

# **ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH**

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Tel No. 416-759-9359

**AUGUST 1, 2021— ORDINARY TIME 18<sup>TH</sup> 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:**

The crowd in today's Gospel showed faith in Jesus. They got into boats and traveled to find him. They called him Rabbi, meaning "Teacher." But at the same time, they had some doubts. They wanted some sign from Jesus that would prove once and for all who he was and what he could do. Jesus tells them again that the sign they seek is in their midst, for he is the bread sent from heaven. He is the bread of life.

### **REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:**

How many times has your child said to you, "Prove it to me"? And how many times have you yourself said the same? This is basically what the crowds are saying to Jesus today—"Prove it to us. Give us a sign that we might believe in you." Every day God gives us signs that he loves us, cares for us, forgives us, and is with us. We see and hear these signs in creation, in the generous actions of a friend, in the kind words of a stranger, and in the community of believers that is the Church. Take time to reflect on the signs of God's love that you have seen or heard in recent days. Think about how you can be that sign in the week to come to others around you.

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

Provide for family members large unlined index cards or half sheets of construction paper, crayons or markers, popsicle sticks, and strong tape or glue. Invite family members to use the index cards or construction paper to create mini-signs using drawings or words to describe where they have seen God's presence in recent days. Use the tape or glue to attach popsicle sticks to the signs. Display the signs in a large flowerpot or bowl filled with sand or floral foam that will serve as an anchor for the popsicle sticks. Encourage family members to continue to make signs to add to the display in the coming week.

### **DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- 1-A person who is a sign of God's presence to me is ...
- 2-Someone I know who needs a sign of God's presence is ...
- 3-One way I can be a sign of God's presence this week is...

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## **John 6.24-35**



**JESUS SAID TO THEM,  
"I AM THE  
BREAD OF LIFE;  
WHOEVER COMES TO ME  
SHALL NOT HUNGER, AND  
WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME  
SHALL NEVER THIRST."**  
**JOHN 6:35**

## **Encountering Jesus**

**"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life  
to give us life. Night and day, He is there.  
If you really want to grow in love,  
come back to the Eucharist,  
come back to that Adoration."**

*Mother Teresa*

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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:

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Today's readings remind us that the priest is ordained by the Holy Spirit to be the means by which Jesus' words are fulfilled. If you feel God could be 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



### 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

August 1, 2021



*My elderly aunt is suffering from a terminal illness, and says she wants to die. Is this all right?*

Popular psychological writings on death and dying often list the five different stages that people might go through when they are dying, namely: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. For Christians, the last stage of acceptance is saying yes to God's will. They may have been reconciled to God and others, said the things they have wanted to say, finished any unfinished business and feel ready to leave this world and return to God.

For the dying person with faith, there may come a time when the desire to be fully united to her loving God takes priority over all other concerns and she actually desires to die. Her eyes turn toward the next life and she is not only ready to go but desires to go. This desire to leave this life is not the result of despair but rather the fruit of Christian hope.

We have a different situation when someone is not dying or is in good physical health, for the desire to die may indicate desperation or depression rather than acceptance and hope. Such persons may need personal and professional help to regain a zest for the life God has given them until the time comes that God calls them to himself.

*From Life, Death, and Catholic Medical Choices  
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**SPECIAL APPEAL:** Several weeks ago, repairs were made to our church's air-conditioning system. Thankfully, all three chillers are working. The total cost was \$12,000. To date, the parish has raised \$1,400. With the support of all our parish families I am confident we will 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. Thanks, Fr. Roy

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### MASSES - MESSE

## Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



### SATURDAY JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> – SABATO

5:00 P.M. – + Domingo Catolos

### SUNDAY AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – + Gordon Burlton

10:00 A.M. – L'Intenzioni di Angela & Stan Kupis

Susanna e Gianni Onisto

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Angelo Lamanna

Vito Sciuto e defunti famiglia

Antonio Pagliaro

Mike e Vito Cuopolo

Vito Baudo e defunti famiglia

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e defunti famiglia

Vito De Nardo e defunti famiglia

Antonino Lisciandro

Francesco Falsetti

11:30 A.M. – + Gordon Burlton

1:00 P.M. – Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. – + Pacita Carpio

### MONDAY AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Romualda & Gavino Anino

11:00 A.M. – + Holy Souls In Purgatory

### TUESDAY AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup> – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Nina e Antonio Palumbo

11:00 A.M. – Stephen Rodrigo

### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Silvio Zanre

11:00 A.M. – Theresa Burlton

### THURSDAY AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. – Patty Burlton

8:30 A.M. – Special Intentions

### FRIDAY AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. – In Thanksgiving

7:00 P.M. – Fr. Russell Asch & Family

### SATURDAY AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

8:30 A.M. – + Barbara Soberano

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:

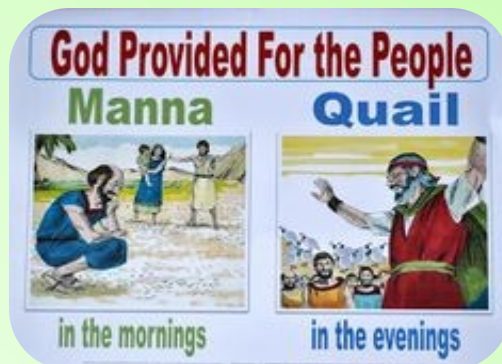
Please [click here](#).

