

# ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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Tel No. 416-759-9359

OCTOBER 31, 2021 – ORDINARY TIME 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY



**2022 Sunday Envelopes will be available mid-November in the parish hall.**

**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!*



**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 SCHOOLS):**

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:**

In today's Gospel, the first part of Jesus' response to the scribe is taken from Deuteronomy 6:4-5. It is also the first part of the Shema, a very important section of the Torah that is recited by Jews in the morning and at night. This prayer is part of what is often written on pieces of parchment and placed in mezuzahs—or special containers—to be hung on the doorposts in the rooms in Jewish homes.

**REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:**

Take some time to reflect on the first part of Jesus' response to the scribe. Consider whether you have put any other gods before the one true God—what people, things, attitudes, and behaviors are getting in the way of your relationship with God? What do you need to do in order to truly love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?

**BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:**

Work together to create a special container similar to a mezuzah. Decorate your container with crayons, markers, stickers, and embellishments that express faith and love. Invite each family member to choose a message from today's Gospel such as, "Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!" or "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart" or "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Ask family members to write or draw their choices on parchment paper or on drawing paper. Have them place their messages in the special container. Place the container near the door your family most often uses. Explain that the container should encourage them to honor the Scripture passage they have written or drawn.

**DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

1. "The Lord our God is Lord alone!" means . . .
2. One way I can love God more is . . .
3. "Love your neighbor as yourself" means . . .
4. One way I love myself 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 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.

**BOOKING PARISH MASSES:** On November 1st parishioners may submit names for 5 Masses to be celebrated during 2022. This provides an equal chance for parishioners to book Masses. The names are to be written legibly or typed. Please make sure you include the name and contact information requesting the Masses. Parishioners may request additional Masses after November 1st.



**ALL SAINTS DAY:** 8:30 AM (ENGLISH) 11:00 AM (LATIN) 1: 30 PM (ITALIAN) 7: 00 PM (ENGLISH)

**ALL SOULS DAY:** 8:30 AM (ENGLISH) 10:30 AM (LATIN) \*\*\*(THERE WILL BE THREE CONSECUTIVE LATIN MASSES ON ALL SOULS DAYS) 1: 30 PM (ITALIAN) 7: 00 PM (ENGLISH)

**AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH** there will be a PURPLE BOX for you to place the names of your loved ones. It will remain there throughout the month of November. All SOUL'S DAY envelopes will be available. With the pandemic still causing thousands of deaths all around the world, this year the month of November will take on even more significance. It's the time the Church dedicates to praying especially for the eternal rest of the deceased.



**FIRST FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH**

Adoration will take place in the church from 9 am to 4pm and from 6pm to 7pm. Please note there is a Memorial Mass in Italian scheduled at 5 pm)

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**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK 

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

5:00 P.M. — + Virgil Joseph Vieira

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> – DOMENICA**

8:30 A.M. — + Holy Souls In Purgatory

10:00 A.M. — Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Giuseppe Canini e defunti - Mike e Vito Cuoppolo

Defunti famiglie Battaglia e Garofalo

Giuseppe e Vincenza Ciraco e defunti famiglia

Leonello Pecorari - Marino D'Attolico e defunti

Giuseppina Mossetti - Corinna Lamanna

L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M.— Candida Lobo

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — + Angelo Alamis Sr. & Noe Alamis

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> – LUNEDI**

8:30 A.M. — + The Fulgado & Mariano Families

11:00 A.M. — + The De Souza & Ramos Families

1:30 P.M. — Italian Mass

7:00 P.M. — English Mass

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. — For our Parishioners

10:30 A.M. — 3 Consecutive Latin Masses

1:30 P.M. — Per 1 Nostri Parrochiani (Italian Mass)

7:00 P.M. — For our Parishioners (English Mass)

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. — Nicholas Ferreira

11:00 A.M. — + The Fonseca Families

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. — + The De Jesus Families

8:30 A.M. — Michael Ramsbotham

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. — + Tamburro & Longo Families

7:00 P.M. — + The De Mello Family

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. — In Thanksgiving

10:00 A.M. — + Sydney, Irene & Anne De Souza

1:00 P.M. — **Wedding**

**Andre Gizenga-Ehiwe & Seghen Woldai**

*Dear Padre*

**Does the Church have a position on  
cosmetic surgery?**



For clarity, we understand cosmetic surgery to be a medical intervention that's purely optional and not required to maintain or restore physical health. For example, we aren't considering here plastic surgeries in response to serious injuries from fire or trauma. It's impossible to give a single response about all cosmetic surgery, and the Church has no explicit teaching on the matter. Perhaps some general suggestions will help guide our thinking.

