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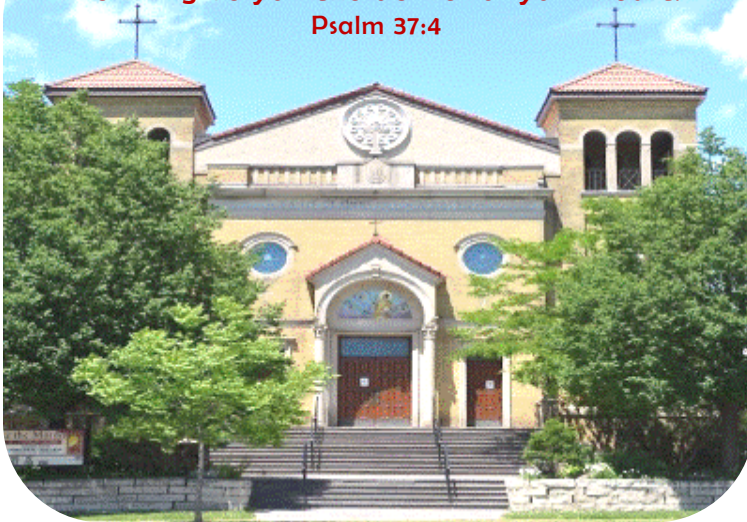
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Tel No. 416-759-9359

FEBRUARY 06, 2022 – ORDINARY TIME 5TH SUNDAY

**Take delight in the Lord, and
He will give you the desires of your heart.**

Psalm 37:4



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.

Please pick-up your 2022 envelopes 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! GOD bless you for
your support and generosity.*



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, ANNOINT- ING 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

GO WHERE THE FISH ARE

LUKE 5:1-11

Lessons from Jesus on How to Be Fishers of Men

GOSPEL SUMMARY:

Luke connected the great fishing catch with the calling of the disciples. While it is an important miracle about the mission of the disciples, it appears here with the calling of Peter, James, and John. Apparently business partners, Peter called James and John to help him with the big catch Jesus provided. The invitation to these three was to "net in" people for the Kingdom as abundantly as they had netted in the fish.

REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:

Like the fishermen, Jesus calls us to discipleship in the ordinariness of our everyday lives. Rather than complain about the same routine, or the parts of our job (paid or unpaid) that irritate us, we will be happier and with lighter hearts if we search for God in the moment. When we recognize our ordinary lives as a response to God's love, the burdens will be less and our joy will be greater.

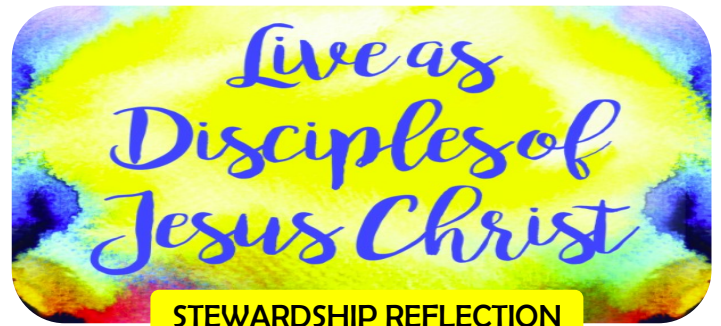
BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Ask each person to name one of their best friends and recall the moment you met each other. Share how that person has been important in your life, where they have held you up, when you laugh or cry together. Have each person name one way his/her life is different because of this friend. Finally, make connections between these friendships and the friendship Jesus built with the disciples.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. I have been a fisher of people for Jesus. One person I have helped bring to Jesus is ...
2. One thing I will do this week to be a fisher of people is.
3. Like Peter, I was surprised by God's abundance when..

