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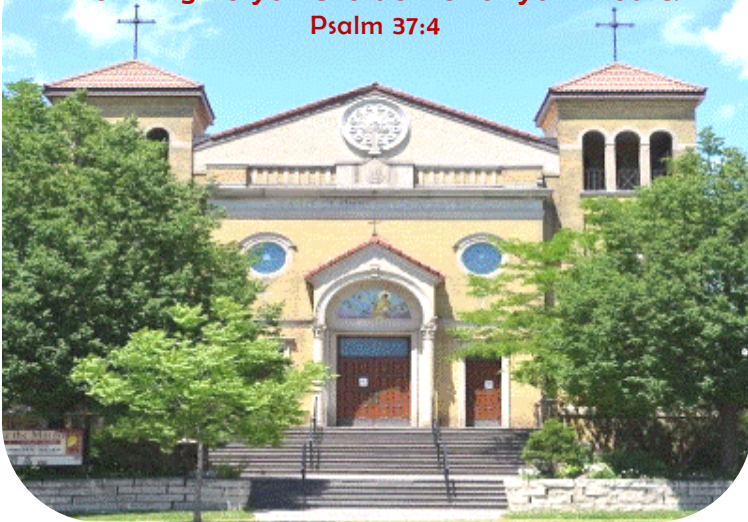
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Tel No. 416-759-9359

MARCH 20, 2022 – LENT 3RD SUNDAY

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

Psalms 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 at the back of the church.

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*

Mr. Daniel Lee, *Seminarian*

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 13:1-9

"Season of Urgency,
Season of Mercy"

The GOD of Second Chances

GOSPEL SUMMARY:

In ancient times, people thought death was the result of sinfulness. The crowds asked Jesus if that was true. He replied that it was no more true than the contrary: People lived because of righteousness. The point Jesus did make, however, was that repentance was necessary and necessarily immediate. Jesus then gave the people an illustration of a fig tree that had not produced fruit for three years. The vineyard owner wanted the tree cut down, but the gardener promised to aerate and fertilize it for one more year. If, by then, it did not bear fruit, the gardener would cut it down. Some scholars think the three years of no yield correlate with Jesus' three years in ministry, but the main point is that with nurturing, all may come to bear fruit in the Kingdom.

REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:

Some children worry whether or not their parents will live as long as the child needs them—basically forever! But often, parents worry more that they will someday be a burden to their children. Once in a while, parents know they only have a short period of time left with their children and they quickly take stock of what is truly important and act accordingly. Even without this notice, it would be good to evaluate each day and be grateful for each moment we have with each other.

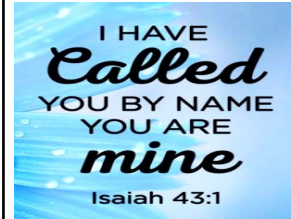
BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Make a Lenten "fruit bowl" as a family by writing down on strips of paper simple tasks that can be done during this season of Lent that "bear fruit" for God's Kingdom. Ideas might include praying for someone who is sick, or sending a cheerful greeting to someone who is alone. Perhaps you could visit an elderly relative or do something kind for a family member. Each day, everyone in the family takes a "piece of fruit" from the bowl and tries to accomplish the task written on the strip. (Hint: If you want to make sure the suggestions are age-appropriate, you can use different colors of paper for the children and adults.)

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. One way I hear God's word and let my life bear fruit for another person is by . . .
2. The one person in my life who is like the gardener that cares for the tree so it bears fruit is .. They help me by . . .
3. In this story, I am most like the a) owner, b) the gardener, c) the fig tree, because . . .

