

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

2210 LAWRENCE AVE E. SCARBOROUGH , ONTARIO, M1P 2P9

<https://stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org>

Tel No. 416-759-9359

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021— ORDINARY TIME 24TH 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.

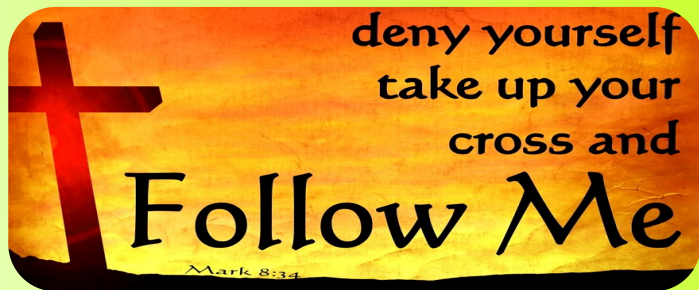
FOR SACRAMENTS (BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANNOINTING of the SICK, RCIA, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL):

Please contact the parish office Tel No. 416-759-9359

PARISH SCHOOL:

St. Lawrence Catholic School Tel No. 416-393-5264

Mark 8: 27-35



GOSPEL SUMMARY:

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus begins his journey to the Cross and Resurrection. The disciples are beginning to understand that Jesus is the Christ, but they cannot reconcile their understanding with Jesus' own foretelling that he will suffer, be killed, and rise after three days. Peter rebukes Jesus. But Jesus makes it clear that all who follow him will lose their lives for his sake.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

As a parent you want what is best for your child. You make sacrifices to provide opportunities for your daughters and sons. Those sacrifices might include sacrificing a career in order to be home with your children or taking on an extra job to save for your child's college tuition. Those sacrifices are everyday examples of what it means to "deny [yourself], take up [your] cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34).

Today, take time to rest in God's love. Remember those who made sacrifices so that you would have opportunities in life. Pray about the sacrifices you are making or feel called to make out of love for God and others.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

At the dinner table throughout the coming week, ask family members to answer the question posed in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that [Jesus is]?" Also invite family members to share the names of those who have helped them come to know Jesus.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. People who think like God thinks...
2. Someone I know who follows Jesus is...
3. One way I can be a better followers of Jesus is...

*Reprinted with permission from www.FaithFirst.com,
a Web resource of RCL Benziger, Cincinnati OH*

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

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



2021-2022 Sacrament Registration for First Reconciliation/Communion & Confirmation

If your family is registered at St. Lawrence Martyr Church and have a child who will be in Gr 2 or above, who would like to participate in the First Communion program that begins in the Fall of 2021, or have a young person starting in Gr.7 or above in September, who would like to participate in the Sacramental preparation program for Confirmation please attend the registration/information meeting on:

Saturday, September 18, 10:00-11:00am

— Sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion

Saturday, September 18, 1:00-2:00pm

— Sacrament of Confirmation

Registration forms can be downloaded from the parish website. Please complete the form and bring to the meeting with a copy of your son/daughter baptismal certificate and sacramental fee of \$50.

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 – ORDINARY TIME 24TH SUNDAY

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH – SABATO

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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – + Mr & Mrs Ho Kowk Kam

10:00 A.M. – L'Anime Del Purgatorio
L'Intentioni di Leopoldo Volpe e famiglia
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Mike e Vito Cuoppolo
Domenico e donata Virgillio
Marco, Edda e Defunti Famiglie
Carlevaris e Nevodini

11:30 A.M. – Eileen Nicol

1:00 P.M. – Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. – + Bob Real

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Maria Abreu

11:00 A.M. – Oto Lam & Family

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Virgil Joseph Vieira

11:00 A.M. – Fr. Russell Asch

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Anthony Pillai Augustin

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

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. – Kimberly Yap

8:30 A.M. – + Domenica Ostacchini

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. – + Pat Linnane

7:00 P.M. – Tatiana Rossi & Family

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. – + Bruce Benton

10:00 A.M. – + Sydney De Souza



Dear Padre – September 12, 2021

I'm having trouble finding a good place to pray. I can't get to church every day. I have a noisy household, and I can't pray at work. Any ideas?

The best place to pray is in solitude. But solitude in this case doesn't mean an isolated place; it is, rather, a state of the heart. Many Christians can enter into a state of solitude on a crowded train. I've talked with others who find solitude while sitting on a bench in a crowded shopping mall.

