

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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JANUARY 23, 2022 – ORDINARY TIME 3RD SUNDAY



*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. 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

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GOSPEL SUMMARY:

The first part of today's Gospel introduces Luke's Gospel and Acts. Luke recalled for his readers that stories had been handed down by eye-witnesses and written down by others. He intended, however, to improve on the order of these earlier accounts. The lectionary moves us to another beginning and that is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He had traveled throughout Galilee teaching in the synagogue. This day, he was in his home town of Nazareth where he unrolled a scroll and proclaimed the words of Isaiah. The Spirit of the Lord will come upon one who will free captives, favor the poor, and give sight to the blind. After Jesus rolled up the scroll, he told his listeners that those words had been fulfilled in him.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

Children are really all the things listed in what Jesus read from Isaiah. They are poor because they really depend on parents for their every material need. They are not free because they are too young and inexperienced to live on their own. While they're not completely blind, much of what they do see has been shaped by their parent's vision. When we think of all parents do for their children, it becomes clearer all that Jesus is for us.

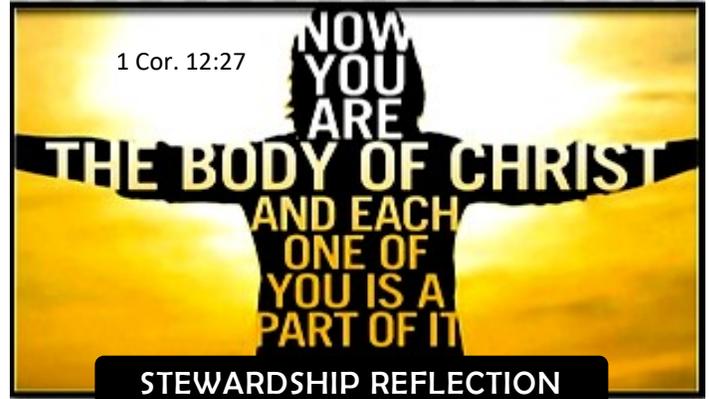
BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Who are the oppressed people in your community, neighborhood, or parish? Is there another family carrying a heavy burden right now? Reach out to that family in hospitality. Perhaps you could invite them over for an evening of cards or board games, or send them a "thinking-of-you" card. Be sure to keep them in our family's daily prayers.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. One thing I was really blind to once was . . . The person who helped me see was ...
2. One way I set captives free is by ...
3. One way I could try harder to bring Good News to others is by ...

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Embracing our Uniqueness In today's second reading St. Paul teaches us a great lesson that can enrich our lives of stewardship. He says, "Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." We are made up of many different body parts that each have their own important and distinct role to play in order for the entire body to live. It is the same way in the Church. The Church is made up of many individuals who are all uniquely and wonderfully made. If we tried to change ourselves to become like someone else, we would be robbing the Church of our own unique contributions. St. Therese uses a beautiful image of a garden to express the importance of embracing who God made us to be. She says, "The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness." In our lives of stewardship, these different types of flowers represent how all of us have our own unique set of gifts from God. When we recognize that we each have our own strengths, we are less likely to compare ourselves to others and we begin to rid ourselves of envy and pride. We all have a role to play in our parish communities. Let us gratefully acknowledge the unique gifts God has given us and seek ways to offer them back to the Church.

Summary In today's second reading, St. Paul tells us that just as the body is made up of many individual parts, so too the church is made up of many individual disciples, all of which have an important role to play. We each have a unique set of gifts and talents that God has bestowed only on us. Let us gratefully acknowledge these unique gifts us and seek ways to offer them back to the Church.

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SATURDAY JANUARY 22ND – SABATO

5:00 P.M. — + Ronald Hoven Jr.

