

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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JANUARY 16, 2022 – ORDINARY TIME 2ND SUNDAY



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. Anish Antony, *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

JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE

What is the Meaning Behind This Passage?

John 2 : 1-11



GOSPEL SUMMARY:

While the Wedding in Cana is a familiar story, it only appears in John's Gospel. Scholars call it the first of Jesus' signs. Mary, Jesus' mother, observed that the wine was running low at a wedding feast she and Jesus were attending. She didn't specifically ask Jesus to do something about the situation, but he understood the implication. He instructed the servants to fill six stone jars with water and then take some to the waiter in charge. The waiter was surprised that the bridegroom had saved the best wine for last. The servants were surprised because they knew the jars were filled with water and they had witnessed something remarkable.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

The point Jesus wanted to illustrate by performing this sign was to introduce a change. Many scholars interpret the wedding as the new age and the huge stone jars represent the magnitude of the wonder. There is great abundance in the story and that is the message of the new order Jesus promises - God lavishes us with his abundant love and we come to know that love through Jesus.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Change is often good for us. Jesus brought about a good change in the world. Think about some changes your family can make (or has already made) like rearranging furniture, breaking a routine, or going on vacation. Talk together about how these changes excite you, cause you to grow, or give you a different view of things.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. A change in my life that brought about something very good happened when ...
2. Like Mary, I trusted Jesus would help me with a problem when ...
3. Recently I saw a sign of God's love when ...

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The Wedding at Cana

Where there is Mary...
There is JESUS.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Lessons from Cana: In the Gospel this Sunday we hear about Jesus' first miracle. Jesus was with His mother and disciples at a wedding in Cana when the wine had run out. Mary asked Jesus to help and He in turn changed six large jars of water into delicious fine wine. Let us take some time to reflect on this extraordinary event and see how it can influence us in our life of stewardship. Firstly, we can learn a beautiful lesson about the role of Mary in our lives from this scene. It was our Blessed Mother who noticed that the wine was running out and she was quick to intervene. Mary has a true mother's heart and is very in tune with the needs of all her children. Whenever we are in a time of trial we should run to Mary and trust that she will console us as a mother consoles her young. Perhaps the next time we experience a moment of difficulty, let us take a moment to stop, consider the loving embrace of Our Lady and say a Hail Mary. Additionally, from this episode we can learn a great deal about trust and obedience from the servants whom Jesus instructed. The Gospel says that the servants had "drawn the water" from the jars. The servants saw the cup filled with water, yet they still trusted that something remarkable would happen when they handed the cup to the chief steward. Sometimes from our perspective nothing remarkable is happening in our good works of stewardship. However, let us strive to trust that God can take our simple acts and bring about great miracles through them.

Summary: We can learn a great deal about stewardship from the account of the Wedding at Cana that we read in the Gospel today. Just as Mary was the first to notice and intervene at the wedding, we can be assured that whenever we run to her in a time of trial, she will readily come to our aid. Secondly, we should seek to imitate the servants who trustingly obeyed Jesus and strive to trust that God can bring about great miracles through our small acts of stewardship.

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SATURDAY JANUARY 15TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. — + John Di Rosa

SUNDAY JANUARY 16TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. — Living & Deceased Members of the
St. Lawrence Craft Group

10:00 A.M. — Intenzioni di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Rosario Vella
Francesco Ferrante
Teresa Pagliaro
Maria Malta
Antonino Petralito

11:30 A.M. — + Delfin & Flor Santiago

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — + Gloria Glugosz

MONDAY JANUARY 17TH – LUNEDI

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

11:00 A.M. — + Archibal Butcher

TUESDAY JANUARY 18TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Kanghua Hou

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

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. — Zelma Pereira

11:00 A.M. — Mary Judin

THURSDAY JANUARY 20TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. — + Filomena Gaerlan

8:30 A.M. — + Paul & Pauline Lam

FRIDAY JANUARY 21ST – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. — In Thanksgiving

7:00 P.M. — + Isagani & Corazon Mariano

SATURDAY JANUARY 22ND – SABATO

8:30 A.M. — In Thanksgiving

10:00 A.M. — Oto Lam & Family

Dear Padre

I work hard all week and look forward to sleeping in on Sundays. Why should I get out of bed and go to Mass?



I imagine that your parish provides suitable Mass times, even for late sleepers. But there are overpowering reasons for attending Mass. First, I'll discuss how the Mass is our present-day connection with the Last Supper, the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his apostles. As observant Jews, they commemorated their ancestors' escape from slavery in Egypt. Jesus used his final Passover meal to teach us how to escape a bondage crueler than the Jews experienced in Egypt—the enslavement of sin.

The next day, Good Friday, Jesus would die on the cross. Think of it: Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, became human to teach us about God's love for us. The people's reaction to this goodness was to kill Jesus in an inhuman way.

In response, God would have been justified in destroying the world, as he did in reaction to the people's depravities during Noah's time. Instead, God gave us further evidence of his patience and forgiveness. There is nothing our Father would not forgive, including the sin of killing Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus said: "This is my blood..., which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28). Jesus' death, which we remember during the Mass, liberates us from sin. It also liberates us from death itself. Because Jesus in his mortal body was willing to die, he shows us the plan God the Father has for each of us—a resurrection like Jesus'. The Eucharist is our thanksgiving for these gifts from God.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO



VOCATION REFLECTION:

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If He is, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

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

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

Psalms 65:11

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Ordinary Time

A time to deepen one's prayer life, read the Scriptures, unite more deeply with the Lord in the Eucharist and become a more holy and whole person.



WHY IS ORDINARY TIME CALLED ORDINARY?

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time in fact represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle—the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana. Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

WHY IS GREEN THE COLOR OF ORDINARY TIME?

Likewise, the normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time—for those days when there is no special feast—is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

WHEN IS ORDINARY TIME?

Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

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, 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, Pat Mancuso.

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.



NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

Fr. Anish Kizhackemundakam Antony was born on March 18, 1981. He made his first religious profession in the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception (CFIC) on December 11, 2005 and was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on December 31, 2014. He served in the parish of Immaculate Conception Woodbridge Ontario from July 11, 2019 and was transferred to the St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish on January 1, 2022. He resides at the Epiphany of our Lord Parish Scarborough.