

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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Tel No. 416-759-9359

JANUARY 30, 2022 – ORDINARY TIME 4TH 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

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Luke 4:21-30

Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus was not sent only to the Jews.

but then it occurred to them, he was one of them - a carpenter in their own village! They became very angry with Jesus and planned to throw him bodily from a nearby mountain top. Jesus simply walked through them and left. Some scholars say that the crowd's reaction and Jesus escaping them to continue his teaching and preaching is a foreshadowing of Jesus' death and resurrection and the mission of the Church to continue spreading the Good News.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

How many times do we react to what appears to be the situation? A few times of being wrong slows us, especially parents, down and teaches us that things are not always as they seem. It takes time and often forces us to eat humble pie (or at least laugh at ourselves), but very often, by the time we get the story we recognize that we have come to the wrong conclusion, that the evidence is misleading. Parents need to show their children that they trust and have faith in them. If our first impression turns out to be correct, then we can take necessary disciplinary steps, but at least children recognize their parents' faith in them as our first response.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

When the people of Nazareth had no faith in Jesus, Jesus could not work any miracles. He had to leave the area and go where people believed in him. Share together places in your own lives, either individually or as a family where weak faith prevents Jesus from working in your lives. What steps can you take to allow Jesus to enter? What can you do to help one another develop a stronger faith?

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. A truth that is hard for me to hear is ...
2. I have seen others reject a certain person who speaks the truth. They do not listen because ...
3. A truth I have tried to tell but felt rejection from others happened when ...

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GOSPEL SUMMARY:

Jesus went to Nazareth and taught in the temple. At first the people were amazed at his knowledge



Sharing the Love of Christ This Sunday we hear St. Paul's famous discourse on love from his first letter to the Corinthians. God is Love. Therefore, love is at the very core of who we are as a Christian people. In order to be faithful disciples of Christ and authentic stewards, we must fully embody what it means to love. Let us take some time to reflect on why love is so important and then on how we can let love infuse every act of our stewardship. St. Paul says that even if we were to serve Christ and do many good works, if we didn't have love we would "be nothing." Love is what makes our stewardship have significance. Without love, our good works can be seen as a form of social volunteerism. However, when we truly love those whom we serve, we do a great service for them because we point them to the Love of Christ. Above all of our material needs, we all have a great need to be satisfied with a love that never fails which can only be found in Christ. That is why it is so important to serve others with love. But how can we infuse our all acts with love? The simple principle remains that we cannot give what we do not have. In order to love others with God's love, we must first be filled with that same love through our practice of prayer. Let us take a few minutes each day to realize just how deeply Christ loves each and every one of us. We can then go out and set the world on fire with His love.

Summary In today's second reading, St. Paul says that even if we were to serve Christ and do many good works, if we didn't have love we would "be nothing." When we truly love those whom we serve, we do a great service for them because we point them to the Love of Christ. Let us strive to love others through our stewardship by first being filled with God's love through our practice of prayer.

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SATURDAY JANUARY 29TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. — + Marjorie & Thomas Reilly

SUNDAY JANUARY 30TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. — + Assunta Iafrate

10:00 A.M. — Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Maria e Antonio Ciciretto
Pasqualina Liscio
Rosa e Vito Sestito
L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. — + Pedro Abas

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — Trevor & Callista Phillips

MONDAY JANUARY 31ST – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. — Mary & Eileen Nicol

11:00 A.M. — + Deceased members of De Souza Family

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Geraldine Senewiratne

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

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2ND – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Krystyna Cseh

11:00 A.M. — Pro Populo

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3RD – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. — Yvonne Mc Cready

8:30 A.M. — + Paul & Pauline Lam

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. — The Melone Family

7:00 P.M. — Family of Agnes Leung

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. — The Vimal Family

10:00 A.M. — Oto Lam & Family



Dear Padre

There are so many preachers urging us to "reform our lives." Most of this preaching centers on asking forgiveness for personal sins. Isn't there more involved ?



Consider that the reform more Christians should be focusing on is the social reform that fosters equality among human beings.

A central conviction of all Jesus 'followers is that every person of whatever race, gender, class/ nationality, or any other distinction is fundamentally equal in dignity to every other person. That is why we vigorously support the unborn, the disabled, the mentally challenged, the poor, and the elderly. Every human is a creation of God, created in God's image. No one is better or more worthy than another.

This was certainly a key conviction of the Second Vatican Council: "With respect to the fundamental rights of human persons, every type of discrimination, whether social or cultural, whether based on sex, race, color, social condition, language or religion is to be overcome and eradicated as contrary to God's intent" (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World [Gaudium et Spes], 29).

If you wish to truly reform yourself, make a commitment to overcoming discrimination on all levels, which is so obvious in our country's division between rich and poor. Get involved with social causes that help the poor, the unborn, the oppressed, and the elderly. Become a beacon of hope this new year.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO



VOCATION REFLECTION:

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.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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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.

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.



Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today.

The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit:

www.archtoronto.org/synodality



Junior Kindergarten Registration



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!