

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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AUGUST 22, 2021— ORDINARY TIME 21ST 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:

In today's Gospel, Jesus' followers reach a point on the journey where it is time to make a decision. Do they believe in Jesus and in what he has said? Should they continue to follow him? Or is it time to walk away and to return to their former way of living? Many are unable to accept Jesus' words and choose to no longer accompany him. When Jesus asks the Twelve if they also want to leave, Peter answers, "Master, to whom shall we go?"

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

Imagine that you are with the Twelve and the other followers of Jesus today. Where do you find yourself on the road? Do you believe in Jesus and in his Word? Do you choose to follow him? Or are there points on the road where you slip into a former way of living—into old habits, behaviors, and attitudes that are not becoming of a disciple of Christ? Take some quiet time to think about your level of discipleship. Is it wholehearted, half-hearted, or barely evident to your family and to others? Commit yourself today to continuing to follow the Master, the Holy One of God.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Help each family member trace his or her footprint onto a piece of construction paper. Cut out the footprints. Have each family member write his or her name on one side of the footprint. Then pass the footprints around and ask other family members to write down ways they see the footprint owner following Jesus. Adults and older children can help younger children do this too. After everyone has contributed to each family member's footprint, invite family members to read what has been written on their footprints. Pray that those in your family will always be faithful followers of Jesus.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- 1-A time when it was hard for me to follow Jesus was when
- 2-I want to follow Jesus because . . .
- 3-One way our family can follow Jesus more closely is ...

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John 6:53,60-69

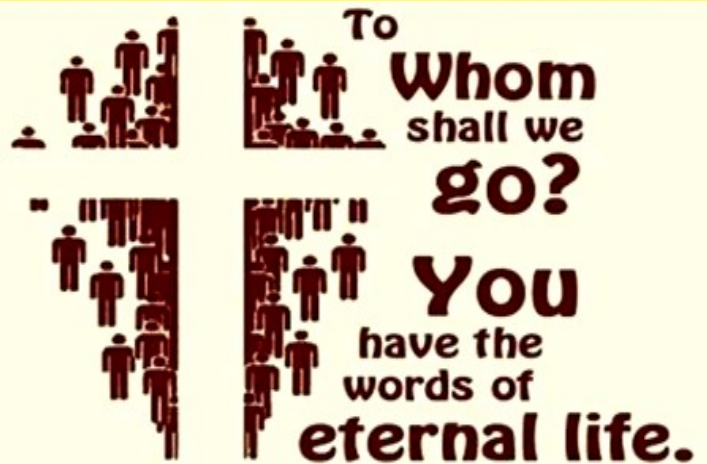


JESUS SAID TO THEM
"VERY TRULY I TELL YOU,
UNLESS YOU **EAT THE FLESH OF**
THE SON OF MAN
AND **DRINK HIS BLOOD**,
YOU HAVE NO LIFE IN YOU

John 6:53

When many of his disciples heard this, they said:
"This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"
But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining
about it, said to them, "Does this offend you?"

Followers? Fans?



You picked twelve
outsiders nobody would
have chosen
and You changed
the world

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:

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to Him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If 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>



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Begins in September

Becoming a Catholic

If you or a loved one would like to consider becoming a Roman Catholic, please have them speak to Fr. Roy after Mass or contact the parish by e-mail or telephone to arrange for an interview.

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 22, 2021



My husband has vascular dementia and is unable to make an examination of conscience. Part of the anointing of the sick involves the confession of sins, so will it be valid when he receives it?

If circumstances permit, the sacrament of anointing of the sick may be preceded by the sacrament of penance and followed by the sacrament of the Eucharist (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1517).

However, when conditions such as your husband's don't allow this, judgment on the suitability for anointing is to be made prudently and without scruple (Pastoral Care of the Sick, 8). For example, anointing is conferred on people who have lost consciousness or the use of reason if, as Christian believers, they would have "at least implicitly asked for it when they were in control of their faculties" (PCS 14). Therefore, because of the degree of brain-function loss in this circumstance, the sacrament of anointing also absolves any sins.

When a habitual desire to die as a faithful Catholic is implied before a person's illness, the special grace of the sacrament of anointing has this as one of its effects: "the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance" (CCC 1532).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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TRUE HUMILITY IS NOT THINKING LESS OF YOURSELF, IT IS THINKING OF yourself less.
- C.S. LEWIS

MASSES - MESSE

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY AUGUST 21ST – SABATO

5:00 P.M. – + Cheryl De Cambra

SUNDAY AUGUST 22ND – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – + Luigi & Angela Di Serio

10:00 A.M. – In Ringraziamento a San Rocco
L'Intenzioni di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Salvatore Porzio
Mike e Vito Cuoppolo
Totunno e Rosaria Francella
Maria D'Addario
Vito Filiberto
Maria Romagnuolo
Rocchina Lamanna
Rosa Fulciniti

