

Ashes and Holy Communion will be distributed on (Feb 17-19) Ash Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 7pm. Ashes will not be done in the familiar way. Due to pandemic the priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything. You are required to sign up by registering on the Parish website or Click this link. Please sign up only ONCE during the 3-day distribution of ashes to allow other parishioners receive the ashes as well.



GOSPEL: Mark 1.40-45:

A man with leprosy came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling said to Jesus, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

After sternly warning him Jesus sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

But the man went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town

openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to Jesus from every quarter.

GOSPEL SUMMARY:

In today's Gospel, a leper asks Jesus to make him clean, knowing that Jesus has the power to do so. Jesus is moved with pity, reaches out his hand, touches the leper, and heals him. Jesus tells the leper to tell no one, but the leper spreads the news of his healing to all he meets. As a result, many

people come to Jesus for healing.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

It takes discipline to keep our excitement to ourselves. We tell a close friend and make him or her promise not to tell, but somehow word gets out, and before we know it everyone knows what's going on! In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the leper not to share the news of his healing. This invites us to stop and think. Are we good at



keeping confidences? Can we wait to share good news until the time is right to do so? A part of being trustworthy is being able to keep things in confidence when we are asked to do so. Why do you think



Jesus asked the leper to tell no one of what happened? What happened when the leper told everyone of what happened to him?

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Think of people your family knows (or knows about) who are excluded or ignored by others. Maybe there is someone at school who has a disability, or whose clothes are worn out or dirtier than everyone else's. Maybe there's someone at work whose odd behavior is off-putting. In our communities those who are excluded or ignored might include the homeless, the unemployed, or those in

prison, foster homes, or hospitals. As a family, talk about ways you can reach out to the people you name, just as Jesus reached out to the leper. Decide on one action you will take in the coming weeks.

MASSES - MESSE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13TH – SABATO 5:00 P.M. – + Clare & Agusta Jardine



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14TH- DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – + Domenico Labile 10:00 A.M. – Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia Francesco Ferrante Mike e Vito Cuoppolo Maria e Domencio Barbieri Maria e Saverio Vitro Marco, Edda e defuanti famiglie Carlevaris e Nevodini L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. – + Herbert Lobo 1:00 P.M. – Pro Populo 5:00 P.M. – + Francesco Ruberto

MONDAY FEBRUARY 15TH- LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Olga Mallewaratchy 11:00 A.M. – Fr. Russell Asch

TUESDAY FEBRUARAY 16TH - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. – Arthur & Erica Hare 11:00 A.M. – + Fabio Elias

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Keerthi Perera 11:00 A.M. – + Deceased Members de Souza Family

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18TH- GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. – + Cora Guerra de Trevino 8:30 A.M. – + Francis Ramsbotham

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19TH- VENERDI 8:30 A.M. – Peter & Vivienne Riseborough 7:00 P.M. – + Edel Quinn

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M. – + Leny & Susana Alcoran 10:00 A.M. – + Joe DeMello

DISCUSSION STARTERS:



1- A time when I felt excluded or ignored, like the leper, was when...

2-Someone I find it hard to include or reach out to is ... because ...

3-I would find it hard to keep quiet if Reprinted with permission from www.FaithFirst.com, a Web resource of RCL Benziger, Cincinnati, OH

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Please remember in your prayers: those who are sick and for those who love and minister to them –John Miceli, Gianna Ramzi, Francisco William, Stephanie Solomon, Antonio Sorbera,



Bill Mattews, Vanessa Melone, Rosemarie Sorbera, Amelia Barroso, Joey Bagnato, Alicia Alvares, Charlie Abreu.



VOCATION REFLECTION:

Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Matthew McCarthy**

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ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH FEBRUARY 14, 2021 – 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:



"You are a billboard for Christ." These are the words of popular Catholic speaker Father Mike Schmitz. He's trying to convey that if we are disciples of Christ, everything we do is a representation of Him. This beautiful reality is combined with a heavy responsibility. We must regularly ask ourselves, are we faithfully reflecting the love and goodness of Christ in our lives?

