

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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Tel No. 416-759-9359

AUGUST 8, 2021 – ORDINARY TIME 19TH 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:

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

GOSPEL SUMMARY:

The crowds in last week's Gospel had faith in Jesus, and at the same time they doubted him. In today's Gospel, the Jews doubt that Jesus is who he says he is. They know that he is the son of Joseph and Mary, but they cannot explain—and therefore have a hard time believing—that he had come down from heaven.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

Like the Jews in today's Gospel, most children and youth have a hard time believing and trusting what they cannot see. For example, they cannot see that a choice that seems easy and fun and good today will bear negative consequences for them in the future. Like Jesus, we must remain consistent and persistent in saying what we know to be true. Our words may be met with doubt and resistance, but they serve to remind our children of the Gospel values and expectations we uphold. Today, take time to think about where you need to stand firm and remain consistent and persistent as a parent.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Have a family meeting during which you discuss expectations. Begin with a simple open-ended statement such as, "I expect my parent(s) to . . ." or "I expect my children to . . ." As ideas are given, make a list for parents and a list for children. Review the lists with the family, then vote on the top five expectations on each list. Create two final lists to post on the family fridge or bulletin board. Let these serve as a reminder and as an invitation to family members to be consistent in honoring your family's values and expectations of one another.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. Something I have a hard time believing is . . .
2. I think it's easy to believe something is true when . . .
3. One thing I believe about our family is . . .
4. One thing I believe about God is . . .

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LIGHT THE DARK
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
6:41-51

I AM THE LIVING BREAD
which came down from heaven:
if any man eat of this bread,
he shall live for ever
JOHN 6:51

Divinely Drawn to Desire God

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Special Prayers
For Those In Need

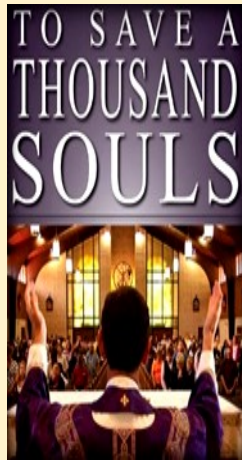


FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

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 living bread that came down from heaven." Each of us must be a living sign and symbol of God's presence within us. If you are willing to witness Christ with your life as a 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 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.



Dear Padre

August 8, 2021



When I hear "Oh my God," should I tell the person he or she is breaking a commandment? When I see people at Mass in revealing or disrespectful clothing, should I say something?

When I was young, I went to a baseball game with my parents. While we were in line, a man cursed using Jesus' name. My mother said, "Oh, I don't think Jesus is playing today." She made her point, but I doubt she changed his future behavior.

I don't think we're obliged to evangelize by calling out someone who is using God's name in vain. I hear someone cursing many times in public. Depending on the situation, I might say something simple like, "You know, there are children here." Sometimes people apologize and stop; other times they tell me to mind my own business, using even more choice words, at which point I walk away. But we're under no obligation to do this, and always be very careful about confronting strangers about anything.

As for appropriate dress for Mass, this is a problem in many parishes. I wouldn't say anything to the person wearing the disrespectful or revealing clothing. Instead, ask your pastor whether your parish or diocese has a dress code. If they do, ask him why it's not being enforced. If there is no dress code, ask him if you can form a committee to establish one.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR Liguori Publications



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. 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 AUGUST 7TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. – + Ronald Hoven

SUNDAY AUGUST 8TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – + Mirko Bolcic

10:00 A.M. – Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Mike e Vito Cuoppolo

Romolo & Antonio Doria

Giovanna e Dolcino Alimonti

Fileno Elisii e defunti famiglia

Vincenza Caruso

Carmela Pasquariello

Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie

Carlevaris e Nevodini

L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. – + Gordon Burlton

1:00 P.M. – Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. – + Domingo Capolos

MONDAY AUGUST 9TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Holy Souls In Purgatory

11:00 A.M. – For All Priests & Religious

TUESDAY AUGUST 10TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. – The Lobo Family

11:00 A.M. – + Leo Lobo

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 11TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – Lawrence Amizola

11:00 A.M. – Family of Agnes Leung

THURSDAY AUGUST 12TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. – Theresa Burlton

8:30 A.M. – + Gordon Burlton

FRIDAY AUGUST 13TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. – + Deceased Longo & Russo Families

7:00 P.M. – Theresa Burlton

SATURDAY AUGUST 14TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. – + Gordon Burlton

