

Saint Lawrence O'Toole Parish

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✠ Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

September 27, 2026

OFFICE HOURS: Our parish secretary is currently away on a leave of absence while she fulfills her civic duty with jury service. During this time, Fr. Burchat will be maintaining office hours for general parish matters as best he can. He is grateful for your patience and understanding. *It would be most helpful if you could email any requests to the appropriate office. Priority will be given to emergencies, and some matters will wait for her return.*

TRANSITUS OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI: at St. Lawrence O'Toole on Saturday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Join us for a solemn & prayerful commemoration marking the passage of St. Francis from earthly life to eternal life. Let us gather in the spirit of Saint Francis—humble, joyful, & full of peace — as we remember his final moments & celebrate his legacy of love for Christ, creation, & all people. All are welcome.

LIFE CHAIN 2026: Sunday, October 4 from 2 to 3 p.m. downtown Barry's Bay, standing peacefully together as witnesses for the protection of human life - from conception to natural death.

OCTOBER, dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, invites the faithful to contemplate Christ's mysteries with Mary. The **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7** highlights the power of her intercession. Throughout the month, the Church encourages renewed devotion to the Rosary. We seek Our Lady's help for the Church, for families, and for peace in the world.

Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

September 28 – October 3

Tuesday	SLO	9:00 a.m. + William Goulet <i>by Karen, Lorna & +Jennifer Yakabuski</i>
Wednesday	HCM	9:00 a.m. + Jacqueline Blank & consolation of the Family <i>by Joseph & Kristan Hamon</i>
Thursday	HCM	9:00 a.m. Intentions Jack & Shirley Radey <i>by Miriam Westen</i> HCM 11:00 a.m. <i>George Vanier School Liturgy of the Word</i>
Friday	SLO	9:00 a.m. + Bradley Parisian <i>by Susan Brotton & Family</i>

+ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time +

October 4, 2026

Saturday	SLO	4:00 p.m. + Greg Sullivan <i>by Debbie Coulas</i> SLO 7:00 p.m. <i>Transitus of Saint Francis of Assisi</i>
Saturday	SFds	(with the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary before Mass) 6:00 p.m. + Dorienn & Norine Helferty <i>by Helferty Estate</i>
Sunday	HCM	9:00 a.m. + Bronis, Clifford & Jackie Blank <i>by Margaret Blank</i>
Sunday	SLO	10:30 a.m. Mass for the People

Liturgical Appointments	SLO October 3	SLO October 4
Readings	<i>Karen Yakabulski</i>	<i>Beverly Glofcheskie</i>
Communion	<i>Maxine Smaglinski</i>	<i>Ursula Jeffrey</i>
Offertory	<i>Bruce Sullivan</i>	<i>John Jeffrey</i>
	<i>Richard Luckasavitch</i>	<i>Jamie Prince</i>

Liturgical Appointments	SFds October 3	HCM October 4
Readings	<i>Dorothy Byrnes</i>	<i>Gudrun Wegner</i>
Communion		<i>Jerome Anderchek</i>
Offertory		<i>Kenneth Golka</i>

WEEKLY ADORATION IN HOLY CANADIAN MARTYRS CHAPEL:

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m.

ROMAN CALENDAR:

Monday	- St. Wenceslaus, martyr & St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, martyrs
Tuesday	- Feast of St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St Raphael, archangels
Wednesday	- St. Jerome, priest, doctor
Thursday	- St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor
Friday	- The Holy Guardian Angels

THE GOSPEL FOR THIS SUNDAY, speaks of two sons, but behind them, in a mysterious way, is a third son. The first son says “no,” but does the father’s will. The second son says “yes,” but does not do what he was asked. The third son both says “yes” and does what he was asked. This third son is the Only-begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ, who has gathered us all here. Jesus, on entering the world, said: “Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God” (Heb 10:7). He not only said “yes”, he acted on that “yes”, and he suffered it, even to death on the Cross. As the Christological hymn in the second reading says: “Though he was in the form of God, [Jesus] did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a Cross” (Phil. 2: 6-8). In humility and obedience, Jesus fulfilled the will of the Father and by dying on the Cross for his brothers and sisters, for us, he saved us from our pride and obstinacy. Let us thank him for his sacrifice, let us bend our knees before his name and proclaim together with the disciples of the first generation: “Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil 2:11).

The Christian life must continually measure itself by Christ: “Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus” (Phil 2:5), as Saint Paul says in the introduction to the Christological hymn. And a few verses before, he exhorts us: “So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind” (Phil 2:1-2). Just as Christ was totally united to the Father and obedient to him, so too the disciples must obey God and be of one mind among themselves. Dear friends, with Paul I dare to exhort you: complete my joy by being firmly united in Christ. The Church will overcome the great challenges of the present and future, and it will remain a leaven in society, if the priests, consecrated men and women, and the lay faithful, in fidelity to their respective vocations, work together in unity, if the parishes, communities, and movements support and enrich each other, if the baptized and confirmed, in union with their bishop, lift high the torch of untarnished faith and allow it to enlighten their abundant knowledge and skills. The Church will continue to be a blessing for the entire world: if she remains faithfully united with the Successors of Saint Peter and the Apostles, if she fosters cooperation in various ways with mission countries and allows herself to be “infected” by the joy that marks the faith of these young Churches.

To his exhortation to unity, Paul adds a call to humility, saying: “Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Phil 2:3-4). Christian life is a life for others: existing for others, humble service of neighbour and of the common good. The Latin word for humility, *humilitas*, is derived from *humus* and indicates closeness to the earth. Those who are humble stand with their two feet on the ground, but above all they listen to Christ, the Word of God, who ceaselessly renews the Church and each of her members. ~ *Pope Benedict, September 25, 2011*

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

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- For Leo XIV, our Pope. May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.
- for parishioners and friends who are sick: *Diane Green, Patricia Duggan, Judy Sauro, Carmel Rumleskie.*
- for those who have died, especially: *Fr. Doug Bridge, Mary Siron.*

LAST WEEK’S OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generosity. Totals will be given for all Sundays at a later date.

SFdS CHURCH STEPS: were recently resurfaced. Thank you again to the “St. Joseph & St. Martha Guild”! (*A common informal name for parishioners who just show up and do what needs doing!*)

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 on the last Sunday of each month, beginning Sunday, September 27, from 1:00–3:00 p.m.; all who wish to learn more about the charisms and way of life of Saint Francis of Assisi or about becoming a Secular Franciscan are welcome to attend, and for further information please contact Marek Milan at 613-756-2835.

CWL & THE ROSARY: The Rosary will be led by the Catholic Women’s League before each Sunday Mass during the month of October.

FOOD BANK OFFERING IN THANKSGIVING: In gratitude for our many blessings, **beginning next weekend**, parishioners are invited to bring donations of **non-perishable food** for the Madawaska Valley Food Bank and personally place them before Our Lady. Let us adorn our church and place of worship with our offerings for the poor.