

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR, APRIL 11th FROM 3PM TO 4PM. Please sign up on <u>parish website</u> or <u>click here</u>. Confessions will be available from 2:00 pm to 2: 45 pm in parish hall.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

The Church is responding to the problems we all face as a result of this pandemic with great seriousness and generosity. The Holy Father is throwing wide open the doors of the Church's storehouses of grace for the faithful, making it as easy as possible for all of us to be assured of the graces we need to speed the sick and the dying through Purgatory, and to be assured of the graces needed for salvation at the moment of our deaths.

Spread the news of these special graces to every Catholic on the front lines of facing this disease that you know. Make sure they know how to make use of these graces.

NEW PLENARY INDULGENCE:

Because of the pandemic, anyone who, with "the will to fulfil the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible," recites the <u>Divine Mercy Chaplet</u> with the intention "to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself," can receive a plenary indulgence each day.

QUOTATION FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA:

"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest." (No. 1507)

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN TOGETHER,

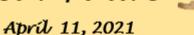
with the faithful throughout the world in prayer during this worldwide health crisis. Let us pray that the Lord, in His Mercy, reach out from heaven to heal those afflicted with the virus - and intervene by the Power of the Holy Spirit - to bring an end to its devastation.

Let us pray for the Church – and for all of her clergy and faithful - that she would be a witness to the Power of Living Faith in Jesus Christ and share the Good News of Jesus Christ to a world steeped in fear and darkness.

May the Lord bless you, your families, the Church and the Nations of the world.



Dear Padre





I get a lot of questions from Protestant friends about the Catholic "obsession" (as they put it) with Mary. What should I say to them?

A convert to Catholicism tells the story of a dinner he had with a friend who had a very evangelical outlook. As they talked about the new Catholic's decision to convert, the friend asked hesitantly, "What do you think about Mary?" The new Catholic smiled and said, "I think she's wonderful, don't you?" The friend responded with an embarrassed "Yes, but...."

If Catholics and Protestants can begin with this premise—that Mary is wonderful—it might be possible to step back and consider why. Mary is an extraordinary human being who holds a special place in the Christian faith for two reasons: first, it was through her that God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ; and second, she was the first to believe in Jesus' mission and ministry.

All Catholic doctrine about Mary refers to two special relationships. She has a special relationship with God because she bore the "Godman" in her womb. She also has a special relationship with us because she was the first Christian.

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GOSPEL SUMMARY:

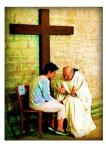
Three times in this Gospel passage Jesus says to his disciples, "Peace be with you." The first time, he appears to the disciples as they huddle behind locked doors for fear of

the Jews. The second time, he breathes upon them the Holy Spirit and gives them the power to forgive sins. The third time, Jesus again appears to the disciples as they are gathered behind locked doors. "Peace be with you," he says to them.



REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:

One of the best-loved Catholic prayers is the Prayer of Saint Francis. It begins with the familiar words, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." As you think about your role in the workplace, in your community, and most especially in your home, where are your opportunities to be an instrument of Christ's peace? Can you offer a word of peace and healing to an upset child, an angry coworker, or a neighbor who has just received difficult news? Can you help end an argument or disagreement with a peaceful word or with a peaceful presence? As you go about your daily work and the routine of family life, echo Jesus' words in prayer: "Peace be with you." And join Saint Francis in praying, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."



BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Today's Gospel reading reminds us that Christ gave and continues to give the power to forgive sins to the Church through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. If your family was not able to celebrate this Sacrament during the season of Lent, today—the Second Sunday of Easter and the Sunday of Divine Mercy—is a wonderful day to celebrate it. Many churches make the Sacrament available on this special Sunday of the Easter season.



DISCUSSION STARTERS:

In place of discussion starter questions, invite family members to quiet themselves. Then ask them slowly to repeat Jesus' words, "Peace be with you,"

several times, aloud and together. Ask family members to think of those to whom they want to offer Christ's gift of peace. They may hold those names quietly in their hearts or speak them aloud. After a few moments, say together, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." Conclude by offering spontaneous prayers for peace in the world, in the Church, in your community, and in your family.

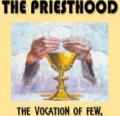
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FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

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, Bill Cook, Tony Tersigni.



