

# ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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Tel No. 416-759-9359

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021— ORDINARY TIME 23<sup>RD</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:

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, the people brought to Jesus a deaf man who also had a speech impediment. They begged Jesus to heal the man. Jesus touched the man's ears and tongue, and prayed that his ears be opened. Immediately, the man was healed. Jesus ordered the people not to tell anyone, but they could not contain the good news of the man's healing.

**REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:**

In the *Rite of Baptism* we pray: *The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father. Amen. (Rite of Baptism 101)*

Read again today's Gospel. Listen—truly listen—for its meaning in your life and in the life of your family. What do you hear the Spirit of God speaking to your heart? Who needs to hear the Good News of this reading? How will you share this Good News with those who need to hear?.

**BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:**

Begin by inviting family members to respond to the following open-ended statements.

1. With my ears I can . . .
2. With my voice I can . . .

Invite family members to share what they think it would be like to not be able to hear or speak. What sounds would they most miss hearing? What would they most miss doing with their voices? Together, offer spontaneous prayers of thanks to God for the gifts of hearing and speech, and pray for all who need healing of body, mind, or spirit..

**DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

In place of questions, create two lists for the family fridge or two posters to place on or near the family prayer table. Label the lists or the posters With My Ears I Heard and With My Voice I Said. Invite family members to write things they hear and say in the coming week that express faith in God and love for God and neighbor. For example: "With my ears I heard the birds singing" or "With my voice I said thanks to Dad."

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*Mark 7: 31-37*

They were exceedingly  
astonished and they said,  
**"He has done all things well.  
He makes  
the deaf hear  
the mute speak."**



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, Eileen and Mary Nicol.

**VOCATION REFLECTION:**

Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom? Count your blessings, then come and help others count theirs too, as a priest, religious or deacon. If you feel you have such a vocation, call Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto.

Tel No. 416-968-0997

Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

Website <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca>



**The Archdiocese of Toronto has opened a humanitarian relief fund to assist Haiti**, which in recent days has been stricken by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake and a tropical storm. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- 1-Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website:
- 2-By phone Development Office – 416-934-3411
- 3-Through the parish, making cheques payable to:  
Name of Parish – Natural Disasters in Haiti – Disaster Relief

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**MASSES - MESSE**

**Mass Intentions**  
**FOR THE WEEK**



**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

5:00 P.M. – + Deceased Tisseverasinghe Family & Friends

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA**

8:30 A.M. – + Mr & Mrs Kuen Sin Lee

10:00 A.M. – Susanna e Gianni Onisto

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Angelo Lamanna

Mike e Vito Cuoppolo

Vito Baudo e defunti famiglia

Vito Sciuto e defunti famiglia - Pietro Pagliaro

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e defunti famiglia

Vito De Nardo e defunti famiglia

Antonio Lisciandro - Francesco Falsetti

Rosa Fulcinitti - Luigi e Maria Lamanna

L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. – Celsa Lobo

1:00 P.M. – Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. – + Holy Souls In Purgatory

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI**

8:30 A.M. – Elisabeth Ramsbotham

11:00 A.M. – Noel Vida

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. – + Kang Hua Hou

11:00 A.M. – In thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. – Eileen Nicol

11:00 A.M. – Cedric De Souza & Family

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. – + Cardinal Velasio De Paolis C.S.T

8:30 A.M. – + Laval Teckson

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. – + Deceased Tamburro & Caccavella families

7:00 P.M. – + Paul & Pauline Lam

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. – + Maxime How

10:00 A.M. – Noelle Torres

*Dear Padre* – September 5, 2021

Martyrs and people who commit suicide willingly sacrifice their lives, so how are they different? If I deliberately put myself in a position to be killed—even for a worthy cause—isn't that a form of suicide ?

Life is a gift from God. While both martyrdom and suicide contradict the natural human disposition to preserve and perpetuate life, the former is a totally self-giving act; the latter, a self-inflicted one. The early Church believed that martyrs went directly to heaven because their sacrifice of life was the ultimate Christ-like expression. Their courageous endurance of indignities and tortures—their heroic willingness to die in defense of the faith or to save another's life—demonstrates a supreme love of God and neighbor over love for life itself (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2473).

Those who take their own lives to end personal suffering or despair make a decision that belongs to God alone. It's an action that can revolve totally around the "self," often with little thought given to its consequences. It's a sin against hope (CCC 2091) that reveals a lack of faith and trust in God. Conversely, martyrdom is a profound expression of faith, trust, and hope in God. Nevertheless, our compassionate God fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide and "can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance" (CCC 2283).

*Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR © 2011 Liguori Publications*

**Please pick up your 2021 Offertory Envelopes.**  
**Please pick the Way of Giving that's right for you:**

**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.

**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](#).





**ON THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND,** we pause once to reflect on the place of work in our lives, to give thanks to the Lord for allowing us to share in his vineyard as his co-workers. It is very important that we see the work we do, no matter what type it is—in relation to God’s plan for His unfinished world.

Our work really when you think about it is a partnership with God, nature and our fellow human beings. Work should never be viewed simply as the expenditure of energy to complete a task.

Work is a profound way into a unique relationship with God and life around us. Thus, there is a fundamental spirituality associated with all human labor. All work has dignity assuming it does not conflict with God’s will and every worker is to be respected as a human being made in the image and likeness of God.

St. John Paul made several important points about work that we should reflect upon today:

- (1) each person is called by God to contribute to the ongoing work of the new creation.
- (2) In our working with others, we become more human and develop the many gifts God has generously poured into our hearts.
- (3) Work can never be confined to the merely physical level of existence. It must enliven our souls.
- (4) Justice demands that each worker receive a just salary and perform a just day’s labor.

On this Labor Day we pause and give thanks to those who work to enhance the quality of everyday life.

This year we pray for those who are unemployed and the challenges we face because of COVID.

Let us look to Jesus who went about working for the kingdom. He accomplished that by being a humble servant. In our lives, we must put on the same attitude. Whether we earn our daily bread as a bank president, college professor, or farmer each of us is called to build up the Kingdom of God. We are called to put on Christ. In so doing we give praise to the One who first showed us how-to-do-good work.

### **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.

### **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.

