

# ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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Tel No. 416-759-9359

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021— ORDINARY TIME 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY



**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** —> [click here](#).



*Thank you and GOD bless you!*



## 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 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

*Whoever Is Not Against Us  
Is for Us*

**GOSPEL SUMMARY:**

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells John that those who are not against us are for us. Jesus also speaks of removing those parts of our bodies that cause us to sin, for they are hindrances to entering the Kingdom of God.

**REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:**

The second teaching in today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the temptations and sources of sin in our lives. Spend time in honest conversation with God, and pray for forgiveness and the strength to overcome temptations. Make time to experience God's healing love and grace in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

**BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:**

Lead a family discussion of familiar sins such as telling a lie, cheating on a test, being jealous of what someone else has, being selfish, or not keeping a promise. Make a list of the family's responses. Remind family members that in today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we need to remove whatever causes us to sin from our lives so that we can one day enjoy everlasting life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Review the family's suggestions, one-by-one, and brainstorm ways to work at removing those sins from your lives. For example, you can remove telling lies by working at always telling the truth. You can remove selfishness by working at sharing more often. Conclude the discussion by praying for God's strength and help in avoiding sin and in doing good. If time allows, go as a family to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

**DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- 1-Someone who did something kind for me this week was...
- 2-An act of kindness I could do for someone else this week is
- 3-One of my biggest temptations 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:**

Today's readings speak of the gifts of prophesy and of casting out demons. If you feel that God is calling you with the gift 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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



**World Day of Migrants and Refugees  
ShareLife Sunday is next weekend**

Next weekend is our third collection for this year's ShareLife campaign. Our goal this year is \$42,500. To date we have achieved \$24,500. Thank you for your generosity!

Today is also World Day of Refugees and Migrants. In 2009, Cardinal Collins established the Office for Refugees, an organization you support through ShareLife.

We are fortunate to live in a country where people can practice their faith without fear of persecution. It is not like this in every country. In some places, people are threatened with physical harm, even death, on the basis of their religious beliefs.

As we emerge from the pandemic, let's not forget the plight of those facing hardship and persecution, and continue our efforts to welcome them to Canada.

Your gift to ShareLife facilitated the arrival of 528 refugees through the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto last year. They are among the 150,000 people helped by generous donors like you.



**Where is your  
brother or sister?**

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



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

5:00 P.M. – Mary Jardine Ilkay

## **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA**

8:30 A.M. – + Ping Kuang Chen & + Chu Ying Chen

10:00 A.M. – L'Intenzioni Di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Tony Lamanna - Salvatore Porzio

Mike e Vito Cuoppolo – Paolo Modica

Giuseppe Canini e defunti famiglia

Defunti famiglie Battaglia e Garofalo

Leonello Pecorari - Mario Mazzolin

Lisa Garofalo - Enzo Di Mauro

Lorenzo e Giovanna Romagnuolo e defunti famiglia

Antonio Cicchetti - Rocco Zambri

11:30 A.M. – + Virgil Joseph Vieira

1:00 P.M. – Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. – + Mary Tisseverasinghe

## **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI**

8:30 A.M. – + Peng Kwang Chen

11:00 A.M. – + Eleanor Towers

## **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. – + Hua Hsieh

11:00 A.M. – Rodel Torres

## **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. – + Sheng Lim Lee

11:00 A.M. – In Thanksgiving St. Michael The Archangel

## **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. – + Holy Souls In Purgatory

8:30 A.M. – + Joseph Lovrek

## **FRIDAY OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> – VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. – In Thanksgiving

7:00 P.M. – Family of Agnes Leung

## **SATURDAY OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. – + Hsun Kuang Liao

10:00 A.M. – Beverley Correiro

## *Dear Padre* – September 26, 2021

**Isn't evangelization a role best left to religious professionals? I worry about being ridiculed if I try to spread the Good News. Any suggestions?**



Many Catholics incorrectly assume that evangelization is not their job but a task for priests, deacons, or others serving in an official capacity. But it is helpful to remember that evangelization is more a matter of commitment rather than a specialized competence. The Gospel proclaims that a disciple must go out into the world and spread the Good News. Evangelization is the mission and purpose of the whole Church. It is doing God's will and work on earth.

Your anxiety about being ridiculed may arise from a notion that others will reject information about Jesus Christ. This fear may be underestimating the powerful attraction of the Good News. This worry may be based on your own lack of confidence rather than the response of others. There are several ways for dealing with this concern: First, acknowledge this fear and seek counsel and advice from someone who has overcome it. Second, remember that to help us offset these negative emotions we are all given the fruits of the Holy Spirit: joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Third, remember the future—God works in mysterious ways, and grace, though powerful, may take a long time to come to fruition.

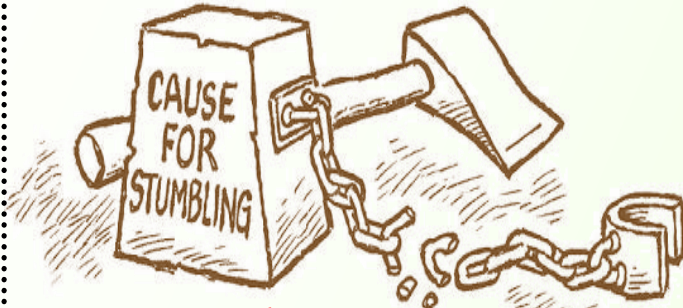
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**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**



**Temptations to Sin**

**Removing the Obstacles:** In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the bold teaching that we should rid ourselves of anything that causes us to sin, for the price of losing our eternal salvation is far too great. This teaching can seem harsh at times, yet it is actually one of great truth and love. The radical implication in Jesus message' is that the salvation of our souls is the most important thing in life. As followers of Christ, we should ask ourselves, is there anything that is causing us to sin? Sin begins to weaken our relationship with God which hinders our ability to truly love others and act as authentic stewards. If we want our stewardship to flourish, we should take concrete actions to avoid the near occasions of sin and seek forgiveness in the sacrament of Confession for whenever we do fall. Additionally, not only should we seek to remove the causes of sin in our lives, but we should try to remove all those things that hinder us from being better stewards of our time and talents. For example, if our pride and ego get in the way of us being willing to humbly serve others, we should pray for the strength to grow in humility. Likewise, if our addiction to television or movies stops us from giving our time to others, we should try to intentionally limit our viewing time. There are many ways we can grow as faithful stewards of Christ so let us start by taking small steps towards being more generous.

**Summary:** Jesus instructs us in the Gospel to remove anything that causes us to sin for the most important thing in life is the salvation of our souls. Likewise, we should strive to remove anything that hinders us from being better stewards of our time and talents. There are many ways we can grow as faithful stewards of Christ so let us start by taking small steps towards being more generous.



**Discover the possibilities of a marriage lived as God intends it!**

Join us for a weekend: October 22-24, 2021 Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Live your best life in love! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be; a special weekend to spend in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship!

Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at [gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com) or (905) 792-1925

Website: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)



**The Office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for September 2022.**

St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grade 7 to Grade 12. Virtual Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Tuesday, October 26 and Thursday, October 28 beginning at 7:30p.m. We invite you to register at [ApplySMCS.com](http://ApplySMCS.com).

St. Michael's College School offers a generous bursary programme that provides financial aid to qualifying students.

**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 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**

**"The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us."— C.S. Lewis**