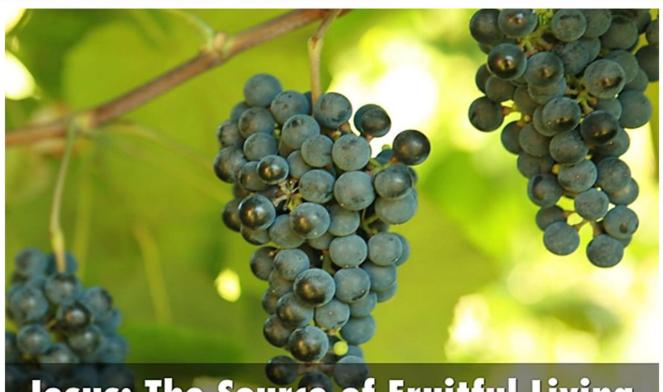
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Jesus: The Source of Fruitful Living
John 15:1-8

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

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# Dear Padre May 2, 2021



Why is the Church considering a word change to the Our Father? It seems fine as it is.

Of the two versions of the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11:2-4 and Matthew 6:9-13, Luke's is more concise. The petition, "and lead us not into temptation" in Greek means both "do not allow us to enter into temptation" and "do not let us yield to temptation" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2846). The Catechism includes the explanation from James 1:13: "God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one," to certify that God "wants to set us free from evil. We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin." Consequently, Pope Francis reportedly approved the English wording, "do not let us fall into temptation" to replace "lead us not into temptation."

"It is not a good translation because it speaks of a God who induces temptation," the Pope said in 2017. "I am the one who falls. It's not him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen." On the contrary, "a father helps you to get up immediately," he added. "It's Satan who leads us into temptation—that's his department."

However, unlike the change in the Italian Lord's Prayer that will appear in their third edition of The Roman Missal, no immediate plans have been made to change the wording in English-speaking countries.

> Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR @ 2021 Liguori Publications

# **GOSPEL SUMMARY:**

Jesus uses the image of a vine and its branches to help his listeners understand the interconnectedness and relationships between God the Father, Jesus, and all followers of Jesus. Jesus is



the vine and we, the followers, are the branches that grow from that vine. The way we glorify God is by bearing much fruit and by becoming disciples of Jesus.



# **REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:**

Today's Gospel invites you to consider what you are doing in your domestic Church, the Church of your home, to

remain connected to the vine (Jesus) and to the vine grower (God the Father). Have any attitudes, behaviors, choices, or practices crept into family life and weakened or broken your connection to Jesus, the vine? If so, what can you do to reestablish or strengthen the connection?

# **BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:**

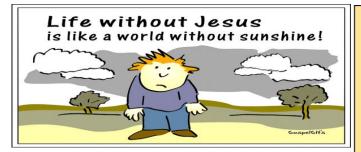
Bring your "Reflection for Parents" into a family discussion of what you are doing to remain strong in your connection to the vine (Jesus) and to the vine grower (God the Father). Then talk about things that are happening that could potentially weaken your connection to Jesus, the vine. For

example, the Sunday sports schedule is taking precedence over attending Sunday Mass and religious education classes. Or, the busy pace of weeknights has



crowded out time for family prayer at the end of the day. Make a plan to re-energize your connection to the vine, and work together to accomplish the plan!

# ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH May 2, 2021 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



# **DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

Use today's discussion time to take a walk together. Notice new growth on the trees and bushes, and pause in your walk to name ways you are growing in faith and bearing good fruit. Continue walking, and point out any dead branches or leaves that have fallen away from the trees. Pause to quietly pray for forgiveness for any ways in which you have turned away from Jesus, the vine.

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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.



# **VOCATION REFLECTION:**

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or

permanent deacon, call **Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocations,** Archdiocese of Toronto.

Tel No. 416-968-0997

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Website https://www.vocationstoronto.ca

# MASSES - MESSE

# SATURDAY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> - SABATO

5:00 P.M. - + Andre Goveia

# SUNDAY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - + Vijay Babu

10:00 A.M. – In Ringraziamento Alla Madonna di Valleverde

Susanna e Gianni Onisto – Msgr Arnaldo Onisto
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Angelo Lamanna
Vito Sciuto e defunti famiglia - Antonio Pagliaro
Mike e Vito Cuoppolo – Antonino Lisciandro
Vito Baudo e defunti famiglia
Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e defunti famiglia
Vito de Nardo e defunti famiglia
Giuseppe Lamanna e defunti famiglia

11:30 A.M. - + Maria Tiboc

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. - + Jacqueline Anne Cordova

# MONDAY MAY 3RD - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. - + Aurea Abas

11:00 A.M. - Family of Agnes Leung

# TUESDAY MAY 4TH - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. - + Benedict D' Souza

11:00 A.M. - Steve Fitz-Charles

# WEDNESDAY MAY 5TH - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. - + Janusz Porawa

11:00 A.M. - + Paul & Pauline Lam

# THURSDAY MAY 6TH - GIOVEDI SANTO

7:00 A.M. - John Miceli

8:30 A.M. - Divina Gaerlan

# FRIDAY MAY 7TH - VENERDI SANTO

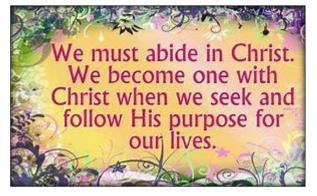
8:30 A.M. - Eslyn Ramsbotham

7:00 P.M. - + William Joseph Pomeroy

# SATURDAY MAY 8TH - SABATO SANTO

8:30 A.M. - + Bridgith D' Souza

10:00 A.M. – + Deceased Members Mariano & Fulgado Families



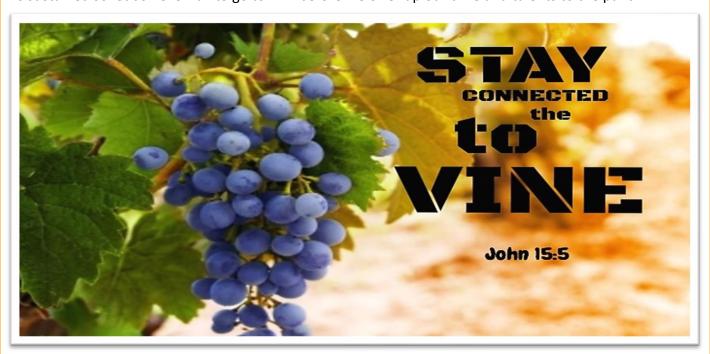
### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

