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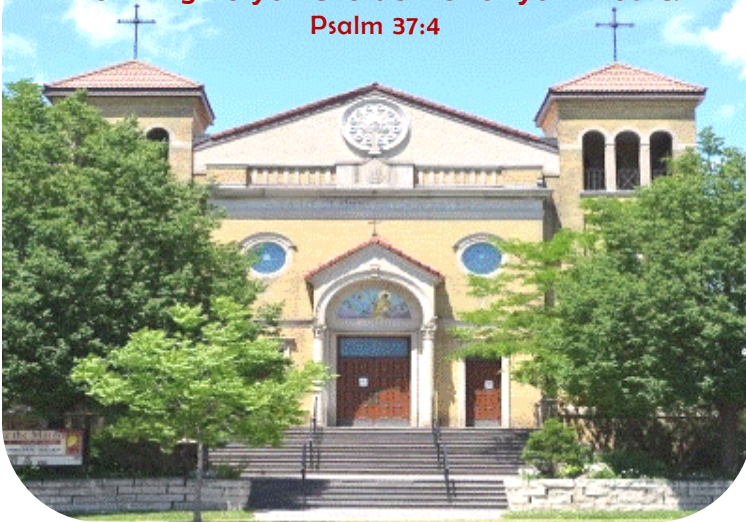
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FEBRUARY 20, 2022 – ORDINARY TIME 7TH SUNDAY

**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

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GOSPEL SUMMARY:

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus spells out what it means to honor the Commandment of love. It means loving your enemies, doing good to those who hate you, blessing those who curse you, and praying for those who mistreat you. It means giving to everyone who asks of you and doing to others as you would have them do to you. The ending of this passage includes four additional directions concerning the way of love—stop judging, stop condemning, forgive, and give.

REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:

Today is a good day to take a love inventory. Jot down the eight practical directions given in the Gospel Summary regarding honoring the Commandment of love: love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you; stop judging; stop condemning; forgive; and give. On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being "living in love," rate yourself as a parent, as a spouse, and as a follower of Jesus Christ. Where are you living in love? Where is there room for growth and change?

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Create a family love inventory that includes four of the practical directions given in today's Gospel: do to others as you would have them do to you; lend expecting nothing back; forgive; and give. Explain the scale of 1-5, with 5 being "living in love." Rate yourselves two times. First, rate yourselves as a family according to how you show love to one another. Second, rate yourselves as a family according to how you show love to those outside of your home—for example, how you show love to neighbors, friends, other family members, and so forth. Ask yourselves where you are living in love and where there is room for growth and change. Make a family action plan and follow the plan.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. Someone who loves others like Jesus asks us to love is...
2. For me, the hardest part of Jesus' Commandment to love is ... because ...
3. This week I will show love to ... by ...

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**WHY MUST
YOU #LOVE
YOUR
ENEMIES?**

LUKE 6:27-36

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Praying for Our Enemies In the face of today's secular culture, various Christian values may seem far too radical or outdated. Many people, with well-meaning intentions, may think that "being good" is all that matters in this life. However, the Gospel responds with the challenge to be more than good, but rather, to be holy. One of Jesus' radical messages that can help us work towards holiness is the call to love our enemies. In the time of Jesus, and even to this day, the notion of loving those who wrong us or hurt us seems like an impossible ideal. We often have a hard time loving those whom we should naturally love. How then are we expected to love our enemies? We must first realize that it is a long process to truly love them but it begins with small acts of prayer. We often wish for bad things to happen to our enemies, or at the very least, we hope things don't go well for them. We can begin to heal the unforgiveness in our hearts by praying for God to bless them. Prayer is powerful. Let us begin to pray for the good of our enemies and slowly rid ourselves of feelings of anger or hatred. For example, perhaps we can pray one Hail Mary a day for God to bless the family and work life of those whom we find it difficult to love. We can always look to the example of Christ on the cross, who boldly prayed for those who crucified him. Let us strive to be stewards of God's love and mercy.

