

# ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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**JANUARY 2, 2022 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



St. Lawrence,  
Pray for Us

## 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:

The Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, asking the whereabouts of the newborn king of the Jews. Herod was troubled by this news of the birth, as was all of Jerusalem. He sent the Magi to Bethlehem to search for the child, asking that they bring the child to him so that he could do the child homage. The Magi set out and followed the star to the place where the child was. They did the child homage and offered him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, and they left for their country by a different route.

## REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

This Gospel narrative is full of adventure, danger, mystery, and yes—gifts! During this Christmas season, enjoy dramatizing this Gospel as a family. Then think about how far you would travel, how far you would go to pay homage to Jesus. Would you go as far as your parish to receive the Sacraments or to spend some time in quiet prayer? Would you go as far as the soup kitchen to serve a meal to the hungry? Would you go as far as to tell someone to stop bullying a classmate or a coworker? Would you go as far as to give up a morning cup of coffee or a favorite treat in order to give to someone in need the gift of food or clothing or the necessities of life? How far would you go? What would you give as your gifts to the King?

## BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

The star led the Magi to the place where Jesus was. With your family, cut out several yellow construction paper stars. On each star write either a way you can find Jesus—such as “read God’s Word”—or the name of a person who has helped you find Jesus, such as “Grandma Joan.” Create a mobile of your stars using coat hangers and yarn or string. Hang your stars in a place where all family members will see them.

## DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. I can be like a star and show Jesus to others by . . .
2. The greatest gift I can give Jesus is . . .
3. The greatest gift our family can give Jesus is . . .

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We cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities, when so many people are waiting for the Gospel!



**Being a Visible Witness:** As we continue along in this wondrous season of Christmas, we are invited to reflect on the Epiphany of the Lord this Sunday. The word epiphany means “to make manifest” or “to make known.” So on this feast day we are celebrating how God made himself known to all the nations, which is symbolized through the visit of the foreign Magi. As stewards, we are called to help the Church in her efforts to continue to make Christ known to the ends of the earth. The way of stewardship is essentially a call to evangelization. The greatest gift we can share with others is not money or food, but the knowledge and love of Christ. Pope Francis says that “we cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities, when so many people are waiting for the Gospel!” We must go out of our comfort zone to bring others to Jesus. One way we can evangelize others is by simply living as visible Catholic disciples in our world. In today’s secular culture, any act of religiosity is seen as a radical witness of our faith. For example, whenever we are eating in public, we can begin with the sign of the cross and our grace before meals. Moreover, St. John Paul II said that we should not be “ashamed to recite the Rosary alone, while you walk along the streets to school, to the university or to work, or as you commute by public transport.” Let us strive to be a sign of our faith to the world. **Summary:** The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord celebrates how God made himself known to all the nations, which is symbolized through the visit of the foreign Magi. As stewards, we are called to help the Church in her efforts to make Christ known to the ends of the earth and we can do this by simply being a visible witness of our faith. Let us strive to make small actions that display our love for Christ such as saying grace before meals in public, praying the rosary on the bus or saying “God bless you” when someone sneezes or we say goodbye.



Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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## SATURDAY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> – SABATO



Solemnity of Mary

- 8:30 A.M. — English Mass
- 10:00 A.M. — Italian Mass
- 11:30 A.M. — English Mass
- 1:00 P.M. — Latin Mass
- 5:00 P.M. — No Evening Mass

## SUNDAY JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. — Jeroll Padilla

10:00 A.M. — Susanna, Gianni e Celio Onisto  
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia  
Angelo Lamanna e defunti famiglia  
Vito Sciuto e defunti famiglia  
Antonino e Rosaria Lisciandro  
Vito Filiberto

11:30 A.M. — + Gloria Dlugosz

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — + Jean-Claude Genoud

## MONDAY JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Nicholas Hidalmasi & Family

11:00 A.M. — + Jose, Clara & Anthony De Mello

## TUESDAY JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. — Laval Ho

11:00 A.M. — Steven Griffith

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. — Maryanne How

11:00 A.M. — + Hazel & Uriel Butcher

## THURSDAY JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. — Latin Mass

8:30 A.M. — Fr. Adrian Pereira

## FRIDAY JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. — William & Catherine Pereira

7:00 P.M. — Family of Agnes Leung

## SATURDAY JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

8:30 A.M. — Cheryl Lobo & Family

10:00 A.M. — Lydia Dominguez

## Dear Padre

### How is Twelfth Night related to Christmas?



Twelfth Night is another name for the Epiphany, which traditionally occurred on January 6, the twelfth day after Christmas. Since the 1980s, United States Catholics have celebrated the Epiphany on the first Sunday after January 1, which is why we're celebrating it today instead of Thursday.

Liturgical celebrations are distinguished as solemnities, feasts, and memorials according to their importance. The two greatest solemnities, Easter and Christmas, continue for an octave (eight days). Since the octave of Christmas runs from December 25 through January 1 (the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God), it's not affected by the transfer of the Epiphany celebration. Christmas is the great gift-giving day in the United States. In other cultures—for example, the Latino community—the anticipation and excitement of gift-giving is saved for Epiphany, the day the Magi brought their gifts to Jesus.

We often complain about how frenzied Christmas is—how much shopping, wrapping, and baking there is to do. But Christmas should be a time of worship and acknowledging the gift God gave us by sending his Son. Epiphany, on the other hand, is made for celebration, gift-giving, going all out. Perhaps someday, we can return to the traditions of Epiphany and restore Christmas as a day of rejoicing and worship.

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### VOCATION REFLECTION:

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated person. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocation — Archdiocese of Toronto. Tel No. 416.968.0997  
Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
Website <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca>

### THE LIFE OF A FAMILY

is filled with beautiful moments... But if love is missing, joy is missing, nothing is fun. Jesus gives always gives us that love: he is its endless source." — Pope Francis

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## EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD :

Is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man. Like many of the most ancient Christian feasts, Epiphany was first celebrated in the East, where it has been held from the beginning almost universally on January 6. Today, among both Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, the feast is known as Theophany—the revelation of God to man.

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide—the Twelve Days of Christmas, which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

Over the centuries, the various celebrations were further separated in the West, and now the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6, and the wedding at Cana is commemorated on the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord.

In many parts of Europe, the celebration of Epiphany is at least as important as the celebration of Christmas. In Italy and other Mediterranean countries, Christians exchange gifts on Epiphany—the day on which the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Christ Child—while in Northern Europe, it's not unusual to give gifts on both Christmas and Epiphany (often with smaller gifts on each of the twelve days of Christmas in between).



Dear Parishioners,

Once again, we come to this extraordinary time of the year in which we celebrate and appreciate the birth of Jesus Christ. In this joyful season, we do our best to reach out and be a blessing to our families, as well as others who mean a lot to us.

On behalf of the St. Lawrence Parish, I would like to thank Fr. Jimmy for his pastoral ministry for the past two and half years. He served us faithfully and went "above and beyond" in so many ways to be a blessing to us. Thank you so much, and may God bless you, Fr. Jimmy.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** for your participation in the Christmas Liturgies despite our current challenges! We are truly blessed to have so many parishioners who give of themselves so generously. Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. It was so touching to see so many people attending these celebrations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who sent me Christmas cards, greetings, and gifts. It was truly appreciated. It would be impossible for me to thank each person individually!

*Father Roy Farrell*

**You crown the Year with Your goodness  
and Your paths drip with abundance.**



Psalm 65:11

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 Mattews, 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, Pat Mancuso.