

# ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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Tel No. 416-759-9359

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021— ORDINARY TIME 25<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:

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

**Please pick up your 2021  
Offertory Envelopes.**

**Ways in which you can  
support your parish:**

### SUNDAY 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](#).



## Mark 9:30-37



### **GOSPEL SUMMARY:**

Jesus continued to try to help the disciples understand what was in store for him, but they did not understand what he was saying. They discussed among themselves who was the greatest. Placing a child in their midst, Jesus told the disciples that whoever receives a child in his name receives him.

### **REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:**

When Jesus speaks of receiving a child in his name, he is speaking of receiving those whom society sees as unimportant, those with no legal rights, and those with no identity. He is speaking of receiving the powerless and the vulnerable. Today, think about what you can do and are doing to help your children develop compassionate hearts for the poor, the vulnerable, and those in need. They learn best by watching and following your example. How are you showing them the way to love?

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

Together as a family, look through your parish bulletin or Web site for opportunities to serve children in need. Decide on an outreach opportunity to respond to as a family, make an action plan, and follow through on your plan.

### **DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- 1-If I could ask Jesus one question today it would be...
- 2-One of the greatest people I know is... because...
- 3-One way I can serve others this week is...

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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 Mattews, Vanessa Melone, Rosemarie Sorbera, Amelia Barroso, Joey Bagnato, Alicia Alvares, Charlie Abreu, Domingo Catolos, Marylou Gaerlan, Eileen and Mary Nicol.

### **VOCATION REFLECTION:**

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” This life is the ministry of a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you feel God is calling you to one such 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>



### **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.**

### **Renewal for FORMED is taking place on October 19th**

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# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

5:00 P.M. – + Melinda Farrell

## **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA**

8:30 A.M. – Eileen Nicol

10:00 A.M. – Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Rosario Vella

Francesco Ferrante

Mike e Vito Cuoppolo

Totonno e Rosaria Francella

Maria D'Addario

Luigi, Giovanni e Luigina De Rose

Domenico Galluzzo

Rosina Commisso

Filomena Savelli

11:30 A.M. – + Alvin Marshall

1:00 P.M. – Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. – + Lilly Lokehoy

## **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI**

8:30 A.M. – + Steve Chung

11:00 A.M. – In Thanksgiving to Our Lady Of La Salette

## **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. – + Bruno Ostacchini

11:00 A.M. – Maria Georgina Jose

## **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. – Eileen Nicol

11:00 A.M. – Theresa Burlton

## **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> – GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. – Louella Lobo

8:30 A.M. – + Manuel Dungca

## **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. – + Margarete Gajewski

7:00 P.M. – + Gordon Burlton

## **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. – Eileen Nicol

10:00 A.M. – Family of Agnes Leung

*Dear Padre – September 19, 2021*

**In Bible times why did people sacrifice animals, children, and other living beings for their own sins?**

The practice of human and animal sacrifice is at least as old as written history, including in our own Scripture. Few stories are more chilling than when God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, or when Jephthah sacrifices his daughter (Genesis 22; Judges 11). In scriptural theology, one's sins merited punishment and even death, but an animal or other person could be chosen to take one's place.

God, in his mercy, instituted this animal sacrificial system as a symbol, foreshadowing Jesus' sacrifice for our sins (Genesis 8:20; Hebrews 10:1-18). In the New Testament, Jesus understood his mission as sacrificing his own life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was at the cost of death. However, to say that Jesus' death was payment for our sins is not to say that a vengeful God was appeased by the sacrifice of his own innocent Son. Rather, Christ was willing to liberate us when he "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that...by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Thus, "it is love 'to the end (John 13:1)' that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice that "completes and surpasses all other sacrifices" (CCC 614).

*Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR © 2021 Liguori Publications*

**Are you looking for ways to experience God?**



**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 Vincen-tians. 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**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**



**SERVICE**

**Following Jesus: Suffering and Humility**

***Celebrating the Stewardship of Others***

In today's readings we learn the importance of having the right attitude and disposition in our approach towards stewardship. A steward is called to live in humility. We are not the owners of our gifts but are simply the humble caretakers of them and it is our job to give them back to God with increase. St. James in the second reading says, "Where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind." As stewards, we will often face the temptation to compare our gifts with those of others. It is a human reaction to seek recognition for our good works and want to be rewarded. However, the goal of stewardship is not our own glory, but rather the glory of Christ and the Church. One way to combat envy and ambition is to intentionally celebrate the talents of others. Since we are all one Body of Christ, the gifts of our brothers and sisters are the gifts of the whole Church. Relatedly, in the Gospel today Jesus instructs His apostles saying, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." True stewards seek to serve others before themselves. We should ask ourselves, am I assisting at the parish to serve my own ego or to serve my neighbour? Let us constantly try to reorient our priorities so that we can serve Christ first through serving our brothers and sisters.

***Summary***

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**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 ANNOUNCEMENT** Happy September! Our Youth Ministry Team has kept you and your families in prayer over the summer, and we hope your summer was restful, a lot of fun, and filled with God's grace!

As school starts up again, our two youth groups "We the Faithful" and "We the Fearless" will also be starting up again on Friday, October 1st, 2021! *We the Faithful (for students in Grades 6-8)* and *We the Fearless (for students in Grades 9-12)* are two fantastic, free youth groups being run at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church that teach students about their faith and help them to meet other Catholic friends their age! *We the Faithful runs every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month*, while *We the Fearless runs every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month*. Youth groups run from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and will be online with the potential of moving to in-person meetings as well!

If you would like to register your child, please reply to this email with your child's name, your child's grade, your name, your phone number, and your preferred email address. Easy as that! If you have any questions or want more information, please reply to this email and we can answer any questions you might have! We continue to pray for your family's intentions; please pray for us and the future of our beautiful Catholic Church as well.

*Colleen Persaud, Youth Minister*  
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