

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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JULY 11, 2021 – ORDINARY TIME 15TH 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, ANNOINTING 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

TRAINING THE TWELVE

MARK 6:7-13



AND JESUS CALLED TO HIM THE TWELVE, AND BEGAN TO SEND THEM OUT TWO BY TWO, AND GAVE THEM AUTHORITY OVER THE UNCLEAN SPIRITS. (MARK 6:7)

**HIS PURPOSES,
HIS PEOPLE**



Are you doing something to help Jesus and the apostles propagate the faith?

GOSPEL SUMMARY:

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends the Twelve out two by two to continue the work he had begun. He instructs them to travel light and to rely on the hospitality of others, but to not stay where they are not welcome. The Twelve go forth to drive out demons, to anoint many who are sick, and to cure them.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

Jesus instructs the Twelve to travel light. If you were asked to name those things you truly need in order to live, what would you name and why? Now consider all of the things you have—home, car, property, furniture, clothing, and such. Which of those things are truly essential? Take time to pray about Jesus' call to travel light. What do you need to get rid of? What do you need in order to truly live?

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Invite your family to enter into the discussion of what it means to travel light. Create a two-column poster or chart with the headings Have to Have and Could Do Without. Begin by inviting family members to name the things they feel they have to have in order to live. Write their suggestions in the Have to Have column. Then invite family members to name things they have that they feel they could do without. Write their suggestions in the Could Do Without column. Compare the lists. How are they alike? How are they different? What is the message of today's Gospel and of this activity for your family?

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

In place of discussion starter questions, give each family member a large paper bag or a mid-size garbage bag. Give family members thirty minutes to go to their rooms and to put into the bags any clothing, games, toys, books, and things that they are no longer using and could do without. At the end of the thirty minutes, invite the family to again gather together and to show each other what they have put into their bags. Make plans to deliver the bags to a local charity or collection center.

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Special Prayers
For Those In Need



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, Domingo Catolos, Marylou Gaerlan.

VOCATION REFLECTION:

In today's first reading Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet; God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to consider what you are doing at this time and perhaps begin the special work He has for you. If you feel God may be selecting you for the special life of priest, religious or 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>



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.

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.



Dear Padre

July 11, 2021

At my church, some people take the votive candles out of the holders and place them next to the statues and icons. Does this make God or the saint pay more attention to the petition? And isn't doing that a fire hazard?



Vigil lights, commonly known as votive candles, are usually lit when a person seeks some favor from the Lord or a saint's intercession. Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.

In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of our Lord, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). We burn candles to symbolize the rising of our prayers to heaven day and night. Prayers for the saints' intercession are also common because of their friendship with God in heaven. Saints are powerful intercessors. God hears all prayers uttered in sincerity.

Burning a candle as we pray doesn't make that prayer more important than prayers offered without a candle; neither does moving the candle to the front of the line. If your church has made sure that the placing of the votive candles complies with local fire regulations, you have no worries about setting a fire with vigil lights.

Fr. Paul Borowski, CSsR @ 2021 Liguori Publications

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MASSES - MESSE

SATURDAY JULY 10TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. – + Dilan Anthony Pillai

SUNDAY JULY 11TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – + Carol Fernandes

10:00 A.M. – Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Isabella Pagliaro
Mike e Vito Cuoppolo
Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie
Carlevaris e Nevodini
L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. – Loreto & Louie Santiago

1:00 P.M. – Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. – Francis, Mark, Brian & Brendan Fernandes

MONDAY JULY 12TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Gavino & Antonio Manca

11:00 A.M. – Lourdes Santos-De Jesus

TUESDAY JULY 13TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. – Lawrence Pereira

11:00 A.M. – Rev. Fr. Russell Asch

WEDNESDAY JULY 14TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Rosalia & Carlo Giordano

11:00 A.M. – Douglas McLaren

THURSDAY JULY 15TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. – + Pilar Balagtas

8:30 A.M. – + Paolo & Giuseppina Manca

FRIDAY JULY 16TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. – + Deceased of Lobo Family

7:00 P.M. – Maria Georgina Jose

SATURDAY JULY 17TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. – + Carmel O'Brien

10:00 A.M. – Gabrielle Torres



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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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.



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.

**It's better to cry than be angry,
because anger hurts others while
tears flow silently through the soul
and cleans the heart.**
Pope John Paul II



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 website.

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



**INTERESTED IN
BECOMING
CATHOLIC?**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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.

Saint of the Day



St. Benedict of Nursia

St. Benedict is believed to have been born around 480, as the son to a Roman noble of Norcia and the twin to his sister, Scholastica.