Abiding in Christ: In today's Gospel we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus, the true vine. Jesus says "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." As stewards, there is much to be gleaned through reflecting on this passage. Firstly, Jesus desires to abide in us. He does this whenever we receive Him in the Eucharist. In the same way, we are called to abide in Him by prayerfully placing our very

selves in His presence, whether it's through praying in our rooms or before the Blessed Sacrament. This close relationship with Jesus is where our stewardship originates and is sustained. Jesus bluntly proclaims that we can do nothing without abiding in Him first.

As stewards, more than the actual works we perform, we are giving other people Christ through our time and talents. We can only give what we have first received. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that we focus on our prayer life above all. For example, before we plan on giving our time to a fellow parishioner and journeying with them, let us say a prayer asking God for the strength to work through us. Similarly, before we offer up our talents through various ministries in the parish, we should try to say a prayer asking that our works may point others to Christ, not to ourselves. Therefore, through abiding in Christ we may share His love and presence with others.

**Summary**: In today's Gospel Jesus says "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." We can abide in Jesus by placing ourselves in His presence whenever we pray and He likewise abides in us, especially through receiving Him in the Eucharist. This close relationship with Jesus is where our stewardship originates and is sustained so let us never fail to go to Him before we offer up our time and talents to the parish.





THE MONTH OF MAY is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a moving tribute of faith and love paid to the Queen of Heaven... Since this is a perfect occasion, do not fail to put repeated emphasis on the recitation of the Rosary, the prayer so pleasing to Our Lady. (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May. Legion of Mary)

**QUOTATIONS ON MARY**: "In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart. And that you may obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps. With her for guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favor, you shall reach the goal."

--Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, Father and Doctor of the Church

"If you invoke the Blessed Virgin when you are tempted, she will come at once to your help, and Satan will leave you." --St. John Vianney

"When we were little, we kept close to our mother in a dark alley or if dogs barked at us. Now, when we feel temptations of the flesh, we should run to the side of our Mother in Heaven, by realizing how she is to us, and by means of aspirations. She will defend us and lead us to the light." --St. Josemaria Escriva



AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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### Dear Parishioners,

We at Campaign Life Coalition, feel the call to intensify our efforts to bring back a *Culture of Life*. We cannot do it alone, however, and Coins for Life is one of the few fundraising projects we do to help us fight the battle for the Sanctity of Life.

Campaign Life Coalition (CLC) is a grassroots organization dedicated to winning this moral struggle with the support of caring and principled people like you. CLC accomplishes its work by:

- Publishing materials to educate people on "life" issues
- Organizing special events and conferences, e.g., Life Chain, March for Life
- Summer internship programs for high school and university students
- Research on public issues
- Liaising with elected officials nationally and internationally

# The methodology of *Coins for Life* is simple:

- Print out the container label
- Label your own container (cottage cheese container is a good example)
- At the end of the campaign on May 31, 2021 count up the money
- Send in the money to Campaign Life Coalition by e-transfer to <a href="mailto:deny@campaignlifecoalition.com">deny@campaignlifecoalition.com</a> or a cheque made out to Campaign Life Coalition, please let us know which parish you are from
- Mail cheque to: Campaign Life Coalition 157 Catharine St. N., 2nd Floor Hamilton, ON, L8L 4S4
- Families can contact Campaign Life Coalition with their name and address if they wish to be thanked in a personal way at <a href="lee@campaignlifecoalition.com">lee@campaignlifecoalition.com</a> or 416-267-7126

Any donation to CLC is greatly appreciated and will help us continue in this ongoing battle. We thank you very much for your ongoing support.

With gratitude for Life,
Jenny Lee
Coins For Life Project Manager
Campaign Life Coalition
416-267-7126 lee@campaignlifecoalition.co



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.



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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 Friday.......9:15 am - 1:00 pm Sunday......9:30 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 giomi di festa: Ufficio Chiuso



### 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          |

#### Confessions

| Saturdays following | 8:30 | am    | Mass  |
|---------------------|------|-------|-------|
| Saturday            | 4:15 | to 4: | 45 pm |
| Any time by request |      |       |       |

# Confessioni

| Sunday Masses (Messe Domenicali) |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Sat. Vigil<br>(Sabato)           | 5:00 pm   | English   | (Inglese)   |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday<br>(Domenica)             | 8:30 am<br>10:00 am<br>11:30 am<br>1:00 pm<br>5:00 pm | English<br>Italian<br>English<br>Latin<br>English | (Inglese)<br>(Italiano)<br>(Inglese)<br>(Latino)<br>(Inglese) |  |  |  |  |

| Daily Mas        | Mon   | Tues                | Wed   | Thur  | Fri   | Sat                 |
|------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------|
| (Giorni Fe       | (Lun) | (Mar)               | (Mer) | (Gio) | (Ven) | (Sab)               |
| English<br>Latin |       | 8:30 am<br>11:00 am |       |       |       | 8:30 am<br>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

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# 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

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