

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 28, 2021— FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.

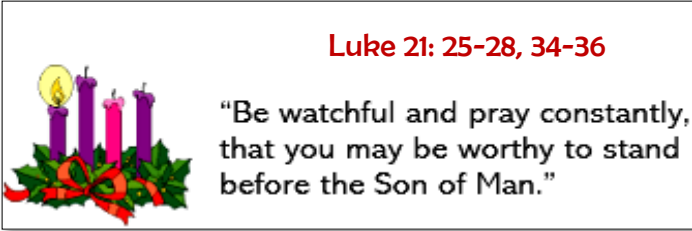
FOR SACRAMENTS (BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANNOINTING of the SICK, RCIA, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS):

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:

Just a few weeks ago we heard a Gospel passage with a similar message. In the end times many unusual things will happen and people will be frightened, but the Son of Man will come with great power and glory to redeem his own. The second half of today's Gospel reading stresses the importance of being ready for Christ's coming at all times.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

Yes, it is important to be ready for the Second Coming of Christ, but it is also important to be prepared for his arrival into every moment of every day. He may come to us through a conversation, in the form of a beggar on the streets, through the words or actions of our children, or through the kindness of a stranger. Are our hearts open to receiving him? Advent affords us the opportunity to prepare our hearts and lives for Christ's coming today, at Christmas, and at the end of all time. This Advent, open your eyes, your ears, and your heart to the coming of Christ in ordinary and extraordinary ways.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Take time today to make a family Advent plan. Create a family Advent calendar or Advent chain listing ways your family will spiritually and physically prepare for the celebration of Christ's coming at Christmas. Include on your calendar or chain parish Advent opportunities, such as an Advent Penance and Reconciliation service or shopping for and wrapping gifts for the parish Advent Giving Tree.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. One way I have been lazy about my faith is . . .
2. One thing I can do to become more ready for Christ's coming at Christmas is . . .
3. One thing I am looking forward to doing with my family this Advent is . . .

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FAREWELL TO OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR, FR. JIMMY

He will return to Kerala, India on January 4th 2022 to take up his new roles as Vice-Provincial of his religious community, Rector and Professor at a Minor Seminary, and Manager of a Highschool. We thank him for his devoted and generous service to the parish and in particular to the Italian community. He will be truly missed. To thank him, parishioners may greet him in the parish hall following the morning Masses (8: 30 am, 10:00 am and 11: 30 am) on December 19th. Due to the pandemic only water, coffee and tea and cake will be served.

*God be with
you
till we meet again;*

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, Luca Fitz-Charles.

VOCATION REFLECTION:

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto. Tel No. 416.968.0997
Email vocations@archtoronto.org
Website <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca>



"Life is a constant Advent season: we are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfill. Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfillment are all part of our Advent experience."

"May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives."

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Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. — + Virgil Joseph Vieira

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. — + Angelo Alamis Sr.

10:00 A.M. — Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Tony Lamanna
Mike e Vito coppolo - Leonello Pecorari
Defunti famiglie Battaglia e Garofalo - Lisa Garofalo
Giuseppe e Addolarata Giangrande
Antonia e Luciano Giangrande
Caterina e Raffaele Morra
Grazia e Vincenzo Belmonte e defunti famiglia
Alfonso Dello Buono e defunti famiglia
Amadeo Blanco Garcia e defunti famiglia
Clarisa Bello Gesto e defunti famiglia - Maria Dini
Amedeo, Vittoria e Angelo Vincenzi
Regina, Giuseppe, Marcello e Giulio Manera
Giuseppe, Isabella e Vito Pantaleo
Vincenzo, Domenica e Donata Trentadue
Immacolato Lombardi e famiglia

11:30 A.M. — Anthony Lobo

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — + Claude & Patricia Breton

MONDAY NOVEMBER 29TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Luciano e Paola La Rosa

11:00 A.M. — Rodel Torres

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. — Fr. Isaac C.M.I

11:00 A.M. — David, Carmen, Jose & family

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1ST – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. — Charles Bagasan

11:00 A.M. — Family of Agnes Leung

THURSDAY DECEMBER 2ND – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. — + Paul & Pauline Lam

8:30 A.M. — + Claude Patricia Breton

FRIDAY DECEMBER 3RD – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. — Fr. Roy Farrell

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 4TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. — In Thanksgiving

10:00 A.M. — Daniel Torres

Dear Padre



What do Advent-wreath candles signify ?