10:00 A.M. – Cedric & Lilian de Souza

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 online to St. Lawrence Martyr Parish, 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

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19.4-8

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4.30-5.2

Gospel: John 6.41-51 – Jesus, The Living Bread

The Bread from Heaven The Gospel today begins with a response from the Jewish people that seems unfounded. Jesus had just finished performing a great miracle in their midst, and afterwards reveals his identity to them, that he is the bread of life which comes down from heaven. One would think that after witnessing the miracles, the people would believe the words of Christ, however, the response of the people to Jesus' claim was of disbelief. They could not believe or understand how Jesus could be from heaven. Didn't they know his family, know his parents, and where he came from? Jesus doesn't take back or mince his words with this teaching. In the Gospel, he goes on to tell the crowd "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Christ is the living bread, who gives himself to us to eat, so that through Him we may have eternal life and life in abundance. This teaching is the core of our belief in the Eucharist – that God loves us so much that he wants to give us the gift of himself, food that will last forever. This love that God has for his people is a deep and special one. As Catholics, we believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist leads us to eternal life. Through the Eucharist, we are given every grace needed to journey in this life and make our way to him in the next. How often do we participate worthily in the Mass, and receive the living bread? How often do we take the graces we receive and share them with others as Christ calls us to? Let us in a particular way pray this week as we receive the Eucharist in faith, that Christ touches the heart of those who struggle with faith in the Eucharist themselves, that they may come to the Lord and receive many blessings.



Summary: The people who came to hear Jesus began to question him when Jesus reveals to them that he is the bread of life which came from heaven. They could not understand how Jesus could be from heaven, and how his flesh would become the means to eternal life for them all. We now understand that Jesus was speaking of the Eucharist, which through the appearance of bread and wine, Christ nourishes us with his body and blood, soul and divinity, giving us all the graces needed to live a life of Christian stewardship.

SEEKING HELP?

If you need help with manual labor, gardening, cleaning your home, etc., there will be a group of young men between 15-17 years of age willing to help for free on **August 16th to 19th from 9 am to 2 pm.**

The parish will complete the screening and assign supervisors. Transportation to your home is available.

If you wish to receive help, please contact Fr. Roy through email, fr.roy@rogers.com.





The St. Lawrence Martyr Women's Craft Group thanks all parishioners for their generous donations of new wool yarns in 2019. They have been very busy utilizing the yarns to knit toques and mittens for the Good Shepherd Ministries. Earlier this summer, 2021, they donated 60 pairs of mittens and 136 toques. They have already started on the supply for the following winter.

*If you would like to donate **only new wool yarns**, please leave your name and phone number at the Parish office.*

They have a second delivery of baby booties and caps for the Sisters of Life planned for this fall.

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LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:

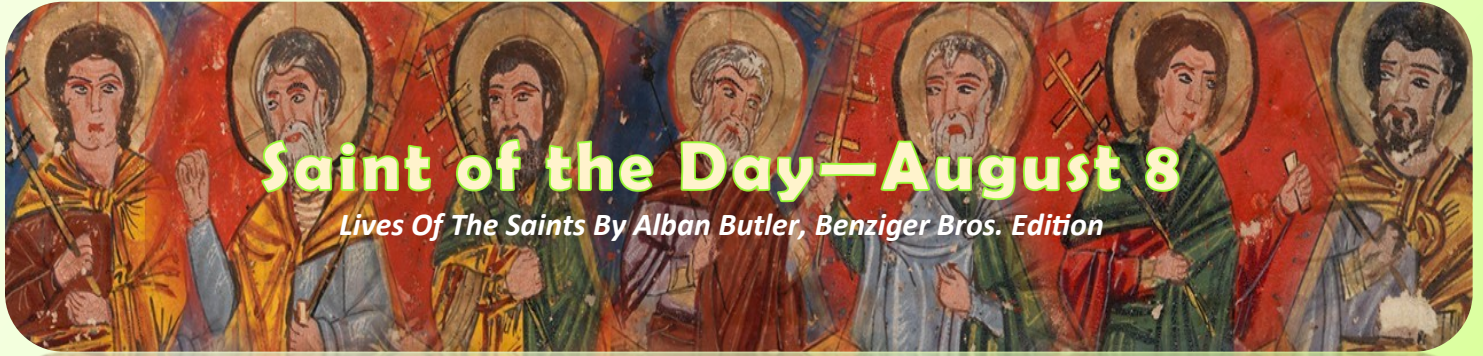
Members of the Parish Finance Council shall serve a three-year term and may be appointed to a second or third three-year term.