11:30 A.M. – + Gordon Burlton

1:00 P.M. – Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. – Anna Manca

MONDAY AUGUST 23RD – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Manuel Dungca

11:00 A.M. – + Doreen Burlton

TUESDAY AUGUST 24TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Eva Porawa

11:00 A.M. – Oto Lam & Family

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 25TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – Alex & Denise Amizola

11:00 A.M. – Alicia Santos

THURSDAY AUGUST 26TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. – + Salcino Dominguez

8:30 A.M. – + Josefina Amizola

FRIDAY AUGUST 27TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. – + Agnes Ralph

7:00 P.M. – Rodel Torres

SATURDAY AUGUST 28TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. – Steve Fitz-Charles

10:00 A.M. – Family of Agnes Leung

12:00 P.M. – Wedding

Stephen Chukwumnazu Robinson & Hiba Al Natsheh

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



WHY IS TRUTH
HARD TO ACCEPT?

*Gospel: John 6.60-69 – The words of Eternal Life.
Jesus, I Trust in You*

The Gospel today concludes Jesus' teaching on the Bread of Life, and we see many disciples who were with Jesus beginning to leave because they were unable to accept Jesus' words. Jesus' teaching was difficult to accept, and instead of softening the gravity of his words to keep everyone around, Jesus says "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." Jesus knew that following him is a difficult task. Only those who are chosen by the Father, and willing to take up the hardships that come with belief in Christ can follow Jesus to the end. The crowd slowly begins to dwindle, from five thousand disciples down to the twelve, who Jesus turns and asks if they also will leave. Peter responds with a beautiful confession of faith, saying "Lord to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life." What differentiated the twelve Apostles from the disciples was simply trust. The teaching of Jesus would have been just as difficult for the twelve to grapple with, however they believed that Jesus was truly the son of God. Their trust in the person of Jesus, the man who they've spent all this time with, and the man who performed these miracles in their midst, wasn't wavered because of the unbelief of the crowds. The decision to follow and trust in Jesus is completely in our hands. As in the first reading of Joshua, when the Israelites approached the promised land, they had the option to go back to where they came from, for the road of a Christian is not easy. Before them was great obstacles, yet behind them was an easy life. When we are faced with a similar decision, how do we respond? It has become increasingly difficult to be authentically Christian in a world which is not. To be able to truly live out our calling as stewards, we must know Jesus and trust him. The best way to know Jesus is through his word. Let us spend time this week immersed in the scripture, getting to know our Lord.

Summary: To follow Jesus is not an easy decision to take, and one that can only be done through the grace bestowed on us through Jesus. When the crowds dispersed in the Gospel, the Apostles did not leave but instead proclaimed Jesus as the Lord who has the words of eternal life, a proclamation that came from trust and knowledge of Jesus the person. As we make the decision to be stewards, let us get to know Christ more intimately especially through the Word of God, which gives us life.

Grade 2 classes for those preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion -- In Grade 2 we focus on the covenants God has made with His people throughout salvation history. We see the story of God's love and fidelity poured out through the ages leading up to his death on the cross. The children learn about grace, sin, mercy and forgiveness as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They also focus on the Mass, the signs and symbols and the real transformation of bread & wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. They learn the different parts of the Mass and how to prepare for Mass and how to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Classes will start in the Fall towards the end of September on Saturday mornings at 11am to noon every other week. More information to follow.

The parish is looking for a second volunteer catechist to assist with the Grade 2 classes. If interested please speak to Fr. Roy or send him an email, fr.roy@rogers.com.



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
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ShareLife 2021:

Living the Gospel by putting faith into action

"ShareLife is the way the rubber hits the road. This is how we validate the legitimacy and integrity of our Christian life: not by the words we speak, but by the love we share, in practical ways. That's what we do with ShareLife." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

As Catholics, we are called to care for one another. One of the ways we do this is through our support of ShareLife. We express this love and care by supporting the work of ShareLife-funded agencies. Through their programs and services, we are able to fulfill this commandment.

Thank you for "living the Gospel" through our parish ShareLife campaign. Thus far we have raised just over **\$24,516.53** toward our goal of **\$42,000**. Thank you to those who have contributed to our annual appeal. If you have not yet done so, you are invited to reflect on your ability to help those in need and make a sacrificial gift to help those who turn to our agencies for help.



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.



Parish Vitality & Stewardship

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" 1 Peter 4:10

Parish Vitality

ENCOUNTER THE GIVER. EMBRACE YOUR GIFTS.



