

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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JULY 4, 2021 – ORDINARY TIME 14TH SUNDAY



PARISH OFFICE and HOURS:

Julia Di Paolo — Parish Secretary

Mon to Thurs: 9:15 AM — 12:00 PM

1:00 PM — 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:15 AM — 1:00 PM

Sunday: 9:15 AM — 1:00 PM

Closed on Saturday and Holidays

PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. Fr. Roy Farrell, *Pastor*

Rev. Fr. Jimmy Joseph, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Fr. Russell Asch, *Chaplain to the Faithful participating
in the Extraordinary Rite of the Latin Mass*

SUNDAY MASSES:

Sign up required. Please visit the [Parish Website](#).

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday Mass : 8:30 am (English)

10:00 am (Italian)

11:30 am (English)

1:00 pm (Latin)

5:00 pm (English)

DAILY MASSES:

English: 8:30 am Monday to Saturday

Latin: 11:00 am Monday to Wednesday

7:00 am Thursday

7:00 pm Friday

10:00 am Saturday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays following the 8:30 am Mass

Saturdays 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm

Any time by request

PARISH GROUPS:

We invite you to consider joining a parish group.

For more information, call the parish office.

**FOR SACRAMENTS (BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANNOINT-
ING of the SICK, RCIA, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND
CONFIRMATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL):**

Please contact the parish office Tel No. 416-759-9359

PARISH SCHOOL:

St. Lawrence Catholic School Tel No. 416-393-5264

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The Audacity of Unbelief

Mark 6:1-6



When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things, and what is this wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands?"

Mark 6:2

MARK 6:3



"Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, And brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" AND THEY TOOK OFFENCE AT HIM.

JESUS SAID TO THEM,

"A prophet is not without honour except in his own hometown, among his own relatives and in his own household."



Mark 6:4

And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.

Mark 6:5



GOSPEL SUMMARY:

In last week's Gospel reading, Jesus was able to heal the woman with the hemorrhage and to raise to life the daughter of Jairus because of the great faith each person possessed. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus is unable to perform any mighty deeds because of the lack of faith of the people in his hometown. He comments, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house" (Mark 6:4).

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of being without honor in one's hometown, among one's family members, and in one's own home. In contrast, the Fourth Commandment states, "Honor your father and mother." A person of honor—a person who gains honor—is a person of honesty, uprightness, ethics, morals, principles, virtue, goodness, and integrity. Take some quiet time to think about these qualities of a person—a parent—who deserves honor. Ask God to show you where you may need to grow and change.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

The Good News that Jesus had hoped to share with those in his hometown is the same Good News God calls us to share today. Invite family members to name this Good News. (For example: God has chosen you to be his own. God loves you. God forgives you. God has a plan for your life. God wants you to spend eternity in Heaven with him.)

Talk about how you have shared or have tried to share this Good News with others in your family, with friends, with coworkers, or with classmates. Have they listened to what you had to say or not? How did this make you feel? How do you think Jesus felt when people in his hometown wouldn't listen to what he had to say?

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- 1-The Good News I would like to share today with our family is
- 2-Someone else I know who needs to hear this Good News is..
- 3-I will share this Good News with him/her by ...

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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, Bill Cook, Domingo Catolos.

"Pray without ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:17



VOCATION REFLECTION:

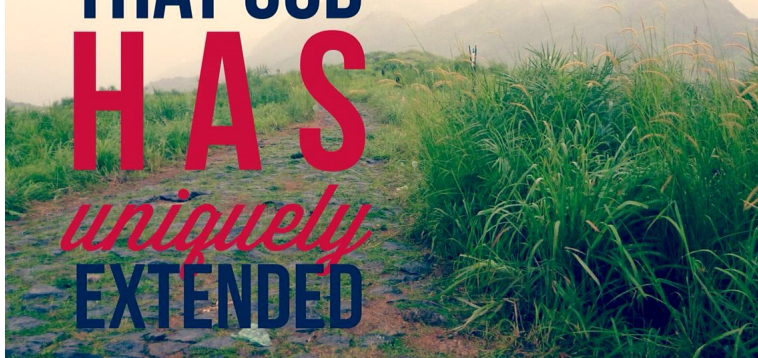
Today's readings speak of prophets sent by God. Could God be calling you to be His voice in His Church at this time?