However, to cultivate this interior state that opens a Christian to heartfelt conversation with God, many of us need to physically shut out distractions. As Jesus advised, go into your room—your secret place—close the door, and pray there. For some people, this "secret place" is a church or chapel. Many people pray before or after Mass. Some churches have a special oratory or chapel for the Blessed Sacrament.

But like you, many people find it difficult to go to a church or chapel every day, so some of them devote a special corner of their home to prayer. This prayer corner usually has a Bible, a crucifix, a statue, a sacred picture, a candle, or a plant. We can find solitude in the car, in a favorite nature spot, in the garden, or on a morning jog. Once you start looking for it, solitude isn't as difficult to find as you'd expect because God is present in every place and in every moment—so wherever we can find solitude, he will be there.

Fr. Michael Brehl, CSSR © 2021 Liguori Publications

**Please pick up your 2021 Offertory Envelopes.
Ways in which you can support your parish:**

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES:

A set of offering envelopes will be prepared for you to pick up at the parish office.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING:

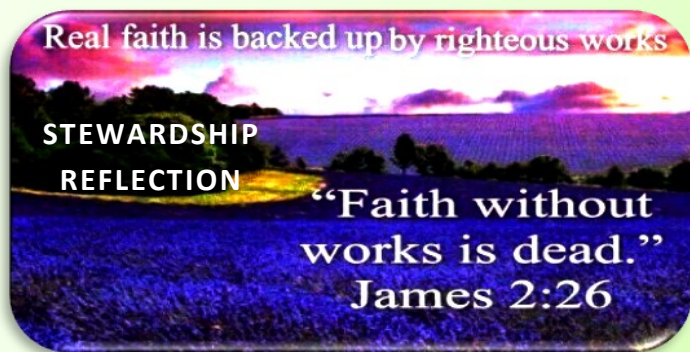
This new way of supporting the church is now being offered in our parish and many of our parishioners may find this method practical and convenient.

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](#).



A Living Faith “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?” In our second reading from the Letter of James we are challenged to have a living faith, a faith that is backed up by action. Let us take some time to reflect on how we can live out our faith through stewardship. While prayer and our relationship with Christ should always remain the most important aspect of our lives, it should still lead us to take action. This is the life of a steward. Before we can bring Jesus to others, our hearts must be filled with His love through our prayer and frequent reception of the Eucharist. We can only give what we have first received. Moreover, we should always realize that the most generous and loving thing we can do for someone is pray for them. This is the humbling reality of being a disciple. It is not our own merits that bring about change but rather God’s mercy and providence. Therefore, we should always turn to intercessory prayer before we take any action. However, after entrusting everything to God, we can then play our part and concretely try to help. For example, St. James cautions us against only praying for people who are hungry while not actually offering some of our food. The prayer is essential, but as stewards, we must strive to offer tangible support as well. Let us take some time to reflect on how we can better put our faith into action through proper use of our time and talents.

Summary In our second reading from the Letter of James we are challenged to have a living faith, a faith that is backed up by action. However, we should first realize that the most generous and loving thing we can do for someone is pray for them. However, after entrusting everything to God, we can then play our part and concretely try to help through proper use of our time and talents.

RCIA begins on Sept. 15th
(7pm to 8:30 pm) in the parish hall.



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.

YOUTH MINISTRY Are you in Grades 6 to 12? We the Faithful and We the Fearless are two fantastic youth groups being run here at St. Lawrence that teach students about their faith and help them to meet other Catholic friends their age! We the Faithful is for students in Grades 6 to 8 and runs every 1st and 3rd Friday, while We the Fearless is for students in Grades 9 to 12 which runs every 2nd and 4th Friday. Youth groups start on Friday, October 1st, run from 6 to 7 p.m., and are both online and in-person this year! For more information, please email stlawrenceministry@gmail.com and our Youth Minister, Colleen, will answer all your questions!

Are you looking for ways to experience God?

YOU ARE NEEDED



Help your neighbors in need.
Grow in service, friendship
and spirituality.

Join the Society of St Vincent de Paul!

You will be serving God. You will be growing spiritually. You will be helping those in need. You will be working with a dedicated group of Vincentians. You are needed. We see Christ in the poor because Jesus told us “whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me.”

Contact Rocco and Giovanna Di Serio at 416-410-3589