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Using our Gifts for Discipleship In the readings this Sunday we are invited to reflect on the call to discipleship that we all receive as Christians. Just as Jesus called His first disciples to closely follow Him, so too are we called to follow Him in an ever deeper way through our commitment to stewardship. In the Gospel today we see Jesus getting into Peter's fishing boat so that He could preach to the vast crowds that had come to see Him. Jesus used Peter's possessions to help with His ministry. Peter, like a good disciple, obeyed and cooperated with Jesus' request and Jesus was able to further spread the Good News to those who had gathered around Him. So too in our lives of stewardship, are we allowing Jesus to use the gifts we possess, namely our time and talents, so that others can come to know the Gospel? We can offer our time to Christ through our commitment to daily prayer. We can also use our time to journey with and support our fellow parishioners, especially those who are going through a time of difficulty. With respect to our talents, we can reflect on our particular gifts and offer them to the appropriate ministries in the parish. For example, if we have the gift of music, perhaps we can look into joining a choir or if we have a background in teaching, perhaps various catechetical ministries in the parish. There are many ways in which God can use us to serve Him. Let us echo the words of the prophet Isaiah in the first reading and boldly say to God, "Here am I; send me!"

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. — + Peter & Jean Lockyer

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. — + Mirko Bolcic

10:00 A.M. — Susanna, Gianni e Assunta Onisto
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Vito Sciuto e defunti famiglia
Tony Lam anna
Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e famiglia
Vito De Nardo e famiglia
Paolo Spatola - Giacomina Rutigliano
Maria Rigillo - Clementina Colangelo
Luigi Lamanna - Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

11:30 A.M. — + Alvin Marshall

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — + Therese & Bemaldo Endaya

MONDAY FEBRUARY 7TH – LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. — + Victoriano Roberta
Roman & Carmelita Tamayo

11:00 A.M. — + Shama Ameresekere

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH – MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. — + Elizabeth Cotton

11:00 A.M. — A. Leung

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 9TH – MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. — + Holy Souls in Purgatory

11:00 A.M. — + Noel Mariano

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10TH – GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. — Irene Parker

8:30 A.M. — + Martin Rodrigo

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11TH – VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. — + Caccavella & Tamburro Families

7:00 P.M. — Siromi Ameresekere

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. — Special Intention

10:00 A.M. — + Alfie Lambe

Dear Padre

I heard some people talking about the coming of the Antichrist. Who or what is this Antichrist?



Some Christian sects believe there will come a point when the faithful of their church will be taken off the earth and whisked into heaven. This is usually referred to as "the rapture." After this event, they believe the Antichrist will come. This Antichrist is an individual man who will incarnate in himself the power of Satan. He will deceive even the holiest person and will rule the entire world. It is believed that Jesus will then return and defeat this Antichrist in the ultimate battle between good and evil. The appearance of the Antichrist supposedly coincides with the end of time.

Most of the material that would support this scenario is found in the thirteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation. Here the devil tries to stop Christ's victory and to convince people that Christ is not the master. This chapter of Revelation deals with the conflict in the Roman Empire between the emperor Nero and the faithful Christians. Nero, the evil one, is assigned the number 666 so Christians could refer to him without openly attacking him. This section of the book was written to give hope to persecuted Christians.

Instead of worrying about the end of time, an Antichrist, a final battle, and "evil" numbers, Catholics are encouraged to believe that Christ has already conquered sin, death, and Satan. God's reign is already here in our midst (see Luke 17:20-21). Our task is to prepare for our own moment of dying and meeting the Lord. We leave the rest to God's providence!

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



VOCATION REFLECTION:

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. 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@archtoronto.org Website <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca>

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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, 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.



CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH BISHOP KASUN, CSB - FEBRUARY 13, 2022 AT 2:30 P.M.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. *The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto).* Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited

to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one (1) guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance at the cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration via Livestream Mass here: [Livestream - St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica \(stmichaelscathedral.com\)](http://stmichaelscathedral.com). The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

FRIAR'S STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2022:

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 13-19 are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated from January 18 to 25, 2022. This year, the theme and the resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 have been prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches based in Beirut, Lebanon. The theme of the contest is: "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt. 2:2). *The deadline for the writing contest is Monday, February 14, 2022 at 2 p.m.*

Entries are to be submitted online through: [Friars' Student Writing Awards \(catholicregister.org\)](http://friarsstudentwritingawards.org).

