

# ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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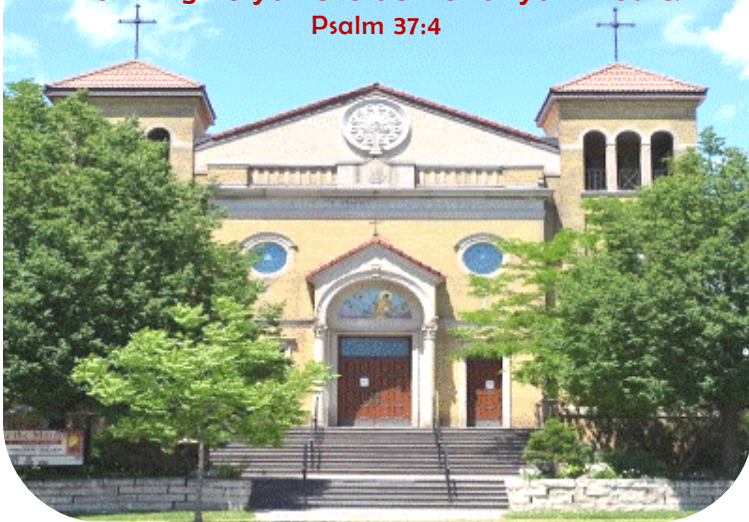
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Tel No. 416-759-9359

**FEBRUARY 13, 2022 – ORDINARY TIME 6<sup>TH</sup> 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):**

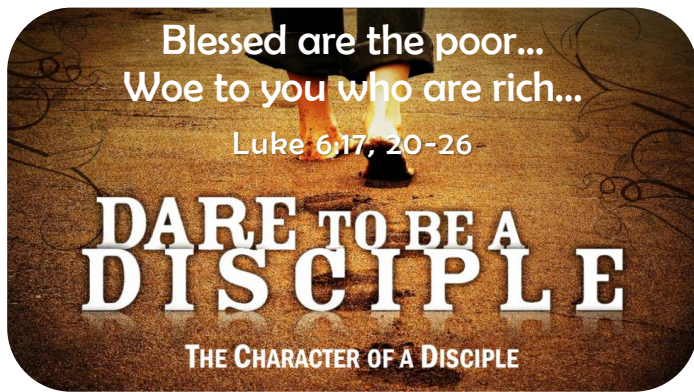
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## **PARISH SCHOOL:**

St. Lawrence Catholic School Tel No. 416-393-5264

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### GOSPEL SUMMARY:

Jesus taught his listeners that some values in God's Kingdom will be the opposite of what they are in our earthly society. Those with no power or material possessions, but who trust completely in God will be first in the Kingdom of God. But people who value the luxuries of this world will be last in the Kingdom.

### REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:

Children trust their parents to take good care of them and give them direction. That's a lot of responsibility for a parent. Similarly, we all are challenged by these beatitudes to trust completely in God. When we trust and serve God, we know clearly from this reading that God will take care of us in the Kingdom.

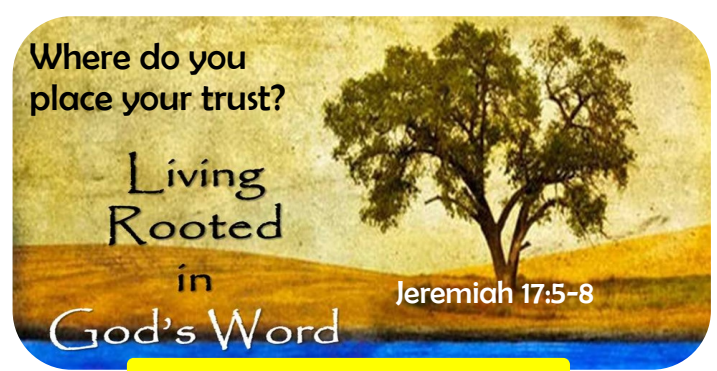
### BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Read the Beatitudes carefully again as a family. Suggest ways that people might be "poor" that don't relate to economic class. What ways can people be hungry and still have enough food to eat? What kind of sorrow would we experience without God in our lives? With a broader understanding of these terms, create a mobile or booklet where family members illustrate what the beatitudes mean for your family today. You might conclude by suggesting ways your family will practice living out the beatitudes you have illustrated.

### DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. This reading calls me to simplify my life and change the notion of what society values. Today, I will take one step toward the Kingdom by ...
2. One way in which I am poor is ...
3. I find true happiness in ...

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### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*Blessed is the One Who Trusts* In the first reading this Sunday we learn all about the importance of trust. The Lord says to the prophet Jeremiah, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord ... That person shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green." Let us take some time to reflect on the role of trust in our lives as stewards. Being a steward involves the total gift of our time and talents to our parish community for the good of the Church. However, despite all our good deeds, we may not always see the fruit of our labours. The parish vitality may still seem bleak or people may still seem to lack interior conversion. However, this is where the need for trust comes in. We must trust that God will surely bless our stewardship and bring about great graces, even though we do not see them. Whenever we begin to lose hope because of the slow progress in our ministry, we can look to our own lives for reassurance. We ourselves probably didn't have a conversion experience the first time we heard the Gospel. All of those moments were instead slow and gradual movements the Lord used to bring us to where we are now. Let us trust that God is silently doing great things through the gift of ourselves and strive to work ever more ardently.