*Thank you*  
MAY GOD BLESS YOU

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



In the first reading, we hear of the Israelites who have just been freed from generations of slavery and are now wandering the desert. Once in the desert, the Israelites became hungry and begin to grumble against Moses, saying that their life in Egypt in slavery was better, for at least there they weren't hungry. The same scenario happens to Jesus in the Gospel, where just after multiplying five loaves and two fish for five thousand people, the very same people who witnessed this miracle asks for a sign from Jesus so that they may believe him.

How quickly we can forget the goodness of the Lord! It is easy to forget the good things that the Lord has done for us in our lives especially when going through hardship. Jesus tells the crowd that he will give them even a greater sign, greater than the multiplication of the loaves and fish, and greater than the manna which fell from heaven for the Israelites. Jesus would give us the Eucharist, His very body and blood, soul and divinity for us to eat.

The word Eucharist means "to give thanks." When we approach Jesus who is hidden in the Eucharist are we filled with gratitude? There may be times in our life when we feel like the Egyptians, hungry and going through a desert, and in these moments, it can be very easy to forget the goodness of the Lord. These difficult times are the moments when it is most important to go back to Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus waits for us in the Mass, and it is in the Eucharist that we receive all the sustenance we need to complete our journey on this earth. As we are nourished by Christ, let us share the nourishment Christ gives us in the Eucharist and become a source of nourishment for others, especially by praying for those who may be going through tough times

### Summary

In the Gospel we read of the Jewish people who ask Jesus for a sign so that they can believe what he teaches, just after he performs the miracle of multiplication of bread and fish to feed five thousand. In the same way, we can be so quick to forget the good things the Lord does for us especially when facing hardships. As we approach the Eucharist this week, let us approach with a grateful heart, remembering how the Lord cares for us and will bring us through hardships, just as he did for the Israelites.



SO JESUS FEEDS EVERYONE, AND IT REMINDS THEM ALL OF MOSES?

YEAH

BUT JESUS HIMSELF IS THE BREAD FROM HEAVEN. ONLY BETTER!

OH I GET IT! MANNA HAPPY RETURNS!





**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.

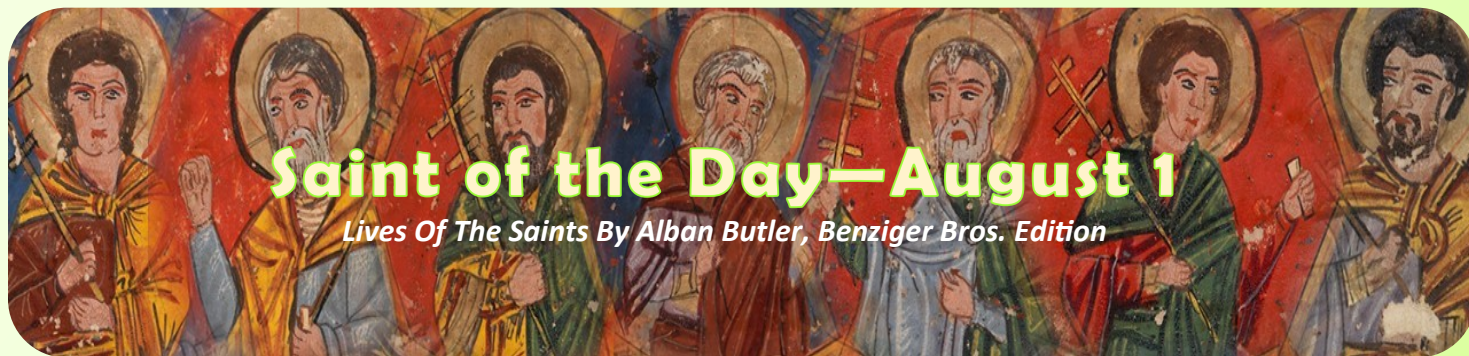
The final part of the journey within the R.C.I.A. is the 50-day period that is between Easter and the feast of Pentecost. This is known as the period of Mystagogy. It is a time for the newly baptized and received and for all of the faithful to deepen their understanding of the Easter mystery by reflecting 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](mailto:fr.roy@rogers.com)) or Ben Xavier ([benx@rogers.com](mailto: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—August 1**