In the fifth century, the young Benedict was sent to Rome to finish his education with a nurse/housekeeper. The subject that dominated a young man's study then was rhetoric -- the art of persuasive speaking. A successful speaker was not one who had the best argument or conveyed the truth, but one who used rhythm, eloquence, and technique to convince. The power of the voice without foundation in the heart was the goal of the student's education. And that philosophy was reflected in the lives of the students as well. They had everything -- education, wealth, youth -- and they spent all of it in the pursuit of pleasure, not truth. Benedict watched in horror as vice unraveled the lives and ethics of his companions.

Afraid for his soul, Benedict fled Rome, gave up his inheritance and lived in a small village with his nurse. When God called him beyond this quiet life to an even deeper solitude, he went to the mountains of Subiaco. Although becoming a hermit was not his purpose in leaving, there he lived as a hermit under the direction of another hermit, Romanus.

One day, during his time living in a cave above a lake as a hermit, the Devil presented Benedict's imagination with a beautiful, tempting woman. Benedict resisted by rolling his body into a thorn bush until it was covered in scrapes. It is said through these body wounds, he cured the wounds of his soul.

After years of prayer, word of his holiness brought nearby monks to ask for his leadership. He warned them he would be too strict for them, but they insisted -- then tried to poison him when his warning proved true. The story goes, the monks attempted to poison Benedict's drink, but when he prayed a blessing over the cup - it shattered.

So Benedict was on his own again -- but not for long. The next set of followers were more sincere and he set up twelve monasteries in Subiaco where monks lived in separate communities of twelve.

He left these monasteries abruptly when the envious attacks of another hermit made it impossible to continue the spiritual leadership he had taken.

But it was in Monte Cassino he founded the monastery that became the roots of the Church's monastic system. Instead of founding small separate communities he gathered his disciples into one whole community. His own sister, Saint Scholastica, settled nearby to live a religious life.

Facts

Feastday: July 11

Patron: of students and Europe

Birth: 480

Death: 543

Canonized: Pope Honorius III in 1220

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Image of Saint Benedict with a cross (which is inscribed, "CruX sacra sit mihi lux! Non-draco sit mihi dux!" ("May the holy cross be my light! May the dragon never be my guide!")) and a scroll stating "Vade retro Satana! Nunquam suade mihi vana! Sunt mala quae libas. Ipse venena bibas!" ("Begone Satan! Never tempt me with your vanities! The drink you offer is evil. Drink that poison yourself!", or in brief, *Vade Retro Satana* which is abbreviated on the Saint Benedict Medal.

After almost 1,500 years of monastic tradition his direction seems obvious to us. However, Benedict was an innovator. No one had ever set up communities like his before or directed them with a rule. What is part of history to us now was a bold, risky step into the future.

Benedict had the holiness and the ability to take this step. His beliefs and instructions on religious life were collected in what is now known as the Rule of Saint Benedict -- still directing religious life after 15 centuries.

In this tiny but powerful Rule, Benedict put what he had learned about the power of speaking and oratorical rhythms at the service of the Gospel. He did not drop out of school because he did not understand the subject! Scholars have told us that his Rule reflects an understanding of and skill with the rhetorical rules of the time. Despite his experience at school, he understood rhetoric was as much a tool as a hammer was. A hammer could be used to build a house or hit someone over the head. Rhetoric could be used to promote vice ... or promote God. Benedict did not shun rhetoric because it had been used to seduce people to vice; he reformed it.

For prayer, Benedict turned to the psalms, the very songs and poems from the Jewish liturgy that Jesus himself had prayed. To join our voices with Jesus in praise of God during the day was so important that Benedict called it the "Work of God." And nothing was to be put before the work of God. "Immediately upon hearing the signal for the Divine Office all work will cease." Benedict believed with Jesus that "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

In one story of Benedict's life, a poor man came to the monastery begging for a little oil. Although Benedict commanded that the oil be given, the cellarer refused -- because there was only a tiny bit of oil left. If the cellarer gave any oil as alms there would be none for the monastery. Angry at this distrust of God's providence, Benedict knelt down to pray. As he prayed a bubbling sound came from inside the oil jar. The monks watched in fascination as oil from God filled the vessel so completely that it overflowed, leaked out beneath the lid and finally pushed the cover off, cascading out on to the floor.

In Benedictine prayer, our hearts are the vessel empty of thoughts and intellectual striving. All that remains is the trust in God's providence to fill us. Emptying ourselves this way brings God's abundant goodness bubbling up in our hearts, first with an inspiration or two, and finally overflowing our heart with contemplative love.

Benedict died on 21 March 543, not long after his sister. It is said he died with high fever on the very day God told him he would. He is the patron saint of Europe and students.

St. Benedict is often pictured with a bell, a broken tray, a raven, or a crosier. His feast day is celebrated on July 11. For full story go to [St. Benedict of Nursia - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](https://www.catholic.com/reference/saints/saint-benedict-of-nursia)