

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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OCTOBER 10, 2021 – ORDINARY TIME 28TH SUNDAY



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**St. Lawrence,
Pray for Us**

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

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GOSPEL SUMMARY:

The man in today's Gospel lived a good life and observed God's laws. But he had yet to do the one thing Jesus would ask of him—to sell all he had and give to the poor. The man went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus emphasized to his disciples how hard it is for those with great wealth to enter God's kingdom.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

Take time to make two lists today. On the first, list all the things that are important to you in the order of their importance. On the second, list what you really need in order to live. Compare the two lists. How are they alike? How are they different?

Review the first list. Is God first in your order of importance? If not, what can you do to make faith in him the most important priority in your life? Consider whether any other adjustments need to be made to your lists. Pray that the second list will help you be more aware of **wants** verses **needs**.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

This week, invite the family to take part in an opportunity to give what you have to the poor. Set aside a day and a time to go through closets, cupboards, and drawers together. Gather any outgrown clothes or unused items that are clean and in good shape. Take them to a donation center such as the clothes closet or St. Vincent de Paul collection box at your parish.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. Giving away clothes I don't wear anymore and things I don't use makes me feel . . .
2. The one thing that would be hard for me to give up is . . .
3. A rich person I know who will certainly enter the Kingdom of Heaven is . . . because . . .

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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 Matthews, Vanessa Melone, Rosemarie Sorbera, Amelia Barroso, Joey Bagnato, Alicia Alvares, Charlie Abreu, Domingo Catolos, Marylou Gaerlan, Eileen and Mary Nicol, Betty Byrne, Jose Augustus Ibe.

VOCATION REFLECTION:

If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that new dream. Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise. "You will have treasure in Heaven, then come, follow Me." Come, follow the call of Christ as a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you think God is calling you to one of these , call

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Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY OCTOBER 9TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. – + Amel Manabat

SUNDAY OCTOBER 10TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – In thanksgiving from Rodas Family

10:00 A.M. – Pietro e Elvira Fernandes
Mike e Vito Cuoppolo
Maria, Vito e Vincenzo Ciraco
Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie
Carlevaris e Nevodini
L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. – + Alvin Marshall

1:00 P.M. – Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. – + Manny Baldoza

MONDAY OCTOBER 11TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. – + John Liao

11:00 A.M. – Corinne Lobo

TUESDAY OCTOBER 12TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Kathlien Liu

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

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Amy Wong

11:00 A.M. – + Paul & Pauline Lam

THURSDAY OCTOBER 14TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. – Fr. Russell Asch & Family

8:30 A.M. – + Radna Murday

FRIDAY OCTOBER 15TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. – + Deceased Longo & Russo Families

7:00 P.M. – Maria Georgina Jose

SATURDAY OCTOBER 16TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. – + Maria Zemljak

10:00 A.M. – Theresa Burlton



Dear Padre – October 10, 2021

I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?



RCIA was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ or who has never participated in a church community.

RCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshipping community, pray, and reflect on God's word.

The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites; some parts of the rites are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year.

Talk to your pastor about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you.

Fr. . John Schmidt, CSSR © 2021 Liguori Publications

HAPPY
Thanksgiving
DAY

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34



Stewardship Reflection:

Fostering an Attitude of Gratitude This Thanksgiving weekend provides us the perfect opportunity to reflect on our lives and our commitment to stewardship. Let us consider the following passage from Cardinal Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* . "Deep stewardship begins with gratitude and ends with accountability. Stewardship is sometimes called 'the attitude of gratitude.' We recognize gratefully that everything in life is a gift of God ... If each of us is profoundly aware that all is gift, then we are freed from possessiveness, and can be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us in life, sharing generously." Before we can generously share our time and talents with the parish community we must first realize that they are gifts from God. There are many fruitful practices we can adopt to help us cultivate this deeper sense of gratitude. Firstly, we must always remember that life itself is a beautiful gift. We can try to begin each day while we still lie in bed to simply say "thank you Lord for blessing me with another day." We will then be able to have a greater appreciation for our time on earth and work towards making better use of our lives. Additionally, this weekend when we have our family Thanksgiving dinner, perhaps we can go around the table and have each person say what they are thankful for this past year. Let us challenge ourselves to go deep and truly examine all of the blessings God has bestowed on our lives that we so often take for granted. Let us grow in our stewardship this weekend as we foster an "attitude of gratitude."

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* Thomas Cardinal Collins, Pastoral Letter on Stewardship. Available at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/stewardship/home/pastoralletter/>

Happy Thanksgiving!

On behalf of the staff here at St. Lawrence Martyr Church, I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend.

Without a doubt, we could spend much time focusing on the many things going wrong in our world and in our own country, but I want to remind us of the tremendous importance and calling we have to be a people of Thankfulness!

1 Chronicles 16:34 (NKJV) 34 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Rudyard Kipling was a great writer and poet whose writings we have all enjoyed. Unlike many old writers, Kipling was one of the few who had the opportunity to enjoy his success while he lived. He also made a great deal of money at his trade.

One time a newspaper reporter came up to him and said, "Mr. Kipling, I just read that somebody calculated that the money you make from your writings amounts to over a hundred dollars a word; Mr. Kipling raised his eyebrows and said, "Really, I certainly wasn't aware of that."

The reporter cynically reached down into his pocket and pulled out a one hundred dollar bill and gave it to Kipling and said, "Here's a hundred dollar bill, Mr. Kipling. Now, you give me one of your hundred dollar words." Mr. Kipling looked at that hundred dollar bill for a moment, took it and folded it up and put it in his pocket and said, "Thanks."

He's right! The word thanks is certainly a hundred dollar word. In fact, I would say it is more like a million-dollar word. It's one word that is too seldom heard and too rarely spoken and too often forgotten. If we would all adopt an attitude of thanksgiving into our lives – our lives would be changed. We would savor each day.

Even if we take a look back at the story of the Lord healing ten lepers from their disease, we see that only one took the time to return to offer thanks! How sad, but I pray that story is a reminder of the wonderful privilege we have of returning to be thankful to the Lord for all His blessings.

May the Lord richly bless you now and in the upcoming Christmas Season and the New Year! We are thankful for you!

Blessings in Christ, *Father Roy Farrell*