

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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JULY 25, 2021— ORDINARY TIME 17TH 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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GOSPEL SUMMARY:

Today's Gospel reading is a familiar one. The crowds continue to follow Jesus, and he is concerned about feeding them. The disciples do not have enough food or money to provide for the crowds. A boy provides the start of the meal that will feed the multitudes—five loaves and two fish. From a humble offering all are provided for.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

Think about the opportunities you have had in recent weeks to respond generously to the needs of others. Perhaps a coworker was having a rough day and an invitation to lunch was the generous response that fed his or her spirit. Perhaps a parishioner is facing huge medical bills and a special collection offered your family an opportunity to support him or her in this difficult time. Perhaps the parish food pantry was low on peanut butter and cereal, and you invited your children to come with you to fill a grocery cart and to deliver the much-needed food. In all of these acts of generosity you are showing your children how to be like the boy in today's Gospel—how to pay attention to others' needs, how to respond to those needs, and what happens when you do respond to those needs.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Look together at your parish bulletin for opportunities to respond generously to the needs of others. Choose an opportunity that is appropriate for your entire family to take part in. Make an action plan and follow through on your plan.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. One time I was like the boy in the Gospel was when..
2. A need I have seen in recent days is . . .
3. Something I can do to help meet that need is . . .

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JOHN 6:1-15

WHEN GOD DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE

Faith that makes things happen

That You May Believe...

FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND

Christ is sufficient for all our needs

John 6: 1-15

JESUS IS OUR PROVIDER

The Miracle of The Loaves and The Fishes is a powerful reminder that God is able to solve any problem we may have, and often we don't know how He will accomplish the solution.

Friends, God can use anything and anyone to accomplish His will for our lives –

We may see 5 loaves and 2 fishes, but God sees so much more!

Our part is to Trust God, Fix our eyes on God, and Obey God. Our God is more than able!

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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 Matthews,

Vanessa Melone, Rosemarie Sorbera, Amelia Barroso, Joey Bagnato, Alicia Alvares, Charlie Abreu, Domingo Catolos, Marylou Gaerlan, Eileen and Mary Nicol.

VOCATION REFLECTION:

In the Gospel many people hunger for a small amount of food. In our day, there are too many people for the small number of priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. We too must trust in the Lord by praying for vocations. If you feel 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>



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

Dear Padre

July 25, 2021

Previously, this column said Mass should be offered in several languages so everyone can participate.

There's an alternative: the Latin Mass. In the past, all nationalities could attend and unite themselves to the sacrifice on Calvary without the barrier of the vernacular.

There's one God and one Church.
There should be one Mass.



Latin (with one exception)	English
Kyrie (Greek)	Lord Have Mercy
Gloria	Glory be to God
Credo	Creed (Profession of Faith)
Sanctus and Benedictus	Holy, Holy, Holy
Agnus Dei	Lamb of God

Fundamentally, the Mass is meant to be inclusive, by its very nature!

The primary purpose for eucharistic celebrations in both the ordinary form (vernacular) and extraordinary form (Latin) is to give glory to God in communion as God's people. This bears mentioning, since the Church's allowance of both forms of one Mass isn't meant to be divisive—although in practice, it can be.

Jesus and his followers likely spoke Aramaic, so the earliest communal gatherings to break bread were celebrated in their native tongue. Likewise, the Mass in its early development was offered in the vernacular—Greek. When Latin became the pervasive language of the people, the Mass switched to Latin. Thus, Mass in the vernacular is not a "barrier." On the contrary, in allowing the Mass to be celebrated again in the language of the people, Pope Paul VI intended it "as a help in witnessing to and strengthening the unity of all" (Promulgation of the Missale Romanum, 1970).

Our unity as believers in one God, one Church, and one Mass is predicated on far more than a uniform language.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR @ 2021 Liguori Publications

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MASSES - MESSE

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY JULY 24TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. – + Anthony & Hilda Fernandes

SUNDAY JULY 25TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – + Gerry I. Queyquep

10:00 A.M. – L'Anime Del Purgatorio

L'Intenzioni di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Tony Lamanna - Salvatore Porzio

Maria Adele Giulianotti

Mike e Vito Cuoppolo - Lisa Garofalo

Leonello Pecorari - Mario Mazzolina

Antonino e Mariateresa Galfo

Giuseppe e Santina Galfo

Giovanni e Antonina Petralito

11:30 A.M. – + Virgil Joseph Vieira

1:00 P.M. – Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. – + Holy Souls In Purgatory

MONDAY JULY 26TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Rosalinda Dominguez

11:00 A.M. – Lawrence Pereira

TUESDAY JULY 27TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Holy Souls In Purgatory

11:00 A.M. – Rodel Torres

WEDNESDAY JULY 28TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – Jennifer Amizola

11:00 A.M. – Carol Burlton

THURSDAY JULY 29TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. – + Rita Lobo

8:30 A.M. – + Holy Souls In Purgatory

FRIDAY JULY 30TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. – + Sister Stanislaus

7:00 P.M. – Family of Agnes Leung

SATURDAY JULY 31ST – SABATO

8:30 A.M. – Elaine Ricardo

10:00 A.M. – + Holy Souls In Purgatory

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](#).

Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The readings today should remind us of a simple truth - God cannot be outdone in generosity. In the Gospel, we hear of people who followed Jesus to be nourished by him spiritually, yet little did they know that the Son of God would go even further and provide for even their physical needs. When the people were hungry and had nothing to eat, it was the offering of a child, a meager offering of five barley loaves and two fish which would be multiplied by Jesus so that all five thousand people would be fed. The small offering of the boy through Jesus' hands was transformed to be more than enough food for all five thousand people, so much so that there were twelve baskets of food left over.

This story of the multiplication of the loaves and fish remind us of a very particular and beautiful moment in the Eucharistic celebration. During the offertory, we present to the Lord our gifts, bread and wine, and just as Jesus performs a miracle in the Gospel, He takes our small offering and transforms them into His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity for us to be nourished by.

When we come to Mass, at the offertory, what gifts are we offering to the Lord? Just as Jesus

transforms bread and wine to His body and blood, God wishes to take whatever gift we offer to Him, whether it be our time or talent, and multiply it for the sake of those we share our gifts with. Let us spend some time and reflect on the ways which God is calling us to share our gifts. Whatever we give to the Lord with a generous and giving heart, God will not let go to waste, for He is a God that cannot be outdone in generosity.



Summary

When the people were hungry and had nothing to eat, it was the small offering of a child which would be multiplied by Jesus so that all five thousand people would be fed with more than enough to eat. In the same way, when we offer to God - especially at the Eucharist - the gifts of our time and talent, God multiplies it and blesses it to be made fruitful for those around you. Nothing is too small to God, and no gift goes unnoticed, for God cannot be outdone in generosity.



Give Back



RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

The Ongoing Journey to Healing and Reconciliation. As Canadians reflect on how we can respond to the pain and suffering experienced by survivors of residential schools and their loved ones, the Archdiocese of Toronto is committed to being directly engaged in the ongoing journey of truth and reconciliation.

While the archdiocese did not operate residential schools, we have a responsibility to take genuine and meaningful steps to journey with Indigenous communities on the path to reconciliation, and to assist in healing the trauma experienced from the residential school system.

We are currently establishing working groups, each enriched by Indigenous voices, to help guide and support our efforts. To that end, the archdiocese has identified the following priorities:

Education – initiatives to educate our clergy, staff and the faithful regarding the tragic legacy of residential schools and its continuing impact on Indigenous people, and to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of Indigenous spirituality.

Outreach and Spiritual support – initiatives to support survivors of residential schools and those suffering inter-generational trauma. These may include healing circles, personal or group counselling, workshops, speakers, listening sessions, opportunities for prayer, reconciliation services, and other spiritual supports.

Financial support – the Archdiocese of Toronto is developing a financial campaign to support ongoing healing and reconciliation efforts. A diverse working group will assist in formulating the campaign framework and related details in the weeks ahead. In response to those who have expressed a desire to contribute immediately, the Healing & Reconciliation fund has been established. Donations can be made [online \(https://bit.ly/healingreconciliation\)](https://bit.ly/healingreconciliation), [by phone \(416\) 934-3411](tel:4169343411) or through any Catholic church in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

We recognize the journey to reconciliation is one that will continue for years to come. As we reflect on the role of the Catholic Church in operating residential schools, we echo the words of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1991:

“We apologize for the existence of the schools themselves, recognizing that the biggest abuse was not what happened in the schools, but that the schools themselves happened...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.”

We will continue to keep you updated as these initiatives develop. Additional information and resources can be found by visiting: www.archtoronto.org/residentialschools.



Saint James the Greater, Apostle

<http://www.catholic-saints.info>

The Patron Saint James the Greater

- The patron of Pilgrims and Laborers
- Memorial Day / Feast Day: July 25th
- Named by Jesus as one of the Sons of Thunder
- Date of Death: Saint James the Greater died in A.D. 44
- Cause of Death: Beheaded

Who or what is Saint James the Greater the patron saint of?

