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A large, textured red heart shape is centered on a background of vertical wooden planks. The heart has a slightly distressed, painted appearance with some darker spots. The wood planks are light-colored with visible grain and some darker staining or knots.

Greater love has no one than this,
Greater love has no one than this,
Greater love has no one than this,
Greater love has no one than this,

This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
Greater love has no one than this,
that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus' Secret to Joy

JESUS: OUR BEST FRIEND

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Dear Padre
May 9, 2021



How does a priest keep the confession of a grievous sin by someone he knows from affecting their personal relationship?

One of a priest's most sacred responsibilities is the confidentiality of the confessional. This confidentiality encompasses everyone—even the priest and penitent outside the confessional. A priest is not allowed to discuss the confessed sin with the person outside the confessional unless permission is granted for further counseling.

The confessor is also forbidden to use any knowledge gained through the sacrament of reconciliation to restrict the penitent. For instance, if a pastor's bookkeeper confessed he was embezzling money, the pastor could not use the knowledge acquired in the confessional to fire the person.

Priests generally try to forget the specific sins parishioners confess to us, and it really isn't that difficult. Contrary to what many think, a parishioner's sins do not rush into my mind when I speak to him or her.

We have all sinned, done things we are ashamed of, things we wouldn't want anyone to know about, things we wouldn't want others to define us by. This knowledge and the grace of the sacrament help us look past the mistakes of others and recognize Christ within them.

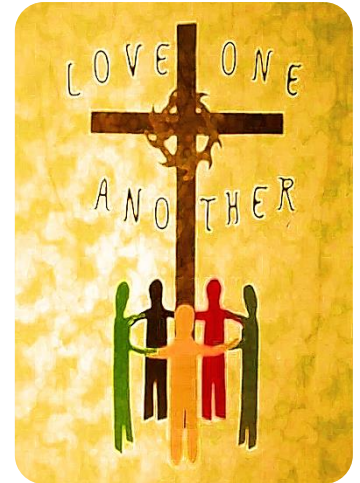
Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR
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GOSPEL SUMMARY:

Today's Gospel reading paints a picture of a complete circle of love. God the Father loved his Son, Jesus. Jesus loves his disciples. Jesus' disciples, including each of us, love others. We are a part of this circle of love because God has chosen us to be a part of it.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

The daily demands of family, home, and jobs make life very full and busy. But we need to answer Jesus' invitation to widen the circle of love by caring for others and sharing with them the Good News of the Gospel. When our children see us taking time to reach out to others in need of God's love and our love too, they come to know firsthand what it means to love one another as Jesus has loved us. Take some quiet time to think about those you could reach out to and draw into the circle of God's love. Invite your family to join you in the effort to love others in the way that Jesus loves you.



BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks us to love others the way he has loved and continues to love us. It is easy to love those who love us in return. But what about those we find to be difficult to love? Invite family members to quietly think about those persons in their lives. Then, without naming names, brainstorm ways to show Jesus' love to those who are difficult to love. Encourage each

family member to put at least one idea into action in the coming week.

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DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. One person who always makes me feel loved and welcomed is . . .
2. One person I know who needs to be invited into the circle of God's love is . . .
3. One thing I can do to remain in God's love is . . .

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



VOCATION REFLECTION:

The greatest love story that ever happened: God's continuing love for His people. All God asks is "Love one another as I have loved you".

The world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Priests, religious and deacons can be excellent examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God's call, 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 8TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. – Fr. Roy Farrell

SUNDAY MAY 9TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – + Ruby Beck

10:00 A.M. – Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Mike e Vito Cuoppolo-Maria, Vito e Fernando Vitro
Assunta e Pietro Pecorari-Ida e Romualdo Cucco

Agata Lopresti-Costantino - Maria Baroni

Emma Francesci - Maria Ciraco

Natalizia Covato - Concetta Tuccitto

Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie Carlevaris e Nevodini
L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. – For The Two Michaels in China

1:00 P.M. – Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. – + Patrick & Mary Nicol

MONDAY MAY 10TH – LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. – + Jesus Lee

11:00 A.M. – Oto Lam & Family

TUESDAY MAY 11TH – MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. – Mary P. Nicol

11:00 A.M. – Oto Lam & Family

WEDNESDAY MAY 12TH – MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. – Marylou Gaerlan

11:00 A.M. – Laura Miceli

THURSDAY MAY 13TH – GIOVEDÌ SANTO

7:00 A.M. – + Noel Geniza

8:30 A.M. – John & Margaret Caldarone

FRIDAY MAY 14TH – VENERDÌ SANTO

8:30 A.M. – Fr. John Weber

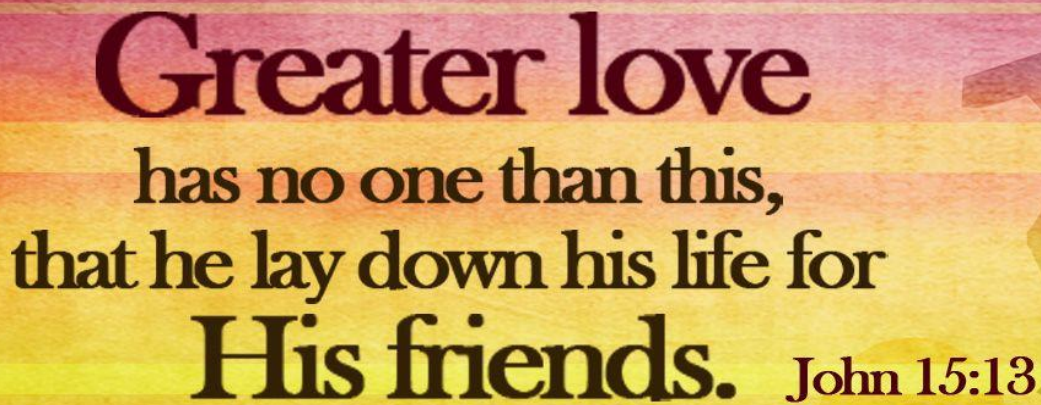
7:00 P.M. – Fr. Russell Asch

SATURDAY MAY 15TH – SABATO SANTO

8:30 A.M. – + Jennifer Jacob

10:00 A.M. – Fr. Russell Asch





Greater love
has no one than this,
that he lay down his life for
His friends. John 15:13

