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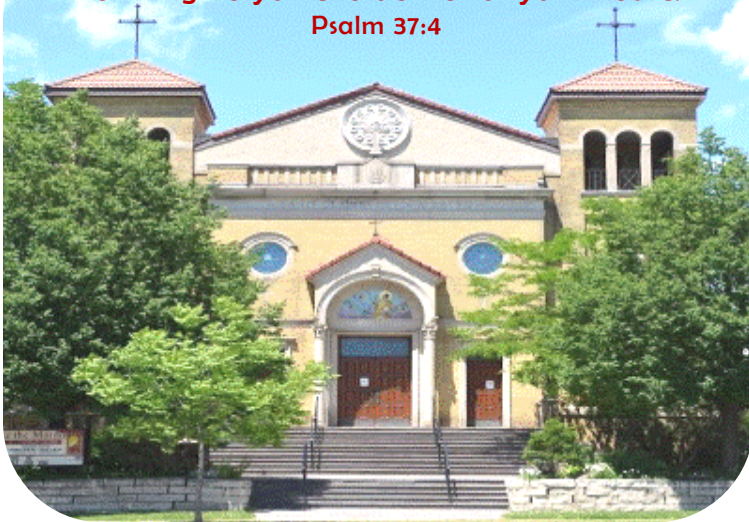
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FEBRUARY 27, 2022 – ORDINARY TIME 8TH SUNDAY

**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 K. Antony *CFIC, 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:

Today's Gospel reading could be viewed as a collection of mini-teachings and practical discipleship reminders. At its conclusion, Jesus says, "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:46).

REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:

The beginning of today's Gospel reading contains much food for thought for parents and all teachers of the faith. Jesus asks, "Can a blind person guide a blind person?" (Luke 6:39) and he says, "... When fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher" (Luke 6:40). Today, take time to think about what you are doing to grow in your knowledge of the Catholic faith and in your relationship with God. Realize the importance of your role as the primary teacher of the faith to your child. Ask for the help and wisdom of the Holy Spirit in fulfilling this valuable ministry.

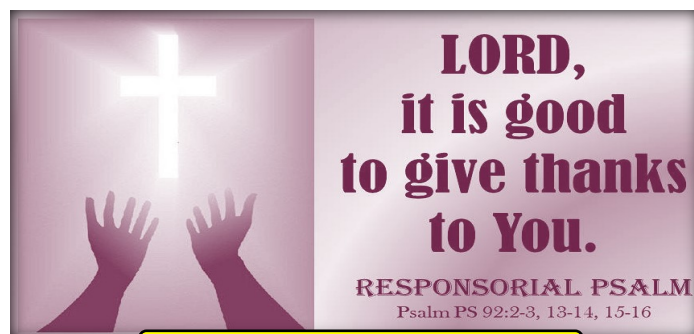
BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Focus your family on the last portion of today's Gospel reading, Luke 6:43-45. Invite family members to give examples of what it means to bear good fruit. For example, "Bearing good fruit means telling the truth" or "Bearing good fruit means sharing God's love with others." Explain that the Bible names nine fruits of the Holy Spirit that are examples of good fruit. Invite your family members to listen as you read Galatians 5:22-23. Review the Fruits of the Holy Spirit as they are named in the Galatians passage: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

In place of discussion starter questions, work together to create a Fruits of the Holy Spirit poster or mobile. Invite everyone to take part in cutting out a total of nine fruit shapes from various colors of construction paper. On each shape write one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Either create a poster of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit or use hangers and yarn or string to create a mobile for display near your family prayer table or in a place where family members will see it. Then pray together, "Holy Spirit, help us always to bear good fruit!"

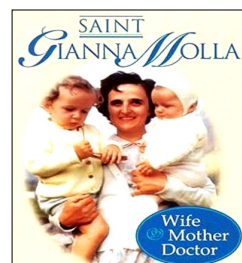
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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Unlocking the Secret of Happiness: "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." These are the words from the refrain of this Sunday's responsorial psalm. Thanksgiving is at the core of what it means to be a steward. We cannot offer our gifts to our parish communities if we don't first acknowledge and give thanks to God for giving us these gifts in the first place. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that, "deep stewardship begins with gratitude and ends with accountability ... We recognize gratefully that everything in life is a gift of God." Not only does gratitude unlock a spirituality of stewardship, but it is also the first step in living a life of greater joy. The opposite of gratitude is indifference. Often times we are indifferent and unaware of all the great gifts in our lives. By adopting an intentional lens of gratitude we can begin to realize how blessed we truly are. St. Gianna Molla beautifully tells us that "the secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness." Wherever we are reading this reflection, let us take a moment to thank God for three things around us. We can express our gratitude for having a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs, or the joy of family and friends. Above all, we can always be thankful for the gift of God's love in our lives.

Summary: St. Gianna Molla beautifully tells us that "the secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness." Wherever we are reading this reflection, let us take a moment to thank God for a few things around us. We can express our gratitude for having a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs, the joy of family and friends, and above all, we can always be thankful for the gift of God's love.