Saint James the Greater is the patron of Pilgrims and Laborers. Meanings, definition and origins - a patron is considered to be a defender of a specific group of people or of a nation. There is a patron for virtually every cause, profession or special interest. Prayers are considered more likely to be answered by asking a patron for intercession on their behalf.

The Story and History of Saint James the Greater

The story and history of Saint James the Greater, who was one of the disciples of Jesus. James was prominent amongst the twelve apostles. He was James, the son of Zebedee, who was considered the greater apostle of those called James. James thought to be a cousin of Jesus, by the sister of the Virgin Mary, and the brother of Saint Jude Thaddeus. James worked as a fisherman with his brother John, his father Zebedee and his partner Simon. John and James were followers of John the Baptist and then Jesus. John the Baptist referred to Jesus with the words "Behold the Lamb of God!". He left his life as a fisherman when Jesus called him to be a fisher of men. He followed Jesus as one of his disciples until Jesus was crucified. James the Greater was chosen by Jesus to be one of the twelve apostles and was given the mission to spread the gospel of Jesus. He made a pilgrimage to Spain to spread the word. St James returned to Judea, where he was beheaded by King Herod Agrippa I (10 BC - 44 AD) in the year 44. This is detailed in the Bible in Acts 12 of the New Testament. The remains, or relics, of Saint James the Greater are said to be buried in Santiago de Compostela in Galicia (Spain) explaining why Saint James the Greater is the patron saint of Spain.

The Legend of Saint James the Greater

St. James, or according to the Spanish form of his name, St. Iago, is also the great military patron of Spain. His mission to defend the Christian Church against the Infidel was however reserved until after his death. In the course of the celebrated battle of Clavijo he suddenly appeared on a milk-white charger, waving aloft a white standard, and leading the Christians to victory. This manifestation was in response to the soldiers' invocation of his name, "Sant Iago!" being the battle-cry of that day. Hence the name of the ancient city (Santiago) which contains the cathedral founded in his honour.

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Saint James the Great



Saint James the Great by Guido Reni

Apostle

Born	Bethsaida, Galilee, Roman Empire, around AD 3
Died	AD 44 Jerusalem, Judea, Roman Empire
Canonized	Pre-Congregation
Feast	25 July (Western Christianity) 30 April (Eastern Christianity) 30 December (Hispanic Church)
Attributes	Red Martyr, Scallop, Pilgrim's hat
Patronage	Places Spain, Guatemala, Seattle, Nicaragua, Guayaquil, Betis Church, Guagua, Pampanga, Badian, Buhay Na Tubig, Imus, Paete, Laguna, Sogod, Cebu, Philippines and some places of Mexico. Professions Veterinarians, equestrians, furriers, tanners, pharmacists, oyster fishers, woodcarvers.

Death of Saint James the Greater

There are two categories of saints: martyrs and confessors. A Christian martyr is regarded as one who is put to death for his Christian faith or convictions. Confessors are people who died natural deaths. Date of Death: Saint James the Greater died in A.D. 44. Cause of Death: Beheaded.

Why is Saint James the Greater the patron of Pilgrims and Laborers?

Why is Saint James the Greater is the patron of Pilgrims? St. James the Greater is universally regarded as the patron of pilgrims to the Holy Land, because after establishing the Christian religion in Spain, he returned to Judaea on a pilgrimage and was there beheaded. The scallop-shell is the recognized symbol of all pilgrims to the Holy Land, as it abounds on the shores of Palestine. When returning to his own country, pilgrims displayed the scallop-shell in their hats, to show that they had carried out their pious intentions.

How Saint James the Greater is represented in Christian Art

It is helpful to be able to recognise Saint James the Greater in paintings, stained glass windows, illuminated manuscripts, architecture and other forms of Christian art. The artistic representations reflect the life or death of saints, or an aspect of life with which the person is most closely associated. Saint James the Greater is represented in Christian Art in the garb of a pilgrim, with staff, gourd, and scallop-shell.

Feast Day of Saint James the Greater

The Feast Day of Saint James the Greater is July 25th. The origin of Feast Days: most saints have specially designated feast days and are associated with a specific day of the year and these are referred to as the saint's feast day. The feast days first arose from the very early Christian custom of the annual commemoration of martyrs on the dates of their deaths at the same time celebrating their birth into heaven.

Prayer to St. James the Greater

O Glorious St. James, because of your fervor and generosity Jesus chose you to witness his glory on the Mount and his agony in the Garden. Obtain for us strength and consolation in the unending struggles of this life. Help us to follow Christ constantly and generously, to be victors over all our difficulties, and to receive the crown of glory in heaven.

Quote from James, son of Zebedee:

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him."