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**"If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither
praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are."
— Saint Mother Theresa**

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. — + Mary Doreen Kitchen

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. — + The Iledan, Icasas & Biaoco Families

10:00 A.M. — Intenzioni di Vito e Elisabetta Babieiri
Intenzioni di Agostino e Nellina Battaglia
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Rosario Vella - Matilde Pagliaro
Francesco Ferrante - Vito Addorisio
Giuseppe Canini e defunti famiglia
Totonno e Rosaria Francella
Ottavio Vignali - Maria D'Addario
Antonietta Lamanna - Michele Cornacchia
Lucia e Luigi Cuoppolo
Dolcino Alimonti - Giovanna Alimonti

11:30 A.M. — + Lota Ramirez

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — Eustace & Patty Fernandes

MONDAY FEBRUARY 21ST – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. — Mary & Eileen Nicol

11:00 A.M. — + Joe De Mello

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22ND – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Francis Ramsbotham

11:00 A.M. — + Deceased Priests & Religious

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 23RD – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Edward Emmanuel

11:00 A.M. — + Tai Mui Lai

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. — Special Intention

8:30 A.M. — + Sarah Chu-Hsieh

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. — Reg & Georgette Bedard

7:00 P.M. — + Pablo De Jesus

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. — Joe Lobo

10:00 A.M. — + Deceased of the De Mello Families

Dear Padre

Previously you wrote that the Church is the bride of Christ, and we should remain faithful to that bond. Is there another reason to remain in the Catholic Church?



The Church is also the body of Christ. When Jesus ascended into heaven, he left his disciples with the mission he had received from the Father: instruct everyone in Jesus' teachings and baptize them into his divine life (Matthew 28:19–20). Through the Church, Jesus would remain present in the world.

Some take offense because the Church claims the authority of Jesus himself to teach. It teaches that marriage is between one man and one woman, that contraception and abortion are immoral, that capital punishment is a sin. Jesus himself may not have expressly addressed these issues, but he said to his apostles, "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me" (Luke 10:16). And to Peter he said, "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

It's true that since the time of the apostles some members, and even Church leaders, have caused scandal. The Lord asks that they, like Peter, repent and live a life of obedience and service to the Lord. That's why it's important that we examine our own actions. Someone who abandons the Church due to scandals within its ranks should realize that encouraging others to abandon the bride of Christ and the body of Christ is a scandalous act itself.

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



VOCATION REFLECTION:

The Lord Calls us to do God's Will. Pray that you may know God's Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. 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>

"Pray, hope, and don't worry." – St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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HOW TO PREPARE FOR LENT: By Vinita Hampton Wright

How do you prepare for Lent? How have you prepared in the past? What are your ideas about what should happen during Lent?

We have the traditional Catholic practices of praying, fasting, and almsgiving. So, we pray more than usual, or we pray with different emphases. We eat smaller or fewer meals or give up a favorite food or drink group. We give more of our resources or give them specifically to special works of mercy during Lent.

Prayer, fasting, and charitable giving continue to be quite good practices during Lent or at any time.

It's good to have a plan for doing. It's also good to have a plan for being. In the days prior to Lent, try one or more of these suggestions.



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.

Special Prayers
For Those In Need



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.

1—Ask God, every day, "What does my soul need?" Just ask, and wait quietly. Because we're very good at fooling ourselves about how we're doing, it might take several days of praying this question before we're truly open and humble enough to know the answer.

2—Ask God, every day, "What about my life makes you happy?" Yes, when God looks at your life, some parts of it—perhaps many aspects of it—bring joy to God's heart. Think of how your children or grandchildren or other people close to you make you happy. God is in relationship with you, which means that your sins grieve God's heart, but also that your growth and love and freedom and kindness bring joy to God of the universe. Again, you will probably need to pray this a few times before you are willing to consider that you give God pleasure, that you make God happy in any way. Stick with this little prayer and keep listening.

3—Tell God, and yourself, every day, "I want to be open to the graces of this Lenten season." Maybe you're not open right now, or you're not as open and willing as you'd like to be or think you should be. What else is new? We can always open our lives a bit more, let go of more stuff, listen better, and do more quickly and passionately what we know helps nurture God's kingdom on earth.

This is a beginning: three short and simple prayer starters to ready yourself for the holy season.

