

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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DECEMBER 5, 2021 – SECOND 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 available 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.

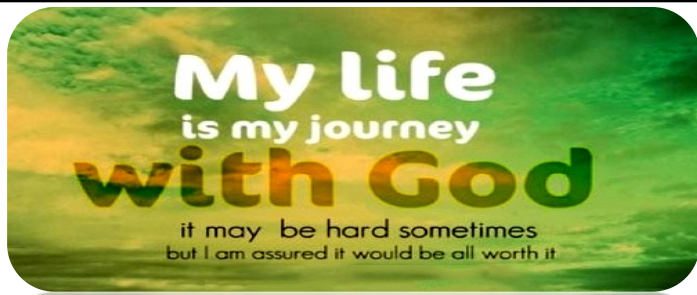
FOR SACRAMENTS (BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANNOINTING of the SICK, RCIA, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS):

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: Luke 3 : 1-16

In today's Gospel, Luke places the beginning of John the Baptist's ministry within a historical context. He sets John's ministry in time by telling us who were the rulers and leaders in the region. We recognize many of the names—Pontius Pilate, Herod, Annas, and Caiaphas. Into this time comes John, proclaiming a baptism of repentance and preparing the way of the Lord.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

Valleys, mountains, winding roads, and rough ways are all a part of the journey of life. As parents, our task is to teach our children how to apply faith in God and Christian values to help straighten out or make right what is wrong, and to help make smooth what is difficult or rough. Seeking forgiveness from one another and from God is one of the greatest ways we can do so. Take a few moments to ask God to place within you a forgiving heart so that you may teach your children to walk in the ways of forgiveness and love.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

As a family, recall the bumpiest, hilliest, most snow-covered, pothole-full, curviest, narrowest, and scariest roads you have ever driven on. Talk about things that create the bumps, hills, potholes, curves, and dangers on the road to Heaven. For example, anger creates a bump on the road to Heaven and little white lies create curves in the straight path to God. Then brainstorm things you can do this Advent to smooth and straighten the road to God, including forgiving one another and following God's Word.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. If I could give one message about God to everyone I know, my message would be . . .
2. Something that keeps getting in my way on the road to Heaven is . . .
3. One thing I can do to make the way of the Lord straighter 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:

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? Call Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto. Tel No. 416.968.0997

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

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



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

Help adorn St. Lawrence Church for Christmas Eve and the twelve days of Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia for the cost of \$20.00 from the parish office in memory of a loved one who has died or in honor of a loved one. Twenty 25 red and 15 gold-colored poinsettias will be available through the office. Call early to avoid disappointment.

The only real blind person at Christmas-time is he who has not Christmas in his heart.- Helen Keller

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Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY DECEMBER 4TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. — + Andre & Rita Goveia

SUNDAY DECEMBER 5TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. — + Claude & Patricia Breton

10:00 A.M. — Susanna e Gianni Onisto - Joe Di Grado
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Mike e Vito Cuoppolo
Vito Sciuto e defunti famiglia - Matilde Pagliaro
Vito Baudo e defunti famiglia - Carmelo Moncada
Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e defunti famiglia
Vito De Nardo e defunti famiglia - Leonardo Gatto
Antonino e Rosaria Lisciandro
Antonino Tuccito e defunti famiglia
Vincenzo Pitino e defunti famiglia
Luigi, Lucia e Vincenza Di Tacchio
Angela e Cataldo Roselli

11:30 A.M. — Living & Deceased members of the
St. Lawrence Craft Group

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — + Holy Souls In Purgatory

MONDAY DECEMBER 6TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Thomas Csanyi

11:00 A.M. — Oto Lam & family

TUESDAY DECEMBER 7TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Holy Souls In Purgatory

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

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Andre Goveia

11:00 A.M. — Zita & Maria D’Cruz

THURSDAY DECEMBER 9TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. — Theresa Burlton

8:30 A.M. — + Holy Souls In Purgatory

FRIDAY DECEMBER 10TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. — Special Intentions

7:00 P.M. — + Holy Souls In Purgatory

SATURDAY DECEMBER 11TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. — + Desmond Perreira

10:00 A.M. — Holy Souls In Purgatory

Dear Padre



**My sister says that singing the O Antiphons
are her favorite part of Advent.
What are they ?**

An antiphon is a brief refrain, usually from the Bible, either sung or said during worship. An O Antiphon is an antiphon that starts with O, as in "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"—each verse of that song is made up of an O Antiphon.