Unleashing

OUR GIFTS

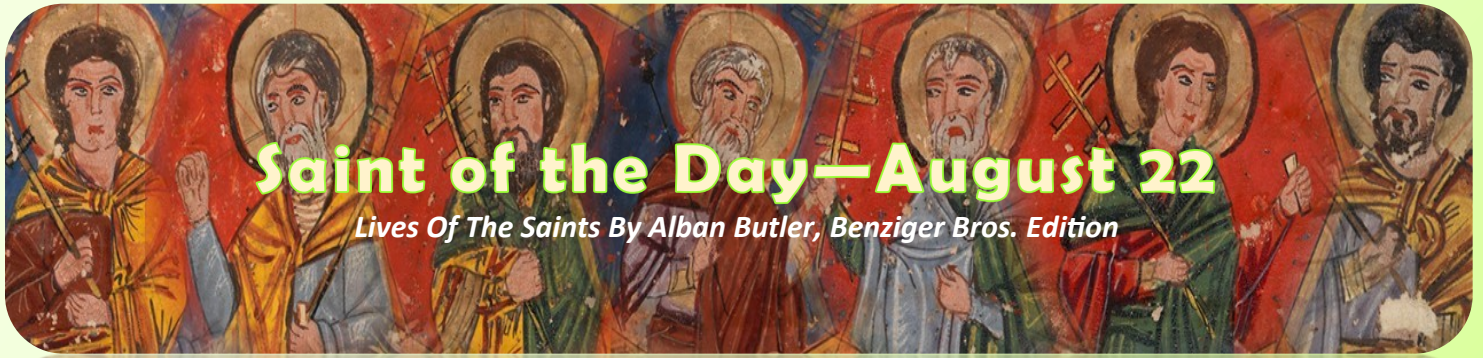
Our parishes are our spiritual homes where we come to worship God, encounter Christ in the Holy Eucharist, pray, and meet with one another as a parish community. A vibrant parish is one that is filled with good stewards who seek to grow in holiness and become saints by serving God and one another.

To help us serve well, God has entrusted us with many gifts, the most important of which is time. As each of us spends only a brief time in this world preparing for our eternal life with God, what we do while here is very important. Another great gift God has given us is our talents. Joy in life comes from using our gifts creatively and fruitfully for the glory of God and in the service of our neighbour, and from celebrating the differing gifts of the people around us.

A good steward, then, is someone who receives God's gifts gratefully, develops those gifts responsibly, shares those gifts lovingly in justice with others, and makes a return with interest to the Lord, while encouraging others to do the same.

This is the spirit of deep stewardship, the fruit of which is vibrant parishes.

Deep stewardship is a spirituality that requires continual conversion and carries with it accountability. As Cardinal Collins wrote in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship, "Jesus will come at the end of time, whenever that will be, and each of us will stand before the Lord at the end of our life to give an account of our stewardship. That can happen at any moment and we need to be ready."



ST. SYMPHORIAN, Martyr

ABOUT the year 180 there was a great procession of the heathen goddess Ceres, at Autun, in France. Amongst the crowd was one who refused to pay the ordinary marks of worship. He was therefore dragged before the magistrate and accused of sacrilege and sedition. When asked his name and condition, he replied, "My name is Symphorian; I am a Christian!" He came of a noble and Christian family. He was still young, and so innocent that he was said to converse with the holy angels. The Christians of Autun were few and little known, and the judge could not believe that the youth was serious in his purpose. He caused the laws enforcing heathen worship to be read, and looked for a speedy compliance. Symphorian replied that he must obey the laws of the King of kings. "Give me a hammer," he said, "and I will break your idol in pieces." He was scourged and thrown into a dungeon. Some days later this son of light came forth from the darkness of his prison, haggard and worn, but full of joy. He despised the riches and honors offered to him as he had despised torments. He died by the sword, and went to the court of the heavenly King. The mother of St. Symphorian stood on the city walls and saw her son led out to die. She knew the honors he had refused and the dishonor of his death, but she esteemed the reproach of Christ better than all the riches of Egypt, and she cried out to him, "My son, my son, keep the living God in your heart; look up to Him Who reigns in heaven." Thus she shared in the glory of his passion, and her name lives with his in the records of the Church. Little more than a century later the Roman Empire bowed before the faith of Christ. Many miracles spread the glory of St. Symphorian, and of Christ the King of Saints.

Reflection.—The Catholic religion teaches us to be subject to every rightful authority. But no earthly authority has any right against Christ and His Church. If we are accused of sedition or disobedience because we are faithful to our religion, then we must choose as St. Symphorian chose, and obey God rather than man.

Saints for the Week (August 22 —28)

- 22. Saint Symphorian
- 23. Saint Philip Benizi
- 24. Saint Bartholomew
- 25. Saint Louis
- 26. Saint Zephyrinus
- 27. Saint Joseph Calasanctius
- 28. Saint Augustine of Hippo

"The only difference between a sinner and a saint is found in their attitude towards their sins— the one persisting in them; the other weeping bitterly"... Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future"... Oscar Wilde