>

SLO September 6

<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>
<i>Pierre-Paul Filion</i>
<i>John Jeffrey</i>
<i>Jamie Prince</i>

Liturgical Appointments **SFds September 5**

Readings	<i>Dorothy Byrnes</i>
Communion	
Offertory	

HCM September 6

<i>Maria Henry</i>
<i>Joseph Hamon</i>
<i>Martin Yarascavitch</i>

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Wednesday	- Blessed Andre Grasset, priest, martyr
Thursday	- St. Gregory the Great, pope, doctor
Friday	- Blessed Dina Belanger, virgin
Saturday	- Saint Tresa of Calcutta, virgin

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

CARRY THE CROSS WITH ME: Today too, the Apostle Peter, like last Sunday, appears in the foreground of the Gospel. However, whereas last Sunday, we admired him for his forthright faith in Jesus, whom he proclaimed the Messiah and Son of God, this time, in the episode that immediately follows, he shows a faith that is still immature and too closely bound to the mentality of “this world” (see Rm 12: 2). Indeed, when Jesus begins to speak openly of the fate that awaits him in Jerusalem, in other words that he will have to suffer many things and be killed in order subsequently to be raised, Peter protests saying: “God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you” (Mt 16: 22). It is obvious that the Teacher and the disciple follow two opposite ways of thinking. Peter, in accordance with a human logic, is convinced that God would never permit his Son to end his mission by dying on the Cross. Jesus, on the contrary, knows that in his immense love for mankind the Father sent him to give his life for them and that if this should involve the Passion and the Cross, it is right that it should happen in this manner. Moreover, he knows that the last word will be the Resurrection. Although Peter’s protest was spoken in good faith and for sincere love of the Master, to Jesus it sounds like a temptation, an invitation to save himself, whereas it is only by losing his life that he will receive new and eternal life for us all.

If, to save us, the Son of God had to suffer and die on the Cross, it was certainly not by a cruel design of the heavenly Father. The reason is the gravity of the illness from which he came to heal us: it was such a serious, mortal disease that it required all his Blood. Indeed, it was with his death and Resurrection that Jesus defeated sin and death and re-established God’s lordship. Yet the battle is not over. Evil exists and resists in every generation, as we know, in our day too. What are the horrors of war, violence to the innocent, the wretchedness and injustice unleashed against the weak other than the opposition of evil to the Kingdom of God? And how is it possible to respond to so much wickedness except with the unarmed and disarming power of love that conquers hatred and of life that has no fear of death? It is the same mysterious power that Jesus used, at the cost of being misunderstood and abandoned by many of his own.

Dear brothers and sisters, in order to bring the work of salvation fully to completion, the Redeemer continues to associate to himself and his mission men and women who are prepared to take up their cross and follow him. Consequently, just as for Christ carrying the cross was not an option but a mission to be embraced for love, so it is for Christians too. In our world today, where the forces that divide and destroy seem to dominate, Christ does not cease to offer to all his clear invitation: anyone who wants to be my disciple must renounce his own selfishness and carry the cross with me. Let us invoke the help of the Blessed Virgin who followed Jesus first and to the very end on the way of the Cross. May she help us to walk in the Lord’s footsteps with determination, to experience from this moment, even in trial, the glory of the Resurrection. *Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; August 31, 2008*

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- for parishioners and friends who are sick: *Diane Green, Patricia Duggan, Judy Sauro, Carmel Rumleskie.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Brian Joseph Trebinskie, Ray Vananburg, Deacon Bob McDonald, Dan Miller, Josephine Etmanskis; Jennifer (Yakabuski) Huestis.*

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generosity.

SLO: Total: \$1,799.75 (Envelopes: \$1,497.00; Loose: \$172.75; Visitors: \$90.00; E-transfer: \$40.00)

HCM: Total: \$2,569.50 (Envelopes: \$1,797.50; Loose: \$162.00; E-Transfers: \$315.00; Summer Collection: \$265.00; Northern Missions: \$10.00; Visitor: \$20.00)

SFDs: Total: \$385.00 (Envelopes: \$275.00; Loose: \$90.00; Northern Missions: \$10.00; Visitor: \$10.00)

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.

SHOW'N'SHINE - St. Francis de Sales in Latchford Bridge is hosting a Show n Shine on September 26, the Feast of the Holy Canadian Martyrs. The event will be followed by Mass and a harvest themed potluck dinner. Please see poster at the back of the church or contact katrinaboguski@hotmail.ca for more information. Everyone is welcome to attend!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 9 with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at 16 Wilno Street in Barry's Bay, NOT THE RECTORY BASEMENT. SPOUSES are invited as well to enjoy a ladies' social. Any Catholic gentleman who is interested in joining the Knights of Columbus is also welcome to attend with his spouse as well. The meeting will include a vote for the yearly budget so all members are encouraged to attend. Vivat Jesus!