We must first ask what the goal of the surgery is. Face lifts, "nose jobs," "tummy tucks," and such are elective surgeries usually pursued because persons are unhappy with their appearance. While there may be instances where people are so distraught over these matters that cosmetic surgery would help them attain some peace and comfort, often these surgeries are motivated by vanity. When these feelings are present, one might ask whether more profound issues about self-acceptance should be addressed, rather than resorting to changing one's appearance.

One should ask how this particular cosmetic surgery would enhance our dignity as one made in God's image. In a broader context, we might consider how much is spent on "looking better" when many have neither food, shelter, nor proper clothing. A good meditation is to think first of Jesus' concern for the poor and then how he wishes to work through us to take care of his poor as the body of Christ.

*From Life, Death, and Catholic Medical Choices*  
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**VOCATION REFLECTION:**

"To love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding, and with all the strength" and "to love one's neighbour as oneself" are the greatest commandments. If you feel that God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, religious or 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>



*Love GOD...  
Love People...  
Serve Others!*

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*A Steward's Way of Loving:* "You shall love The Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Love – that is what is at the core of our Christian stewardship. In response to God's love and goodness for us, we are inspired to love Him and our neighbour. Jesus isn't vague in his explanation on how we ought to love. Instead, he specifies in great detail that we are to love with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In essence, we are called to love with our entire lives. In order to love in this manner, it is essential to embrace a spirituality of stewardship. An authentic steward is called to offer the gifts of their time and talent to God and the Church. One way in which we can love through the gift of our time is through our dedication to prayer. We are woven out of time, so what we spend our time on greatly reflects what is most important to us. As stewards, we should set aside a portion of each day that is reserved solely for prayer. In regards to our talents, we can love others by sharing these gifts with our parish community through various ministries. For example, if we have an ability to sing, perhaps we can look to join a parish choir. Let us take some time to reflect on how we can better use our time and talents to love God and our neighbour with our entire lives.

*Summary:* Jesus teaches us that we are to love God and our neighbour with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In essence, we are called to love with our entire lives, which requires us to embrace a spirituality of stewardship. Let us take some time to reflect on how we can better use our time and talents to authentically and generously love Christ and the Church.

**ShareLife** The pandemic has revealed the value of countless things we once took for granted. At the top of the list for many of us is the ability to receive the sacraments. Our spiritual needs are as real as any others, and to fully meet them we rely on the priests, deacons, religious and lay people faithfully serving our parishes.

We must pray for good and holy priests. But we must also ensure they are equipped with an excellent educational and spiritual formation, which is why your gift to ShareLife supports St. Augustine's Seminary. The future of our Church, and the essential pastoral care provided by our priests, depends on our generosity.

Our parish's goal for ShareLife this year is \$42,500. To date we have achieved \$24,696.53. Please consider making a gift on *ShareLife Sunday, which is October 31*. You can also give anytime at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org). Thank you for your support of ShareLife and the future of our Church.

***Let's invoke our Parish Patron Saint everyday!***



**A PRAYER TO ST. LAWRENCE:  
'HELP ME TREASURE THOSE WHOM  
OTHERS DISCARD'**

*Feast Day, August 10*

Kind St. Lawrence,  
You cared for the material goods of  
the Church,  
While showing great love for those  
cast aside —

Those in poverty and those who were sick, suffering, or forgotten.

These, you reminded the world, are the true treasures of the Church.

Guide my thoughts and prayers and actions  
So that I may treasure those whom others discard, and  
be a servant to those in need.

Help me to see the dignity in every person I encounter:  
to defend the defenseless,  
give voice to the voiceless,  
and seek justice for those treated unjustly.

Be with me as I seek to help the poor, and inflame my  
heart with love for all God's children. Amen.

**St. Lawrence pray to God for us.**