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.





ST. CYRIACUS and His Companions, Martyrs

ST. CYRIACUS was a holy deacon at Rome, under the Popes Marcellinus and Marcellus. In the persecution of Diocletian, in 303, he was crowned with a glorious martyrdom in that city. With him suffered also Larga and Smaragdus, and twenty others. Their bodies were first buried near the place of their execution, on the Salarian Way, but were soon after removed to a farm of the devout Lady Lucina, on the Ostian Road, on the eighth day of August.

Reflection.—To honor the martyrs and duly celebrate their festivals, we must learn their spirit and study to imitate them according to the circumstances of our state. We must, like them, resist evil, must subdue our passions, suffer afflictions with patience, and bear with others without murmuring or complaining. The cross is the ladder by which we must ascend to heaven.

BLESSED PETER FAVRE

BORN in 1506 of poor Savoyard shepherds, Peter, at his earnest request, was sent to school, and in after years to the University of Paris. His college friends were St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Francis Xavier. Ignatius found the young man's heart ready for his thoughts of apostolic zeal; Peter became his first companion, and in the year of England's revolt was ordained the first priest of the new Society of Jesus. From that day to the close of his life he was ever in the van of the Church's struggles with falsehood and sin. Boldly facing heresy in Germany, he labored not less diligently to rouse up the dormant faith and charity of Catholic courts and Catholic lands. The odor of Blessed Peter's virtues drew after him into religion the Duke of Gandia, Francis Borgia, and a young student of Nimeguen, Peter Canisius, both to become Saints like their master. The Pope, Paul III., had chosen Blessed Favre to be his theologian at the Council of Trent, and King John III., of Portugal, wished to send him as patriarch and apostle into Abyssinia. Sick and worn with labor, but obedient unto death, the father hastened back to Rome, where his last illness came upon him. He died, in his fortieth year, as one would wish to die, in the very arms of his best friend and spiritual father, St. Ignatius.

Reflection.—As the body sinks under fatigue unless supported by food, so external works, however holy, wear out the soul which is not regularly nourished by prayer. In the most crowded day we can make time briefly and secretly to lift our soul to God and draw new strength from Him.

RELAXED MEASURES

NEW-Online registration to attend weekend Mass will not be required at present. Parishioners from the same family or live at the same address may sit together. Our seating capacity will be slightly higher than 84 since in the past each person was counted regardless if they were from the same family. Proper distancing of 6 feet must still be maintained. *There are 60 available spots in the parish hall.*

NEW - Baptisms of more than one child outside of Mass are now permitted. However, the presider must bless the holy water in a pitcher or other vessel that can be poured on the candidate's head, rather than baptizing each candidate with the same water. Also, the presider should sanitize his hands after making direct contact with each child.

NEW - Cleaning procedures for pews, washrooms, confessionals, reconciliation rooms are relaxed so as to require only regular cleaning in accordance with routines prior to Covid-19 restrictions. The only exception is where someone attending church has a suspected case or tested positive for Covid-19, in which case the space should be disinfected as per pandemic related protocols.

NEW - Missals and prayer books may be replaced in pews. Please do not return hymnals to pews at this time as congregational singing is not yet permitted.

NEW - Bulletins, envelopes, pamphlets, and newspapers may again be distributed as per pre- COVID-19 practices. *(This will happen at St. Lawrence's in September)*

NEW - Small Chapel may be used again as long as proper distancing is maintained. *(This will happen at St. Lawrence's in September)*

NEW - Collections may again be taken up using baskets in the traditional fashion. All Ushers involved in the collection should ensure that they wear masks while undertaking this task and make every effort to ensure physical distancing of two meters (six feet). *(This will happen at St. Lawrence's in September)*

NEW - Hand Sanitizing - it is no longer mandatory for all entering a church to use hand sanitizer, though churches, especially as we move into the fall and winter months, are encouraged to provide hand sanitizers as a best practice. Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should continue to use hand-sanitizers before and after the distribution of the Eucharist.

NEW - Altar servers may resume serving on the altar (wearing masks) and maintaining two meters (six feet) distance between each other and the priest as much as possible. Altar servers from the same household do not need to maintain physical distancing. *(This will happen at St. Lawrence's in September)*