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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. — + Delio Lasat

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. — + Geraldine Senewiratne

10:00 A.M. — Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Tony Lamanna
Marino D'Attolico e defunti famiglia
Salvatore Porzio
Leonello Pecorari
Antonino Tuccitto
Carlo Zarccone
Henry Krawagna
Enzo Di Mauro

11:30 A.M. — + Alvin Marshall

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — + Minette Panday

MONDAY FEBRUARY 28TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. — Mary & Eileen Nicol

11:00 A.M. — + Deceased relatives Leung Family

TUESDAY MARCH 1ST – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Gavino Manca

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

WEDNESDAY MARCH 2ND – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Geraldine Senewiratne

11:00 A.M. — + Paul & Pauline Lam

THURSDAY MARCH 3RD – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. — Oto Lam & Family

8:30 A.M. — Danielle & Nadine Davies

FRIDAY MARCH 4TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. — In Thanksgiving

7:00 P.M. — Family of Agnes Leung

SATURDAY MARCH 5TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. — Lucy Morrissey

10:00 A.M. — In Thanksgiving

Dear Padre

Who chooses the names for Catholic churches?



The bishop is the appropriate authority to designate the name of a church in his diocese. Each church should have its own title, which cannot be changed after the church has been dedicated, except for grave reasons and with the approval of the Apostolic See (Canon 1218). Examples of designations include the name of the Blessed Trinity, a name for Christ or the Blessed Virgin Mary under a title already accepted in the liturgy, one of the angels, saints, or a blessed who is approved by the Holy See for insertion in a diocesan liturgical calendar.

According to additional norms issued in 1999, "If several parishes are suppressed and a new one is established using one of the churches, its title must be retained, but it may be changed if it is a new building." Moreover, "if several parishes are each suppressed and united into one new parish, it is permitted, for pastoral reasons, to give it a new name different from the previous title of the parish church" (Canon 1218).

The faith community celebrates the titular feast of the church annually with the rank of a solemnity. The customary practice of depositing a relic of the titular saint—when applicable—under the altar to be dedicated may be "fittingly retained" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 302). However, the inherent dignity of the church's altar is that it is foremost the table of the Lord. —Fr. Byron Miller, *CSsR Liguori Publications, Liguori*

VOCATION REFLECTION:

"In the Lord your labour is not in vain". Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. 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>



We are pleased to share news that as of Tuesday, March 1, 2022, places of worship, will be in a position to offer 100% seating capacity with no physical distancing restrictions. Please note that masks will still be required.

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ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES:

8: 30 am (English) 11: 00 am (Latin)
5: 00 pm (Italian) 7: 00 pm (English)

HOW LONG IS LENT? Lent is 40 days long, not including Sundays (that means the season is technically 46 days long). The fact that it's 40 days has significance. According to Father William Saunders of the Catholic Education Resource Center, "the number 40 has always had special spiritual significance regarding preparation ... most importantly, Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days and 40 nights in the desert before He began His public ministry (Matthew 4:2)."

WHEN DOES LENT END? Lent ends three days before Easter Sunday on Thursday, April 14, 2022. The week before Easter Sunday — called Holy Week — is a big deal in the Christian church. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, which commemorates Jesus's triumphant arrival in Jerusalem, where he received palm branches at his feet. Then comes Holy Wednesday, which acknowledges Judas's plan to betray Jesus. The day after Holy Wednesday is Maundy Thursday, which commemorates the Last Supper between Jesus and his disciples. Maundy Thursday is the last day of Lent.

SO, WHY ARE THE DATES OF LENT DIFFERENT EVERY YEAR? Because Lent always starts exactly 46 days before Easter Sunday, its dates always depend on Easter, which is a floating holiday. So how do we determine Easter? It's got a lot to do with the Moon. According to Christian tradition, Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the full Moon that occurs on or just after the spring equinox (and the Christian Church calendars state that the spring equinox always falls on March 21). In 2022, the first full Moon after March 21 takes place on April 16, which means Easter falls on the following Sunday, April 17. Subtract 46 days from that and you get the first day of Lent, March 2.

There you have it! This year, Lent takes place from Wednesday, March 2, to Thursday, April 14, 2022, while Easter takes place on Sunday, April 16.

THE CCCB DECREES THAT THE DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE IN CANADA ARE:

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Fridays are days of abstinence, but Catholics can substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day"

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.

GIVING UP SOMETHING FOR LENT?

When many of us were children, we might remember our giving up candy for Lent. And, it seemed like a real sacrifice. As we grew up, it was often more difficult to decide what special thing to do, to make Lent a special season - to get our attention and to prepare ourselves for deeper sacrifices.

What would help me grow in freedom? That's the question to ask. For some of us, it could be, committing ourselves to give up judging others, every single day of Lent. For others, it could be giving up a bad habit we've developed. For still others, it is obvious what seems to be the important choice for me during Lent.

For many of us, the choice may not be to give something up, but to add something to our daily lives during Lent. We may commit ourselves to extra prayer time. We may decide to do some service to the poor, once a week during Lent. We may choose to increase our almsgiving to the poor - perhaps related to something we choose not to do, e.g., some might choose not to go out to eat one night a week, and to give that total amount to the poor. Whether it is fasting, abstaining or other acts of penance, the whole desire we should have is to use these means to help us grow closer to our Lord and prepare ourselves "to celebrate the paschal mystery with minds and hearts renewed."

(First Preface of Lent)



SAINT LAWRENCE
PRAY FOR US

FATHER, YOU called **Saint Lawrence** to serve you by Love, and Crowned His Life with Glorious Martyrdom. Help us to be like Him in loving **YOU** and doing **YOUR** work. **Amen.**

St. Lawrence pray to God for us.