Most Advent wreaths have three purple candles and one rose candle to echo the liturgical colors of the Church's Advent celebrations.

Whether the wreath is being used at home or in a church, the lighting of the candles should follow the liturgical colors of the Sundays of Advent. The vestments at Mass are purple during the first two weeks of Advent, so we light a purple candle on the first and second Sundays of Advent.

On the third Sunday, the Church celebrates Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday, named after the first word of the day's traditional entrance verse (Philippians 4:4-5). The priest wears rose vestments at Mass as a sign of our brightening hope and joy, and on the Advent wreath we light the rose candle to reflect the theme of the liturgy. The fourth Sunday of Advent sees the lighting of the last purple candle.

Some churches and families add a fifth candle to their Advent practices by placing a white candle in the center of the wreath. They light this at Christmas, again echoing the Church's liturgical color for the season and rejoicing in Christ our Lord, whose birth brings light and life to our world.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO

CATHOLIC NURSES CANADA:

Tuesday, November 30, 2021, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

Looking for support in your vocation as a Catholic health professional? Join the National Association of Catholic Nurses-Canada (NACN-Canada) via Zoom for prayer on first Fridays at 3 p.m. and for fellowship on the final Tuesday of each month (except December.) Contact us by email for the meeting links.

NACN-Canada's goal is to align professional practice with faith through prayer, education, service, and participation in public discourse.

CONTACT: NACN-Canada PO Box 19525, Manulife PO, 55 Bloor St. W., Toronto ON M4W 3T9.

EMAIL: nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com

WEB: <https://catholicnurses.ca/>



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A New Season of Stewardship We have arrived at the beautiful and powerful season of Advent. It is a season to prepare in awe and wonder for the coming of Christ at Christmas, His coming as a tiny babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. It is also a period to prepare for the final coming of Christ as well as our own individual day of judgement at the end of our lives. We will all be called to give an account of how we used the gifts God gave us to better serve Him and the Church. Essentially, Advent is a season of stewardship. The readings this Sunday quickly call our attention to the need to be aware of our judgement. The Gospel boldly warns, "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." It is so easy for us to lose focus of our heavenly destination by excessive preoccupation with the pleasures and worries of this life. To avoid this pitfall Jesus says to "be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength." During Advent, we stewards must ask ourselves some difficult reflective questions. Are we staying faithful to our prayer life? Are we using all of our energy to offer our time and talents to our parish community? Are we seeking reconciliation and forgiveness in the sacrament of Confession for the times we've failed? Are we living for the present moment or for our heavenly home? Let us get ready for the Lord's coming and prepare with awe and wonder.

Summary The readings this Sunday quickly call our attention to the final coming of Christ as well as our own individual day of judgement at the end of our lives. It is so easy for us to lose focus of our heavenly destination by excessive preoccupation with the pleasures and worries of this life. This Advent season, let us heed the advice of Jesus to "be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength."

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE that once again we begin the holy season of Advent on Saturday, November 27th. Preparation for Christmas is an important theme for Advent, but more is involved. Advent gives us a vision of our lives as Christians and shows us the possibilities of life. The vision of life that Advent gives us is twofold; it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future



when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events we find meaning for our life as a Christian. First, we celebrate Christ-become-human. We view his life and experience his presence as a human being in our history. Christ came to show us what life can and should be. He gave us true and valid principles by which we can live true and valid lives. But Jesus knew that the human heart could not live in isolation. He formed the Church around the concept of a people held together by love. In that community, we discover unlimited possibilities and meaning. Alone we can do nothing. Together we find real meaning. When Christ left this earth, he did not abandon us. He remains with us in his Spirit, the Church, the sacraments, the Scriptures and each other. He lives in community with us and keeps his vision of life before us. When Christ comes again, his presence will no longer be hidden behind the signs and symbols of the liturgy or the words of the Scriptures. His presence among us will be revealed in all its fullness, a presence that will never end, a presence that will perfect and complete our community. This is the "greater significance" of Advent. In these few short weeks, we take in the sweeping panorama of time - from Christ's birth to his Second Coming. The season of Advent brings us the magnificent vision of life and hope for the future given to us by Christ. Advent is our time to become more involved, more caught up in the meaning and the possibilities of life as a Christian community. Thus, we are preparing not only for Christmas but also for Christ's Second Coming. This means that when he comes again, we will be awake and watchful. He will not find us asleep.

Advent
*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*