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Laying Down our Lives: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” are the beautiful words we hear from Jesus in the Gospel today. Jesus goes on to say that He no longer calls us servants but His friends. This is the radical truth of our faith. That God became man in order to befriend us and show His love for us through His death on the cross. As stewards we too are called to befriend Christ and lay down our lives for Him.

While the most literal way to lay down our life is to become a martyr for the faith, few are actually called to this type of death. It is more likely that we are called to lay down our lives by sacrificing our own wills and own comforts for the sake of the Kingdom. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI says, “The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.” This is how we can display love’s greatest act in our lives, to live not for ourselves but to live for the Gospel.

As stewards, we can live for the Gospel by giving our time and talents to our parish community. Our lives are made out of time, so to freely offer our time to help serve those in our community is a beautiful way to lovingly give to others. Likewise, to give of ourselves through the sharing of our talents is another way to lay down our lives for Christ and the Church. Let us strive to commit more faithfully to our call of stewardship.



Summary:

As stewards, we are called to befriend Christ and lay down our lives for Him for there is “no greater love than this.” Since it’s unlikely that we’ll be called to martyrdom, we are instead called to lay down our lives by sacrificing our own wills and own comforts for the sake of the Kingdom. Let us strive to accomplish this through a renewed commitment to stewardship.

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THE CHURCH DEDICATES THE MONTH OF MAY TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, the Mother of God. We need first to remember that Mary changed the world by her simple “yes.” She agreed to do the will of God. She gave Jesus to the world, and the world has never been the same since. Mary’s example inspires and challenges us to live our Christian faith. Because she consented to be the Mother of God, Mary risked shame, criticism, misunderstanding,

and even false accusations. We know that living a Christian life is not easy. We too risk being ridiculed by a society that supports many forms of immorality. We are called to be courageous and faithful to God and to the Church.

Mary encourages us to be people of prayer. The great prayer of Mary, her Magnificat (Luke 1: 46-55), is a prayer that sings gloriously of God’s presence in her life. As Catholics, we have a particular devotion to the rosary. The rosary is a meditation on New Testament Scripture events in the life of Jesus and Mary, and it uses our basic Catholic prayers as a framework: the Sign of the Cross, the Apostles’ Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be. It draws the body, mind, and spirit of an individual into an inner place where one can pray even when surrounded by many distractions.

During this month of May, let us open our hearts to the many graces and blessings that Mary, the Mother of God, the first and most loving disciple of Christ wishes to offer us and to seek her protection for all the faithful, from the continuing Covid-19 pandemic.



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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First Holy Communion and Confirmation Celebrations Delayed:

Due to the stay-at-home order, we have postponed our First Communion and Confirmation Celebrations normally planned for early May. Our new tentative dates will be confirmed once the current restrictions are lifted. Please continue to pray for our First Communion and Confirmation candidates and their families!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! The pastoral staff at St. Lawrence the Martyr wishes all mothers in the parish a very Happy Mother's Day! You are a blessing to our parish community.

It seems hard to believe, but this is the second Mother's Day during the ongoing Pandemic.

We want to be sure that we take an extra special approach to Mother's Day this year! Many have continued to work full-time jobs and all the extra duties that come with being a Godly Mom who loves her family.

We here at St. Lawrence's Church want to express our appreciation for how Moms have taken the "lemons" life has offered over the past months and made amazing and delicious "lemonade"!

So many would say that "it's just what a Mom does who loves her family," we know that the hours of sacrifice and extra labor have been tiring. Yet, you do it because of your undying love for those God has entrusted to your care.

The words "thank you" seem so small in light of all our Moms have done, but we will do our best to make that "thank you" as special as possible.

I realize even Mother's Day for this year will most likely be much different.

We WILL get through this together!

Whatever the case, remember that we love and appreciate you and are so thankful for you as you continue to work on the "front of the front lines." Father Roy



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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 [click here Archdiocese of Toronto](#) and select St. Lawrence Martyr Parish from the drop list.

REGISTRATION OF NEW PARISHIONER:

Please [click here](#).



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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 giorni di festa: Ufficio Chiuso



Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Roy Farrell.....Pastor of St. Lawrence Martyr
Rev. Fr. Jimmy JosephAssociate Pastor of St. Lawrence Martyr
Rev. Fr. Russell AschChaplain 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

Sabato dopo la messa delle 8:30am
Sabato.....4:15 alle 4:45 pm
Qualsiasi altro giorno a richiesta dei fedeli.

Sunday Masses (Messe Domenicali)

Sat. Vigil (Sabato)	5:00 pm	English (Inglese)
Sunday (Domenica)	8:30 am	English (Inglese)
	10:00 am	Italian (Italiano)
	11:30 am	English (Inglese)
	1:00 pm	Latin (Latino)
	5:00 pm	English (Inglese)

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