

# ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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**NOVEMBER 21, 2021 – SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING**



## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS.

We are happy you decided to worship with us today. Please introduce yourself to one of the priests following Mass in the Gathering Area in the back of the church. If you would like information about registering as a new parish member, please call 416-759-9359 for a registration form; or [click here](#).

*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. **2022 envelopes will be available mid - Nov in the parish hall.**

**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.



*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 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 reading, it is Pilate who refers to Jesus as King of the Jews. Jesus does not confirm that he is a king, and makes it clear that his kingdom does not belong to this world. His purpose for being in the world is to testify to the truth.

## REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

The Preface for today's Mass describes the kingdom over which Jesus Christ is King. It is:

An eternal and universal kingdom,  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

Truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love, and peace—are these the building blocks of your home? What are you doing and saying to help build the kingdom that God has in mind?

## BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Invite family members to think about things they own. Make a simple crown centerpiece for your kitchen or dining room table. When you have finished sharing lunch or dinner, offer simple prayers of praise or thanksgiving to Jesus Christ the King. Invite each family member to offer the following prayer, choosing a word to fill in the blank (such as peace, hope, friendship, life, the world, and so forth). You may wish to have each person hold the crown as he or she offers his or her prayer. Jesus, King of \_\_\_\_\_, hear our prayer.

## DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. I can help Jesus build a kingdom of truth by . . .
2. We can make our home a place of holiness by . . .
3. One area in my life where I have a hard time and need to invite Jesus to be King is . . .

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**“He has much who needs least. Do not create necessities for yourself.” — Saint Josemaría Escrivá**

**“Man cannot live without joy. That is why, one deprived of spiritual joys goes over to carnal pleasures.” — Saint Thomas Aquinas**

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, Verna Quinn .

## VOCATION REFLECTION:

Today we hail Christ as our King. He is the Victor over the power of death Who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and Who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His Father and our God. He Who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers or deacons, so that the faithful may know Him, love Him and serve Him as well.



If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, then 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>



**LOOKING for SPONSORS FOR RCIA:** If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or helping with the RCIA program please contact Fr. Roy by email: [fr.roy@rogers.com](mailto:fr.roy@rogers.com).

An excellent sponsor:

1. Participates in Mass every Sunday
2. Participates actively in the parish
3. Prays regularly
4. Talks about their faith and why they love being Catholic
5. Is a hopeful and joyful person
6. Believes in miracles
7. Sacrifices for the sake of others

## REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:

Parishioners may place names of deceased family on a piece of paper and place them in the purple boxes at the front of the church during the month of November.



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**Mass Intentions**  
**FOR THE WEEK**



**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

5:00 P.M. — + Rocchina & Carmelo Scarano

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> – DOMENICA**

8:30 A.M. — + Mark Rebello

10:00 A.M. — Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia  
Salvatore Porzio - Francesco Ferrante  
Mike e Vito Cuoppolo  
Totonno e Rosaria Francella  
Angelo e Maria Baroni  
Francesco e Carmela Racioppo  
Rocca e Antonio Racioppo  
Marino D'Attolico e defunti  
Maria e Rosario Randazzo e defunti  
Antonio Cicchetti - John Nigro  
Rocco Zambri - Maria D'Addario

11:30 A.M. — + Basil, Yolande & Paulette Friolet

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — Cecil D'Cruz

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> – LUNEDI**

8:30 A.M. — Cecil D'Cruz

11:00 A.M. — Theresa Burlton

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. — + Manuel Dungca

11:00 A.M. — The Valladares Family

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. — Manuelpillai Gnaneperagasam

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

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. — Louella Lobo

8:30 A.M. — + Narcisso Espino

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. — + Apolonia Vasquez Ilao

7:00 P.M. — Family of Agnes Leung

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. — + Antonio & Carmela Scarano

10:00 A.M. — + Mary & Jack Young

*Dear Padre*

**Why does the Church continue to use the image of a king to describe Jesus? He didn't act like a king or expect his followers to treat him like one. ?**



Hereditary kings ruled most nations in the ancient Near East. In Egypt, the king was actually recognized as a god. In Israel, God was considered the one true king, and God's covenant was the treaty that united God and the people.

