

## **Saint Lawrence O'Toole Parish**

Barry's Bay; 19450 Opeongo Line

## **Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish**

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# **✠ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠**

*October 11, 2026*

**WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME:** to all family, relatives and friends who have come “home” for this Thanksgiving Weekend!

**THANKS BE TO GOD!** Do you and your family say "Grace" before meals? Thanksgiving Weekend provides a wonderful opportunity to be renewed in practice of saying a short prayer of blessing and thankfulness before every meal.

**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.

**THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION:** Here is a simple Act of Thanksgiving that can provide a pattern of prayer after receiving Holy Communion:

**Jesus, I trust in You.**

**Jesus, I love You.**

**Jesus, I hope in You.**

**Thank You for the Gift of Your Presence: Your Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.**

## Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

October 12 – October 17

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| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <i>(with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions)</i> |                                                                                                                          |
|                  | <b>SLO</b>                                         | 9:00 a.m. + Greg Sullivan <i>by Bruce &amp; Karen Sullivan</i>                                                           |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>HCM</b>                                         | 9:00 a.m. + Rob Huttinga <i>by Joseph &amp; Kristan Hamon</i>                                                            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>HCM</b>                                         | 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Wilfried Lenius <i>by Miriam Westen</i><br>1:45 p.m. <i>Monthly Mass at the Valley Manor</i> |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>SLO</b>                                         | 9:00 a.m. + Ambrose Recoskie <i>by Rosemarie Recoskie &amp; Family</i>                                                   |

## + Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time +

October 18, 2026

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| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>SLO</b>  | 4:00 p.m. + Deceased O'Malley & Coulas Family<br><i>by Dan &amp; Patsy O'Malley</i>                                                |
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>SFds</b> | 6:00 p.m. + June Lee <i>by Carson &amp; Judy Watson</i><br>+ Ben, Rachael, Danny, David & Dianna Madigan<br><i>by B.W. Madigan</i> |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>HCM</b>  | 9:00 a.m. + Jackie Blank <i>by Margaret Blank &amp; Family</i>                                                                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>SLO</b>  | 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People                                                                                                     |

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| <b>Liturgical Appointments</b> | <b>SLO October 17</b>       | <b>SLO October 18</b>      |
| Readings                       | <i>Susan Coulas</i>         | <i>Paul Rivett-Carnac</i>  |
| Communion                      | <i>Neil O'Reilly</i>        | <i>Terry Recoskie</i>      |
| Offertory                      | <i>Bruce Sullivan</i>       | <i>John Jeffrey</i>        |
|                                | <i>Richard Luckasavitch</i> | <i>Jamie Prince</i>        |
| <b>Liturgical Appointments</b> | <b>SFds October 17</b>      | <b>HCM October 18</b>      |
| Readings                       | <i>Linda Madigan</i>        | <i>Gudrun Wegner</i>       |
| Communion                      |                             | <i>Patricia Maika</i>      |
| Offertory                      |                             | <i>Jerome Yarascavitch</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:

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| Wednesday | - St. Callistus I, pope                      |
| Thursday  | - St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor        |
| Friday    | - St. Marie-Marguerite D'Youville, religious |
| Saturday  | - St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr    |

**THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB:** This Sunday's First Reading, from the Book of Isaiah, prepares the ground for this theme, for it speaks about the banquet of God. It is an image — the banquet — often used in the Scriptures to indicate the joy in communion and in the abundance of the Lord's gifts, and it gives some idea of the celebration of God with humanity as Isaiah describes: "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wine... well refined" (Is 25:6). The Prophet adds that God's intention is to put an end to sadness and shame; he wants all people to live happily in love of him and in mutual communion. Therefore, his plan is to eliminate death forever, to wipe away the tears from all faces, to take away once and for all the dishonourable condition of his people, as we heard (vv. 7-8). All this awakens deep gratitude and hope. (v. 9). In the Gospel Jesus speaks to us of the answer that is given to the invitation of God — represented by a king — to take part in this marriage feast (see Mt 22:1-14). Many guests were invited but something unexpected happens: they refuse to take part in the celebration, they have other things to do; indeed, some of them show contempt for the invitation. God is generous to us, he offers us his friendship, his gifts, his joy, but often we do not welcome his words, we show greater interest in other things and put our own material concerns, our own interests, first. The king's invitation even meets with hostile and aggressive reactions. Yet this does not impede his generosity. He is not discouraged and sends his servants out to invite many other people. The refusal of those invited first causes the invitation to be extended to everyone, even the poorest, the abandoned and disinherited. The servants gather together those they find, and the wedding hall is filled: the king's goodness knows no bounds, and all are given the possibility of answering his call. However, there was one condition in order to attend this wedding feast: that the wedding garment be worn. And, on entering the hall, the king notices that someone has not wished to wear it and for this reason bars him from the banquet.

I would like to reflect for a moment on this point with a question: why did this man accept the king's invitation, enter the banquet hall, find the door opened to him but not put on the wedding garment? What is this wedding garment? St. Gregory the Great explains that the guest had accepted God's invitation to take part in his banquet, that in a certain way he had faith which opened the door of the banquet hall to him, but he lacked something essential: the wedding garment, which is charity or love. And St Gregory adds: "Therefore each one of you in the Church who has faith in God has already taken part in the wedding feast but cannot claim to wear the wedding garment unless he jealously guards the grace of love" (Homily 38, 9; PL 76, 1287). And this garment is woven symbolically on two looms of wood, one above and one below: love of God and love of neighbour (see *ibid.*, 10; PL 76, 1288). We are all invited to be the Lord's guests, to enter his banquet with faith, but we must put on and take care of the wedding garment: charity, to live in the profound love of God and neighbour. *Homily by Pope Benedict XVI; October 9, 2011*

**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: *Shirley Mask, Joey Yutronkie, Fr. Doug Bridge, Mary Siron.*

**HCM-PRAYING FOR PRIESTS & VOCATIONS:** Every Wednesday, 5 Minutes after the Mass has ended, the faithful are invited to join in **praying one decade of the rosary** for priests and vocations in the diocese. All are welcome to participate. If you would like to lead a decade please email [westenmiriam@gmail.com](mailto:westenmiriam@gmail.com)

**SLO - FOOD BANK OFFERING IN THANKSGIVING:** In gratitude for our many blessings, **this weekend and next**, 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.

**SLO-CWL: POT O'GOLD RAFFLE:** The CWL is preparing for their annual fund raiser. Members and parishioners are invited to consider contributing a monetary donation towards the cash prizes. Please place your donation in an envelope marked **CWL – raffle donation** and drop it in the collection basket or give it to Maxine Smaglinski (756-0194) by **Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>**. All donations are greatly appreciated. If donating \$100 or more and wishing to be recognized on the ticket, please make note of that with your donation. *Proceeds from the raffle support health, education, and religious programs, the parish, the poor, etc., in our community, nationally and internationally.*

**SLO-CWL MEETING:** Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. All welcome.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:** Totals will be given for all Sundays at a later date.

**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.

**IN GOD, GIVE THANKS !**