SUNDAY JANUARY 23RD – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. — Prigita & Vincent Mascarenhas & Family

10:00 A.M. — Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Tony Lamanna - Marino D'Attolico e famiglia

Salvatore Porzio - Assunta Pagliaro

Maria Ciciretto - Rocco e Giuseppina Burdo

Giuseppe Morra - Michelina Mosca

Costanza Morra - Luca Caccamo

Carmela e Euplio Raffaele

Giuseppe Canini e famiglia

Totonno e Rosaria Francella

Gino e Assunta Palleschi - Santina Simoi

Luigi e Restituta Rea - Maria D'Addario

11:30 A.M. — + Jose Augustus Ibe

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — Maryann & Merwyn Pinto & Family

MONDAY JANUARY 24TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. — Anthony & Celsa Lobo

11:00 A.M. — Richard & Marlene Butcher

TUESDAY JANUARY 25TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Charles Chernak

11:00 A.M. — Maria Cristina Ripchensky & Family

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. — Michael Tchoi

11:00 A.M. — + Maggie Lee

THURSDAY JANUARY 27TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. — F. Leung

8:30 A.M. — The Lozano Family

FRIDAY JANUARY 28TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. — + Holy Souls In Purgatory

7:00 P.M. — Cedric de Souza

SATURDAY JANUARY 29TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. — Savio Lobo

10:00 A.M. — J. Leung

Dear Padre

In your previous column you wrote that the Mass commemorates Jesus' Last Supper and is a thanksgiving for God's gifts to us. Are there other reasons to get out of bed early and attend Sunday Mass?



The Mass is all about giving thanks for God's forgiveness of sins and his plan for eternal life. In fact, Eucharist is derived from the Greek word meaning "gratitude" or "thanksgiving." But there are many other reasons to participate in the Mass.

The Mass is our opportunity to be present with our Lord in the forms of bread and wine. God doesn't usually make frightening appearances to us accompanied by crashing thunder and lightning. Rather, he makes himself accessible to us in the humble form of food. Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:54).

As St. Augustine put it, when we receive Christ in these forms, we become what we receive. We are the body of Christ, not as individuals but as his Church. His Church is his physical presence on earth today, the way people come into contact with Christ.

When we participate in the Mass, we become witnesses to all of this: our liberation from sin and death; our Lord's Real Presence to us in the forms of bread and wine; and we, as Church, becoming what we receive—the body of Christ. Can there be better reasons for waking up on a Sunday morning and attending Mass?

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



VOCATION REFLECTION:

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@arch-toronto.org Website <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca>

Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January
18-25

"We saw the Star in the East,
and we came to Worship Him"
Matthew 2:2

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was selected by the Middle East Council of Churches and originates from the churches in Lebanon. Present times in Lebanon are extremely difficult and economically disastrous. All this combined with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have made the situation quite stressful. The power of prayer in solidarity with those who suffer is a demonstration of Christian unity and a sign of communion.

The theme, taken from the second chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, is the Epiphany. Each year in January, the Church recalls the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem, highlighting God's invitation to all of humanity to a new covenant in the Incarnation of Christ. In the Eastern Churches, Epiphany is joined to the mystery of the Baptism of Christ, a baptism all Christians hold in common as testimony to their faith in the Son of God.

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, Vittorio Melone.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC ADVISORS:

Are you a lawyer, financial or insurance advisor? If yes, then we want to hear from you! The Archdiocese of Toronto has spent a number of years creating a network of advisors, who understand our faith and can assist us with our estate and financial affairs. Come and be a part of our network where you have the opportunity to integrate your spiritual and professional lives. For further information, contact the Development office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519 or email development@archtoronto.org.



CATHOLIC NURSES CANADA TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022, 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 for prayer on first Fridays at 3:00 p.m. and for fellowship on the final Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Fr Michael Eades of the Toronto Oratory joins us on January 25, 2022. **EMAIL:** nacncanada.boardcontact@gmail.com **WEB:** <https://catholicnurses.ca/>



The Toronto Catholic District School wishes to inform parents of children born in 2018 that online registration for Junior Kindergarten at St. Lawrence Catholic School in September 2022 will begin on Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. on soar.tcdsb.org

Please note that registration is online only. Parents are requested to complete the online application and upload all necessary required documents for their child, examples of which are:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Baptismal Certificate
3. Proof of residence (lease, rental agreement, hydro bill etc., as per list)
4. 2nd piece of proof of residence (as per list)
5. Any other documents requested for, on the application.

Please note that once the application is completed in its entirety, the school office will contact you to make an appointment to come in, when it is safe to do so, to sign the application and bring the original documents. If you are having difficulties with completing the application, you may contact the school office at 416 393-5264 and speak with our office personnel. We look forward to welcoming your family to St. Lawrence Catholic School!