But the time came when the Israelites thought they needed to strengthen themselves militarily and politically. Then the elders came to Samuel and asked him to appoint a king to govern them like other nations (1 Samuel 8:5). The three great kings of Israel (Saul, David, and Solomon) were considered instruments of God but were also subject to existing legal codes.

Throughout the New Testament runs the theme that Jesus, a descendant of the royal Davidic line, is a ruler or king. The Magi first proclaimed Jesus king, saying they were looking for the "newborn king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2).

At the heart of Jesus' message was the good news that all people could enter the kingdom of God if they rejected sin. Jesus used the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32) to show that his kingdom will grow until everyone can be embraced within its branches. This kingdom, first manifested in simplicity and love in the Galilean countryside, is to reach its fulfillment in a great love among all people.

Jesus as king is an image that should lead us to recognize our commitment to love and service to others in his kingdom.

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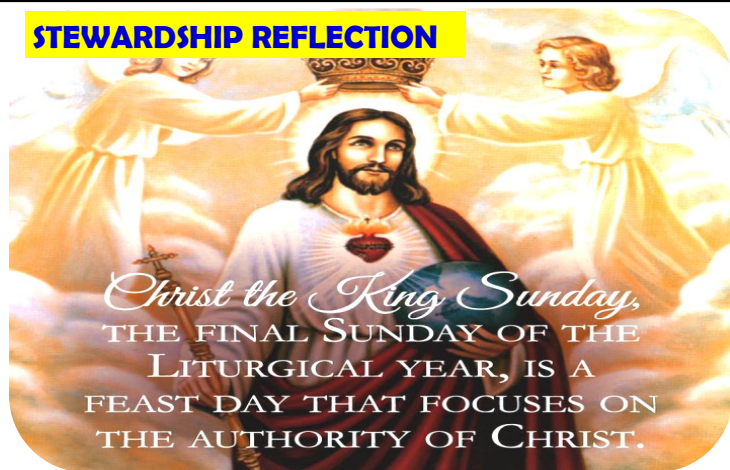
**"To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless." — G.K. Chesterton**

**"God can't give us peace and happiness apart from Himself because there is no such thing." — C.S. Lewis**

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



**Enthroning the King.** On this final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the great solemnity of Christ the King. Jesus always remains the King of the Universe, but does He also remain the king of our lives? Let us reflect on how we can enthrone Jesus in our hearts through our commitment to stewardship. Kings often receive the finest of things in order to showcase their importance. If we want to make Jesus our King, He too deserves our very best. We can do this by striving to offer Christ the “first fruits” of our time in prayer. When we set aside a portion of everyday for prayer, we are expressing the importance of God in our lives. We become loving and faithful servants who simply long to be in the presence of their master. Let us not try to fit in our prayer after all our other commitments are taken care of, but rather, let us schedule the rest of our day around our times of prayer so as to give our King the very best we can. Once we enthrone Jesus as King of our lives, we can then begin to serve Him as one would an earthly king. But what kind of service does our Divine King desire? The Lord desires the service of charity and sacrifice. St. Rose of Lima says, “When we serve the poor and the sick we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbours, because in them we serve Jesus.” As stewards, let us strive to use our gifts to serve our fellow parishioners, and in turn, serve the King of kings.

**Summary.** On this solemnity of Christ the King let us reflect on how we can enthrone Jesus in our hearts through our commitment to stewardship. Firstly, we can let God rule in our lives by giving Him the “first fruits” of our time in prayer. We should then strive to use our gifts to serve our fellow parishioners, and in turn, serve the King of kings.

**THE SIGNIFANCE OF TODAY’S SOLEMNITY:** It was established by Pope Pius X1 in 1925. He wanted the feast to impact the laity. This is an excerpt from his encyclical, "The faithful, moreover, by meditating upon these truths, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian ideal. If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God."

### 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.