In today's second reading St. Paul says that "whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." As stewards, every facet of our lives should be done to try to glorify God. This does not mean that we must always be in the chapel or being performing extraordinary works of charity. Rather, it means that we must infuse the ordinary events of our life with the powerful love of Christ. One aspect that we can sanctify is our daily work.

We should strive to realize that our work can be the sacrifice that we offer up to God. In realizing that we are working for God, we ourselves will be sanctified. We will slowly realize that everything we do is for Him, spurring us onto greater virtue. This will ultimately lead us to sanctify others for they will see the glory of God in our simple witness. Therefore, let us strive to intentionally say a prayer every morning asking God to help us glorify Him through our daily tasks.

Dear Padre 🕁 February 14, 2021

At Mass on holy days of obligation, there's a fair crowd. But on Ash Wednesday, not a holy day, the place is packed. Your explanation?

Indeed, pastoral experience corroborates your observation. Holy days of obligation draw well, but it's "standing room only" on Ash Wednesday. Although not a day of obligation, perhaps it's considered a "holy" day by most Catholics.

There's something elemental about the smudge of ashes on the forehead. People wear it without embarrassment or shame. No matter our walk of life or social status, we want that sooty cross. It's a badge of identification, graphically reminding Catholics that it's "spiritual gut-check" time. It jogs us from our routines, spurring us to the important reality of being who we are supposed to be—fully and totally Christian. It's as if we are saying, "I'm Catholic and proud of it. I may not be the best or greatest. I have faults and sins, but I'm not a bad person. I know deep down that being Christian is the way to live, and I'm going to try again."

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of Lent, the Church's special time of confession and renewal in preparation for Easter. It is what Christians are all about—a people who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism in order to rise with him to a new life. We renew our baptismal commitment to be his people.

As we celebrate Christ's passage through death to life, we renew our own death to old sinful ways to rise and live with recaptured vigor.

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Summary:

In today's second reading St. Paul says that "whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." As stewards, we can glorify God through our work by realizing that our daily tasks can be the sacrifices we offer up to God. Therefore, let us strive to intentionally say a prayer every morning asking God to help us glorify Him throughout our day.



Lent A Time to Renew

LENT: What does God have in store for you this Lent? Is He asking you to go deeper in prayer? Perhaps to commit to daily meditation? Or maybe He is asking you to grow closer even in the midst of ever-changing circumstances around you.

We don't usually associate Lent with joy. The ashes, more somber music, the dark purple vestments, the discipline and sacrifices, and serious business of repentance all would seem to call for long faces and no room for laughter or joyfulness. But note these phrases from the Lenten Liturgies: "When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites!" "May we keep this Lenten Season in preparation for the joy of Easter." "Each year you give us this joyful season" Lent calls us to be holy not unhappy. It is indeed a "joyful" time as we seek to better understand the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection, and to reflect it in our lives.



LENT is a time of fasting and feasting. To fast from judging others, feast on Christ present in others. Fast from differences with others; feast on the unity with all life. Fast from darkness; feast on light. Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God. Fast from hostility; feast on peacemaking. Fast from words that damage others. Feast on phrases that build up. Fast from anger; feast on understanding. Fast from worry; feast on trust in God's presence. Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness. Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation and thanksgiving. Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others. Fast from suspicion; feast on truth. Fast from discouragement; feast on hope. Fast from problems that overwhelm. Feast on prayer that brings strength.



FASTING AND ABSTINENCE – CODE OF CANON LAW:

Canon 1250 All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.

Canon 1251 Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Canon 1252 All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fasting up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

Canon 1253 It is for the conference of bishops to determine more precisely the observance of fast and abstinence and to substitute in whole or in part for fast and abstinence other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety.

QUOTATIONS ABOUT LENT:

"Are you capable of risking your life for someone? Do it for Christ." – St. Pope John Paul the Great "Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." -- Pope Francis "As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor -- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." – St.Teresa of Calcutta



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In our latest Journey Through Scripture study, get ready to join host Scott Hahn to uncover how and why all of God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass. Details at this link:

https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass/



40 DAYS TO GRACE AND GLORY:

This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for Daily Lenten Reflections. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life. Available for free on FORMED.

Sign up to receive daily emails at formed.org/lent.