THE SALVATION OF MANY

VOCATION REFLECTION:

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing

more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon. Call **Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocations,** Archdiocese of Toronto. Tel No. 416-968-0997

Email <u>vocations@archtoronto.org</u> Website <u>https://www.vocationstoronto.ca</u>

MASSES - MESSE

SATURDAY APRIL 10TH – SABATO 5:00 P.M. – + Emil & Rita Goveia

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 11TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – In Thanksgiving

10:00 A.M. – Susanna e Gianni Onisto - Concetta Lembo Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Angelo Lamanna Vito Sciuto e defunti famiglia - Mike e Vito Cuoppolo Maria e Vincenzo Ciraco - Vito Baudo e defunti famiglia Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e defunti famiglia Vito De Nardo e defunti famiglia - Antonino Lisciandro Leonarda Racioppo e defunti famiglia Antonino Tuccitto e defunti famiglia Vincenzo Pitino e defunti famiglia Sierra Schaefer - L'Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. – Living & Deceased Members of the 11:30 am Choir

1:00 P.M. – Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. - + How Chun Lun

MONDAY APRIL 12TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Mr. & Mrs. Lam Cheong 11:00 A.M. – + Paul & Pauline Lam

TUESDAY APRIL 13TH - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. – Sheila Lee 11:00 A.M. – + Chrissie Ameresekere

WEDNESDAY APRIL 14TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Everard, Dorothy & Patrick D'Costa 11:00 A.M. – John Miceli

THURSDAY APRIL 15TH - GIOVEDI SANTO

7:00 A.M. – Marie de Souza 8:30 A.M. – + Maria Zanre

FRIDAY APRIL 16TH - VENERDI SANTO

8:30 A.M. – + Fr. Liam Gavigan 7:00 P.M. – + Anne de Souza

SATURDAY APRIL 17TH - SABATO SANTO

8:30 A.M. – + Leonora Balinton 10:00 A.M. – + Cecilia Mariano Pomeroy



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

Building a Community of Stewardship. As we continue along in this season of Easter, we are invited to reflect on the lives of the early Christians. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear the wonderful account of them living in great unity and joy as they were "of one heart and soul." It says that "there was not a needy person among them" because everyone shared of their gifts for the good of the entire community.

This is the perfect model of a community where stewardship reigns. A parish community built on stewardship is one in which every member is welcomed, involved and nourished. The parish should be seen as our second home. It is where we join together with our brothers and sisters in Christ so that we can love and serve God side by side.

How well are we contributing to the building up of our community of stewardship? We must all play our own role in building up the Church. In the same way the early Christians offered all of themselves for the sake of the mission, we too should offer all of our gifts to the parish. We should spend time praying in the church and journeying with fellow parishioners through the joys and trials of their lives. Moreover,

all of our talents and gifts should be offered up to the service of various ministries and apostolates within the parish. In this way, we will be able to echo the words from the first reading and joyfully proclaim: "There was not a needy person among them."

Summary. In the first reading we hear the wonderful account of the early Christians living a beautiful community of stewardship in which they were all "of one heart and soul." Likewise, in the same way the early Christians offered all of themselves for the sake of the Church, we too should offer the gifts of our time and talent to our parish community. In this way, we will be able to echo the words from the first reading and joyfully proclaim: "There was not a needy person among them."



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SHARELIFE

The pandemic has significantly impacted the needs of those suffering within our community, creating an increased demand for the work of our ShareLife-funded agencies, and more funding is required from the annual ShareLife appeal. It is the greatest need our agencies have ever witnessed and we are being called to rise to the challenge to support them. With your help, ShareLife will continue to be there, living the Gospel by providing for those in need. The campaign goal for our parish is \$42, 500. April 18th is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

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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.

Please call the parish office (416-759-9359) for the way of giving that is right for you.

TO DONATE ON-LINE:

Alternately to donate to St. Lawrence Martyr Parish on-line, please <u>click here Archdiocese of Toronto</u> and select St. Lawrence Martyr Parish from the drop list.

REGISTRATION OF NEW PARISHIONER: Please click here.

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

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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			
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm			
Friday9:15 am - 1:00 pm			
Sunday9:30 am - 1:00 pm			
Closed on Saturday and holidays			

Orario Di Ufficio

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								
Saturdays following 8:30 am Mass								
Saturday4:15 to 4:45 pm								
Any time by request								
Confessioni								

Contessioni					
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Daily Mas (Giorni Fe	Mon (Lun)	Tues (Mar)	Wed (Mer)	Thur (Gio)	Fri (Ven)	Sat (Sab)
English Latin	 8:30 am 11:00 am	8:30 am 11:00 am		8:30 am 7:00 am	8:30 am 7:00 p.m.	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.

Welcome New Parishioners!

We invite you to come and register your family at the parish office.

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