*Lives Of The Saints By Alban Butler, Benziger Bros. Edition*

#### **ST. PETER'S CHAINS**



HEROD AGRIPPA, King of the Jews, having put to death St. James the Great in the year 44, in order to gain the affection and applause of his people, caused St. Peter, the prince of the sacred college, to be cast into prison. It was his intention to put him publicly to death after Easter. The whole Church at Jerusalem put up its prayers to God for the deliverance of the chief pastor of His whole flock, and God favorably heard them. The king took all precautions possible to prevent the escape of his prisoner. St. Peter lay fast asleep, on the very night before the day intended for his execution, when it pleased God to deliver him out of the hands of his ene-

mies. He was guarded by sixteen soldiers, four of whom always kept sentry in their turns: two in the same dungeon with him, and two at the gate. He was fastened to the ground by two chains, and slept between the two soldiers. In the middle of the night, a bright light shone in the prison, and an angel appeared near him, and, striking him on the side, awaked him out of his sleep, and bade him instantly arise, gird his coat about him, put on his sandals and his cloak, and follow him. The apostle did so, for the chains had dropped off from his hands. Following his guide, he passed after him through the first and second wards of watches, and through the iron gate which led into the city, which opened to them of its own accord. The angel conducted him through one street, then, suddenly disappearing, left him to seek some asylum. The apostle went directly to the house of Mary the mother of John, surnamed Mark, where several disciples were met together, and were sending up their prayers to heaven for his deliverance. As he stood knocking without, a young woman, knowing Peter's voice, ran in and informed the company that he was at the door; they concluded it must be his guardian angel, sent by God upon some extraordinary account, until, being let in, he related to them the whole manner of his miraculous escape; and having enjoined them to give notice thereof to St. James and the rest of the brethren, he withdrew to a place of more retirement and security, carrying, wherever he went, the heavenly blessing and life.

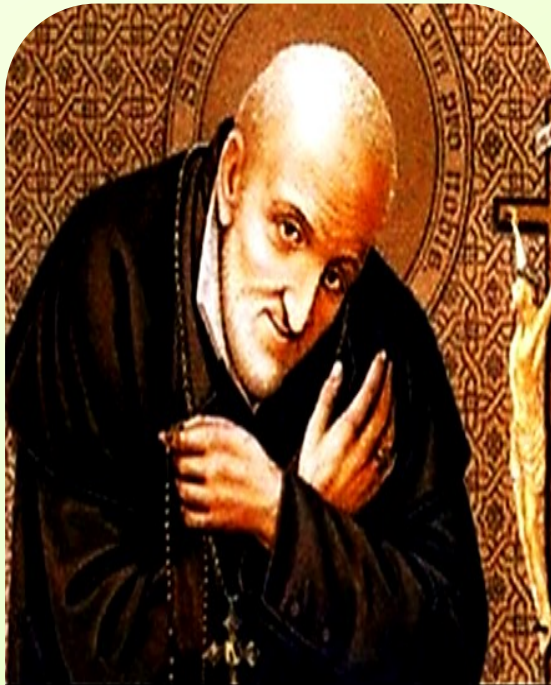
*Reflection.—This miracle affords a confirmation of the divine promise, "If two of you shall consent upon earth concerning anything whatsoever they shall ask, it shall be done to them by My Father Who is in heaven."*

#### **ST. ALPHONSUS Marie LIGUORI**

ST. ALPHONSUS was born of noble parents, near Naples, in 1696. His spiritual training was intrusted to the Fathers of the Oratory in that city, and from his boyhood Alphonsus was known as a most devout Brother of the Little Oratory. At the early age of sixteen he was made doctor in law, and he threw himself into this career with ardor and success. A mistake, by which he lost an important cause, showed him the vanity of human fame, and determined

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**"All the damned are in hell because  
they have stopped praying! ...  
They would not be there had they not  
stopped praying."**

**- St. Alphonsus**

him to labor only for the glory of glory He entered the priesthood, devoting himself to the most neglected souls; and to carry on this work he founded later the missionary Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. At the age of sixty-six he became Bishop of St. Agatha, and undertook the reform of his diocese with the zeal of a Saint. He made a vow never to lose time, and, though his life was spent in prayer and work, he composed a vast number of books, filled with such science, unction, and wisdom that he has been declared one of the Doctors of the Church. St. Alphonsus wrote his first book at the age of forty-nine, and in his eighty-third year had published about sixty volumes, when his director forbade him to write more. Very many of these books were written in the half-hours snatched from his labors as missionary, religious superior, and Bishop, or in the midst of continual bodily and mental sufferings. With his left hand he would hold a piece of marble against his aching head while his right hand wrote. Yet he counted no time wasted which was spent in charity. He did not refuse to hold a long correspondence with a simple soldier who asked his advice, or to play the harpsichord while he taught his novices to sing spiritual canticles. He lived in evil times, and met with many persecutions and disappointments. For his last seven years he was prevented by constant sickness from offering the Adorable Sacrifice; but he received Holy Communion daily, and his love for Jesus Christ and his trust in Mary's prayers sustained him to the end. He died in 1787, in his ninety-first year.

*Reflection.—Let us do with all our heart the duty of each day, leaving the result to God, as well as the care of the future.*

## **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.