For your ongoing support of our parish, (including those for the St. Vincent de Paul) may be dropped off in person when the church is open for private prayer or sent through the mail.



SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES:

A set of offering envelopes will be prepared for you to pick up at the parish office.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING:

This new way of supporting the church is now being offered in our parish and many of our parishioners may find this method practical and convenient.

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We will continue to update you as the situation evolves through our parish website. We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy.

May God continue to bless you now and always!

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Sunday Masses (Messe Domenicali)

5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:00 am

11:30 am

1:00 pm

5:00 pm

English

English

Italian

English

English

Latin

(Inglese)

(Inglese)

(Italiano)

(Inglese)

(Latino)

(Inglese)

Parish Groups

We invite you to consider joining a parish group. For more information, please call 416-759-9359.

- Altar Servers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Lectors
- Choir 5:00 pm English Mass
- Choir 10:00 am Italian Mass
- Choir 11:30 am English Mass
- Ushers
- St. Lawrence Women's Group...1st Sunday of every month after 8:30 am Mass
- St. Vincent de Paul Society (Helpline 416-410-3589)
 2nd and 4th Monday of each month
- The Craft Group...every Tuesday after 8:30 am Mass
- Knights of Columbus...3rd Monday of every month at 7:30 pm
- Legion of Mary...every Tuesday at 7pm
- Marian Movement for Priests...every Wednesday following 8:30 am Mass
- Youth Group...2nd and last Saturday of the month at 2 pm
- Charismatic Prayer Meeting Friday Night at 7:00pm

Parish Office

Julia Di Paolo....Parish Secretary

Office Hours	
Mon to Thurs: 9:15 am -12:00 pm	Mon to T
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	
Friday9:15 am - 1:00 pm	
Sunday9:30 am - 1:00 pm	Sunday
Closed on Saturday and holidays	Closed

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Dal Lun al Gio: 9:15 am-12:00pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Venerdi......9:15 am - 1:00pm Domenica......9:30 am - 1:00 pm Sabato e giorni di festa: Ufficio Chiuso



FAX: 416-759-6725

Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Roy Farrell	Pastor of St. Lawrence Martyr
Rev. Fr. Jimmy Joseph	Associate Pastor of St. Lawrence Martyr
Rev. Fr. Russell Asch	Chaplain to the Faithful participating in the
	Extraordinary Rite of the Latin Mass

Sat. Vigil

(Sabato)

Sunday

(Domenica)

Confessions								
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Daily Ma (Giorni F	Mon (Lun)	Tues (Mar)	Wed (Mer)	Thur (Gio)	Fri (Ven)	Sat (Sab)
English Latin		8:30 am 11:00 am		8:30 am 7:00 am		8:30 am 10:00 am

* Weekday Latin Masses subject to change due to funeral or absence of priest. Latin Masses are of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, according to the 1962 Missal. * Messe nei giorni feriali latino sono soggetti a variazioni a causa di funerale o assenza del sacerdote. Messe latine sono della forma straordinaria del Rito Romano, secondo il Messale del 1962.

Eucharistic Holy Hours

- Sunday Evenings: 4:00 pm 5:00 pm
- First Fridays: 7:15 am 8:15 am, 9:15 am 6:30 pm, 8:00 pm 4:00 am
- For Baptism, Marriage and Sacrament of the Sick:
- Please contact the parish office at 416-759-9359
- Parish School: St. Lawrence Catholic School

2216 Lawrence Ave. East, Scarborough, ON Tel.:416-393-5264

Devotions

- Rosary: 8:00 am Monday through Saturday
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 8:25 am Wednesdays
- Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Mon. after the 8:30am Mass (Oct-May)
- Novena to St. Anthony of Padua: For thirteen Tuesdays in preparation for the Feast of St. Anthony

BAPTISMS

Baptism takes place on the Second Sunday of each month. Pre-baptism instructions are provided to parents and sponsors who must be practicing Catholics. Contact parish office for details.

MARRIAGES

Contact the parish priest at least one year in advance of the marriage. Engaged couples must attend a marriage preparation course offered by the Archdiocese. Please contact the parish office for more details. FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS Please contact parish office for details

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Please contact parish office for details.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS Please contact parish office to arrange a visit.

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