If so, you could give it a try by responding to that inclination towards priesthood, religious life or the diaconate call:

Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocations,
Archdiocese of Toronto. Tel No. 416-968-0997
Email vocations@archtoronto.org
Website <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca>



**DON'T
MISS
—THE—
BLESSINGS
THAT GOD
HAS
uniquely
EXTENDED**



Dear Padre

July 4, 2021

**Does religious freedom mean we're
free to worship whoever and
whatever we wish?
I thought Jesus gave us rules on this?**



Jesus gave us the gift of freedom. Even as he hung on the cross, he didn't use force to change the minds of people or coerce them to believe in him. His example shaped the Declaration on Religious Freedom (Dignitatis Humanae), a document from the Second Vatican Council. The council gave us several principles that outline our beliefs about religious freedom:

First, God has made known to us the way in which we are to serve God and find salvation and eternal life in Jesus.

Second, this one true religion consists in the catholic and apostolic Church. To this Church, the Lord himself committed the obligation and duty to spread the truth that salvation in Jesus is ours.

Third, all people are bound to seek the truth, to embrace the truth they come to know, and to hold fast to that truth.

Finally, all of us have a right to be immune from coercion by individuals, social groups, or other human powers. No one is to be forced to act contrary to personal beliefs or prevented from acting in accord with those beliefs.

This also means that if people choose to reject Christ, they must not be forced to do anything against their will. The judgment for their actions must be left up to God. As a Church, we proclaim the truth of Christ and set high standards for membership in the Church, but we do not force people to convert or believe.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR @ 2021 Liguori Publications

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MASSES - MESSE

SATURDAY JULY 3RD – SABATO

5:00 P.M. – + Terry Reilly



SUNDAY JULY 4TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – Charles & Stephanie Bagasan

10:00 A.M. – Susanna e Gianni Onisto

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Angelo Lamanna

Vito Sciuto e defunti famiglia

Mike e Vito Cuoppolo

Vito Bauda e defunti Famiglia

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e defunti famiglia

Vito De Nardo e defunti famiglia

Antonino Lisicandro - Lisa Garofalo

11:30 A.M. – + Joseph Howard

5:00 P.M. – + Holy Souls In Purgatory

MONDAY JULY 5TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Vicente & Filomena Gaerlan

11:00 A.M. – + Anthony De Mello

TUESDAY JULY 6TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Christiampillai Anthonypillai

11:00 A.M. – Agnes Leung

WEDNESDAY JULY 7TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Janusz Porawa

11:00 A.M. – + Paul & Pauline Lam

THURSDAY JULY 8TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. – + Martin Rodrigo

8:30 A.M. – + Filomena & Benigno Abas

FRIDAY JULY 9TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. – + Deceased Tamburro & Caccavella Families

7:00 P.M. – + Candida Dizon

SATURDAY JULY 10TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. – + Iris Ramsbotham

10:00 A.M. – Oto Lam & Family

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.

Worship Through Giving

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all-sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

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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"AND HE COULD DO NO DEED OF POWER THERE, EXCEPT THAT HE LAID HIS HANDS ON A FEW SICK PEOPLE AND CURED THEM?"

I KNOW, RIGHT?

THEIR UNBELIEF CONSTRAINS, BUT WON'T STOP JESUS. "THE KINGDOM OF GOD COMES WITHOUT OUR PRAYING FOR IT..."

IT'S LIKE HE CAN'T EVEN *HELP* BEING THE MESSIAH.



MARK 6:1-13

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Becoming a Catholic

If you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please inform that person of this information and encourage him/her to start the process by calling the parish office to register.

Completing the process of Initiation

If you or someone you know wishes to complete the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation or increase your knowledge and understanding of our Catholic Faith, call the parish office.

Requirements to be a sponsor/godparent

Anyone who wishes to be a sponsor for Confirmation or a godparent for Baptism must have received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) and be a Catholic in good standing to qualify for sponsorship.



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

SPECIAL APPEAL:

This summer, repairs will be made to our Church's air-conditioning system. Currently only one chiller is working. The other two require replacement of parts that will cost \$12,000.



With the support of all our Parish families we can reach our fundraising goal to pay for the project! If you wish to donate, mark on your envelope, "Church Repairs." No gift is too small to give nor too simple to receive, which is wrapped in thoughtfulness and tied with love.



ShareLife 2021:

Living the Gospel by providing for those in need

"ShareLife agencies are there for you, too"

Please remember that ShareLife organizations are also there to help you. If you, your family or other loved ones are in need of support from the services of a ShareLife funded agency, visit sharelife.org and click on the "Need Help?" button.

When you support ShareLife, you help clients at more than 40 agencies, including Rosalie Hall, founded by the Misericordia Sisters in 1914.