*Summary* Being a steward involves the total gift of our time and talents to our parish community for the good of the Church. However, despite all our good deeds, we may at times be discouraged when the fruits of our labour are not visible. Let us trust that God is silently doing great things through the gift of ourselves and strive to work ever more ardently.

Having a HEART FOR GOD



Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings;  
Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.



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### **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

5:00 P.M. — + Bernice O'Halloran

### **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA**

8:30 A.M. — + Felisa & Sergio Canete

10:00 A.M. — Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia  
Maria e Domenico Barbieri  
Rosario Vella  
Matilda Pagliaro  
Marianosa e Vito Spano  
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo  
Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie  
Carlevaris e Nevodini  
L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. — Linda & Joseph Gomes

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — Cheron & Delina Pereira

### **MONDAY FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI**

8:30 A.M. — Mary & Eileen Nicol

11:00 A.M. — K.L. Leung

### **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. — + Lina A. Cabanlig

11:00 A.M. — Alec Leung

### **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. — Arthur & Erika Hare

11:00 A.M. — Albert Leung

### **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. — Y.K. Leung

8:30 A.M. — + Geraldine Senewiratne

### **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. — Sister Katrina Le Grand

7:00 P.M. — + Holy Souls In Purgatory

### **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. — Edgardo & Carmen Canosa

10:00 A.M. — + Joe De Mello

## Dear Padre

It seems one news story after another has reported a priest, bishop, or other person associated with the Church abusing a child. Why should I remain in the Catholic Church?



Understandably, many Catholics have fallen into anger and despair, thinking their leaders were reprehensible hypocrites. But it's not unprecedented that some bishops, priests, and even popes have done bad things. Recall that Peter denied Jesus, and yet he became the first pope. We also recall that, except for John, all the apostles abandoned Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Scripture describes the Church as "the bride of Christ." Paul said the Church is the bride for whom Christ sacrificed himself and "handed himself over for her" (Ephesians 5:25). Revelation describes the Church at the end of time "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Revelation 21:2). Like a groom or bride loves a spouse— faults and all—Christ loves his bride, the Church.

Matrimony is a sacrament designed by Christ, placing a man and woman amid society, committed exclusively to each other. As an example, it shows the world how Christ also loves his Church—even with its imperfections. Clearly, multiple groups claiming to be the church Jesus founded cannot be that true Church. That would make Jesus a bigamist! Only our Church traces its succession of leaders back to the original apostles.

That some leaders have been unfaithful doesn't mean the Church as a whole is unfaithful. Like a bride and groom pledging fidelity to each other on their wedding day, we should remain faithful to Christ and his Church.

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



### **VOCATION REFLECTION:**

Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. 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](mailto: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.**

## MARRIAGE SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 13, 2022 AT 2:30 P.M.



This weekend highlights the importance of the sacrament of matrimony, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. First celebrated in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2011, His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins designated the weekend prior to the Family Day long weekend in Ontario as "Marriage Sunday".

The Celebration of Marriage Mass will take place on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St, Toronto at 2:30 p.m. Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB will preside over this special Mass and all married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows.

Those unable to attend (registration closed on February 4th) are welcome to participate in the celebration via the [Livestream - St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica \(stmichaelscathedral.com\)](https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com). The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

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.

## DOMINICAN FRIARS YOUTH INTERFAITH VIDEO

### CONTEST 2022: FEB 4 TO APR 19 – WIN GREAT PRIZES!



The Archdiocese of Toronto Office for Interreligious Dialogue invites students to participate in the Youth Interfaith Video Contest sponsored by the Dominican Friars of Toronto in collaboration with The Catholic Register, Interfaith Youth Alliance Movement (IYAM) and Salt + Light Media. The theme of the contest is: "Cultivating Friendship and Solidarity" in light of the United Nations' International Day of Human Fraternity which happens on February 4 each year.

Entries can come from an individual or a team. The video may be up to three minutes maximum in length and submitted by the contest closing date of April 19, 2022.

**For more details click:**

<https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest>

**"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world."** C.S. Lewis

**"He has Much who needs Least. Do not create necessities for yourself."** St. Josemaria Escriva

## INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION EFFORT

There have been a number of developments on the Indigenous reconciliation effort. All this information is on the Archdiocese of Toronto's website, but in case you missed it: Canada's bishops provided more information on the national \$30 million reconciliation fund; the Indigenous delegation to Rome has been rescheduled for the week of March 28; and the Archdiocese of Toronto committed to raising \$6 million for the national fund.