The antiphons are most at home in the Liturgy of the Hours—the collection of psalms, hymns, prayers, and readings that make up the regular rhythm of the Church's prayer at morning, midday, evening, and night. The O Antiphons your sister refers to are verses used during the Church's evening prayer from December 17-23. With one verse spoken or sung before Mary's Magnificat each evening, these antiphons call on the Lord to come to his people using titles taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

When the O Antiphons are sung in Latin, they present a sort of acrostic with a hidden message. The first letter of each title in the antiphon spells sarcore, which is eras (Latin for "tomorrow I come" or "tomorrow I shall be") spelled backward.

In their original language and context, the O Antiphons have a particularly rich significance, but they remain beautiful even when sung simply in English as in the verses of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

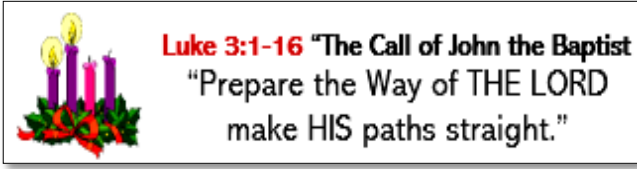
Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO



CONFESSION IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL:

As your parish priest, please find time in your busy schedules to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. Frequent confession is 'good' for our souls. Today confession is disappearing from the lives and practices of so many Catholics. Because we have forgotten this sacrament, people have lost their sense of sin. Sin is not only frightful for what it does to the individual, but even more so for what it does to the Church. Sin paralyzes the Church, halts it, and limits its power for good. As mud on the headlight of a car dims its radiating power, so sin diminishes the missionary activity of the Church.

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A Season for Evangelization In the Gospel this Second Sunday of Advent we hear about the proclamation of John the Baptist. John's vocation in life was to "prepare the way of the Lord, [and] make his paths straight." He played the vital role of closing out the line of prophets that all pointed to Jesus. As stewards, all of us are called in a similar way to imitate John the Baptist and point others to Christ. Evangelization is an essential aspect of our stewardship. One of the greatest gifts we can ever receive is the knowledge and love of Christ in our lives. A gift as great as this cannot be held for ourselves but must be shared with as many people as possible. This Advent season, let us help share the true meaning of Christmas to our friends and family members, especially those who may have fallen away from their faith. However, all evangelization must be done in truth and charity. St. Thomas Aquinas says, "To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." This is the crucial image we must keep in mind as we strive to spread the faith. Evangelization requires work. We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church. Perhaps one action we can try is to invite someone to Mass with us next week. Let us strive to use this season of Advent to grow in our spirit of evangelization.

Summary In the Gospel today we hear of the proclamation of John the Baptist, and as stewards, all of us are called to imitate him and lead others to Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas says, "To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church .



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." — John 3:16

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MASS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 8:

8:30 am (English) 11:00 am (Latin) 1:30 pm (Italian)

"WHAT IS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION?"



Answer: Many people mistakenly believe that the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Jesus Christ. Jesus' conception was most assuredly immaculate—that is, without the stain of sin—but the Immaculate Conception does not refer to Jesus at all. The Immaculate Conception is a doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church in regards to Mary, Jesus' mother. The official statement of the doctrine reads, "The blessed Virgin Mary to have been, from the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, in view of the merits of Christ Jesus the Savior of Mankind, preserved free from all stain of original sin" (Pope Pius IX, *Ineffabilis Deus*, December 1854). Essentially, the Immaculate Conception is the belief that Mary was protected from original sin, that Mary did not have a sin nature and was, in fact, sinless.

**"I am the Immaculate Conception."
Our Lady of Lourdes to St Bernadette 25 March 1858**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HELP:

There are hundreds of reasons to donate, you only need one. Thank you for choosing to change a life this Christmas. Without your support we would not be able to assist the people who turn to us at Christmas for financial assistance, food hampers, and gifts. The St. Lawrence Conference has started their Christmas Sponsorship Program. We have had many requests for Christmas help. If you would like to sponsor a needy family in our community, please call Giovanna 416 759-1865 or leave a message in our help line 416 410-3589. This weekend there will be a special Christmas collection for the needs of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. You may use envelopes at the back of the church.



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