The agency appreciates your support. Jane Kenny is the agency's Executive Director and she says, "ShareLife donors make a difference every day in helping meet the needs of the most vulnerable young moms and children utilizing our agency. Thank you, you are helping change young families' lives!"

For those who are able, please give to ShareLife through the parish office or sharelife.org.

Monthly Pre-Authorized Giving is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution throughout the year. You can learn more about PAG through the [ShareLife](https://sharelife.org) website.

Thanks to our generous donors, our parish has raised \$14,280 toward our goal of \$42,500.

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LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:

Members of the Parish Finance Council shall serve a three-year term and may be appointed to a second or third three-year term.

Responsibilities:

Members of the Parish Finance Council are expected to

- 1-Maintain discretion and confidentiality.
- 2-Attend all Parish Finance Council meetings.
- 3-Serve on at least one committee and attend all committee meetings.
- 4-Actively participate in the Parish stewardship program.
- 5-Participate in the Bishop's Annual Appeal.
- 6-Assist with parish social activities involving fund raising.
- 7-Learn all duties of membership.
- 8-Have a good understanding of all aspects of parish life .
- 9-Be a goodwill ambassador of the parish.
- 10-Be active in decision making.
- 11-Be willing to assume leadership positions.
- 12-Continue their development and education in the Catholic faith.
- 13-Be prepared to discuss the agenda.

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CATHOLIC MARRIAGE RENEWAL SUMMIT:

Join us for an amazing marriage summit with excellent and faithful Catholic speakers including: Sister Helena Burns, Greg and Julie Alexander of The Alexander House Apostolate, Bruce and Jeannie Hanemann of Reclaim Sexual Health (healing pornography addictions), Brian Holdsworth (thoughtful YouTube commentator), Ryan Topping, (academic dean of Newman Theological College), two theology professors from Christendom College (Owen Vyner and Matthew Tsakanikas), and Patty Schaefer. This is a great way closer to God and your spouse.

Please check out for further information -

<https://www.wgmacademy.com/marriagesummit>

Live Online Summit Starts July 1st!

Catholic Marriage REVIVAL

5 days toward a deeper, more joyful connection

Clarify God's vision for your marriage.

Identify where you most need to grow.

Lay out a pathway to joy and get going.

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INTERESTED IN
BECOMING
CATHOLIC?

The R.C.I.A. is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and is the process by which:

- a person who is not a baptized Christian can become Roman Catholic;
- a person who is baptized in another Christian denomination can be received into the Roman Catholic Church;
- a person who was baptized in the Roman Catholic church can complete their initiation through the sacrament of Confirmation.

The R.C.I.A. starts with a period of Inquiry which is a time for sharing the Gospel and the good news of Jesus Christ. During this period, you will have experienced the beginnings of faith, begun the practice of prayer and have a sense of the church. You will have time to ask questions and to find out what it means to encounter the living God and you will get more acquainted with the Catholic Church and with the St. Lawrence Martyr's community.

The transition between the Inquiry and Catechumenate periods is marked by the Rite of Acceptance or Welcome depending on whether or not you are already baptized. The Catechumenate is a time of pastoral formation or apprenticeship. It is a time for learning about the Word of God through Scripture and also about basic teachings of the Church on the sacraments, Church tradition, prayer, the saints, social justice, etc.

The final period of preparation is the period of Purification and Enlightenment and is marked by the Rite of Election, which is celebrated during the first Sunday of Lent. This is a time of spiritual preparation and coincides with the season of Lent, the six weeks before Easter. It is a time of prayer, meditation and preparation for the final rites of initiation and the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion, which take place on the evening of Holy Saturday, during the Easter Vigil.

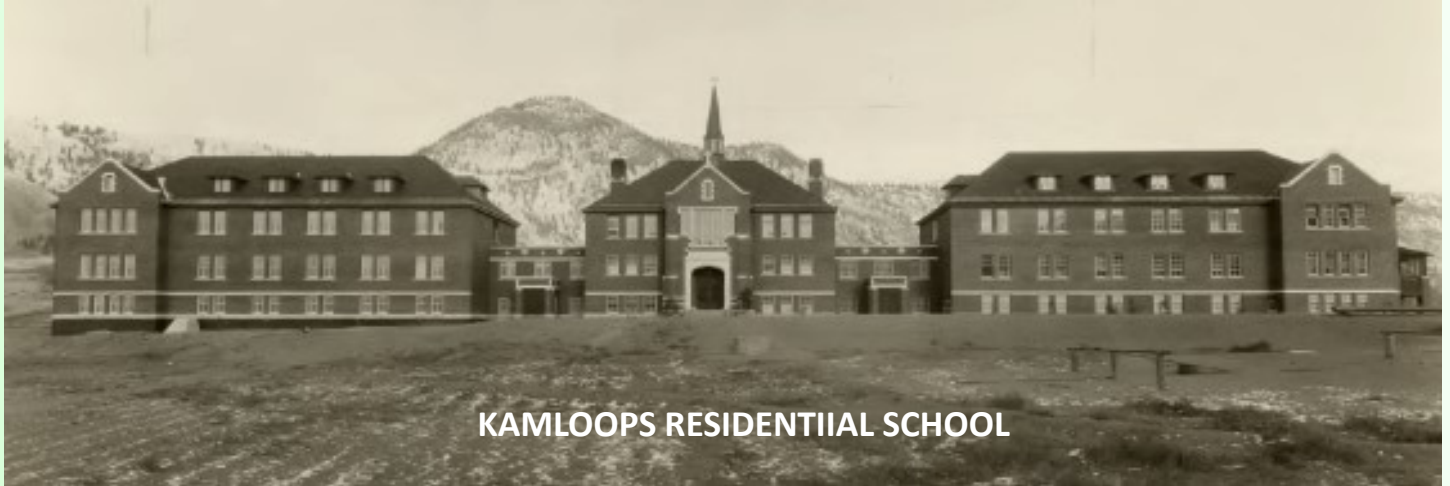
The final part of the journey within the R.C.I.A. is the 50-day period that is between Easter and the feast of Pentecost. This is known as the period of Mystagogy. It is a time for the newly baptized and received and for all of the faithful to deepen their understanding of the Easter mystery by reflecting on the Gospel and by sharing in the Eucharist (communion).

Although the formal initiation process ends with the Easter Vigil and the period of Mystagogy through to Pentecost, the learning process that you have started with the R.C.I.A. will continue throughout the rest of your life. Your growth and development as a Roman Catholic do not end with Baptism and Confirmation, but continues to broaden and deepen with attendance at Mass, continued prayer and study of Scripture.

We invite you to become involved in the St. Lawrence's community through various ministries that serve the community and through regular involvement in continued learning opportunities.

Are You Interested in Finding Out More? If you are interested in finding out more about our R.C.I.A. program, please contact Fr. Roy (fr.roy@rogers.com) or Ben Xavier (benx@rogers.com) We would love to hear from you.

Thank you for your interest in registering for R.C.I.A. here at St. Lawrence's. The registration period for 2021-2022 has now opened. Due to current restrictions, we are not sure if classes will be held online or in person.



KAMLOOPS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

"QUESTIONS PEOPLE ARE ASKING ABOUT THE RECENT DISCOVERY OF CHILDREN'S REMAINS IN KAMLOOPS"

1. I am deeply troubled by the discovery of children's remains in Kamloops on the site of a former residential school. Who operated the school?

The discovery of 215 unmarked graves in late May 2021 will require further investigation to help seek the truth of who these children were, how they died and how they were buried so far from home. The school was built and initially operated by the federal government, opening in 1890. In 1892, the federal government asked a Catholic order, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, to take over operations, which they did until 1969. The federal government resumed operations of the school from 1969 until its closure in 1979.

The religious order issued a formal apology in 1991 in addition to paying settlements to residential school survivors. An excerpt of the apology reads as follows:

"We wish to apologize in a very particular way for the instances of physical and sexual abuse that occurred in those schools...Far from attempting to defend or rationalize these cases of abuse in any way, we wish to state publicly that we acknowledge they were inexcusable, intolerable and a betrayal of trust in one of its most serious forms. We deeply and very specifically, apologize to every victim of such abuse and we seek help in searching for means to bring about healing."

2. Is the Catholic Church assisting with the efforts to seek the truth in Kamloops and elsewhere?

Father Ken Thorson, current Superior of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, has reached out to the Tk'emlups te Secwépemc Chief Rosanne Casimir to offer assistance and to express sympathies following the discovery of the remains of 215 children on the grounds of the former school. Father Thorson has communicated that records from the Kamloops Indian Residential School are with the Royal British Columbia Museum and has indicated the order will assist in sharing any information regarding records at this and other locations where the order operated schools.

Among the groups of dioceses and religious communities that operated residential schools, there is a spirit of co-operation with Indigenous peoples with regards to personal records and information relating to the former schools. At the same time, there are also privacy rights, including those of Indigenous peoples who attended these schools, which need to be taken into consideration on a case by case basis.