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Called by Name: On this Third Sunday of Lent, we are invited to reflect on one of the most famous

call stories in the Bible, the call of Moses. Many of us are familiar with the events that took place as Moses comes across the burning bush in the wilderness. There is one aspect of this episode that is particularly interesting to us as stewards, and that is the first words that God speaks out of the bush. He says, "Moses, Moses!" He calls Moses by name. There is a particularity to Moses' mission. God knew that Moses was the right person for the job and shows this by using his own name as he calls him forward. As stewards, we too are all called by name to a special mission. We each have our own unique set of gifts that can be used for the glory of Christ and the Church. It is up to us to heed the call of stewardship because no one can do the particular mission God has ordained for us. One great saint who truly understood the importance of everyone's important and individual mission was St. Teresa of Calcutta. She said, "You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things." Stewardship isn't a competition but rather a collaboration. Let us reflect on how we can use our time and talents to help our parish community. God is calling each and every one of us, let us readily echo the words of Moses and respond "Here I am."

Summary: Just as God called Moses by name at the burning bush, so too does God call each of us by name to our own particular mission of stewardship. St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things." Let us reflect on how we can use our time and talents to help our parish community and readily echo the words of Moses and respond "Here I am."

Occupy yourself in beholding and bemoaning your own imperfections rather than contemplating the imperfections of others. — Saint Ignatius —

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SATURDAY MARCH 19TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. — The Ramzi Family

SUNDAY MARCH 20TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. — + Jean & Peter Lockyer

10:00 A.M. — L'Inentionzi di Nellina e Agostino Battaglia
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Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Francesco Ferrante
Rocco e Giuseppina Burdo - Giuseppe Morra
Michelina Mosca – Costanza Morra - Luca Caccamo
Carmela e Euplio Raffaele – Maria D'Addario
Giuseppe Canini e defunti famiglia
Totonno e Rosaria Francella -Vincenza Di Tacchio
Maria Romagnuolo - Rocchina Lamanna
L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M.— + Geraldine Senewiratne

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — + Mike & Frank La Rosa

MONDAY MARCH 21ST – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Elvira Fugaccia

11:00 A.M. — Kate De Leon

TUESDAY MARCH 22ND – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Ross & Joe La Rosa

11:00 A.M. — Kelvin Valentino

WEDNESDAY MARCH 23RD – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. — Jill Almosa

11:00 A.M. — Jacob Guya

THURSDAY MARCH 24TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. — Arthur Hare

8:30 A.M. — Isabel DeLeon

FRIDAY MARCH 25TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. — + Saverio Cucinotta

7:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

SATURDAY MARCH 26TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. — Special Intention

10:00 A.M. — Rodel & Emilina Torres

Dear Padre



Can people convert to Catholicism only during Lent and Easter ?

People can convert to Catholicism at any time, but Lent and Easter are especially associated with the journey of believers into our communion.

If a person is in danger of imminent death, reception into the Church can happen in a matter of moments at any time during the year. However, most people who want to join the Church needn't rush. The Church can gradually tutor them in the life and faith of the community over the course of a year or more. Adult converts normally do this through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which helps move people from a stage of curiosity and inquiry into fully conscious and active participation in the faith and life of the Church. It does this while attending to the rhythm of the Church's liturgical year.

Lent plays a key role in the RCIA as a season of intense spiritual preparation for those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The Easter season is the traditional time for new converts to engage in the period of mystagogy—when they explore with the faith community the significance of the mysteries they're now living in their baptism, confirmation, and celebration of the Eucharist.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein , CSsR 2022 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO



VOCATION REFLECTION:

The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood 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>

The Jesus Prayer. Pray this simple prayer:

“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

Repeat it over and over again throughout the day, for one minute, five minutes, or half an hour. Pray it at the beginning and end of the day.

Let its calming rhythm focus your mind on God.

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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, Alex Amizola.

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.



MARCH 27 IS SHARELIFE SUNDAY.

Please give generously.

Our parish goal campaign is \$33,000.

As we approach our collection next weekend, please reflect upon your ability to contribute to our parish campaign this year. However, you give, whatever you give, please give generously to ShareLife.

Your helping hand is the answer!

After two years of crisis, our communities need hope and healing. That hope can be found in you – the “hands and feet of Christ” making possible the life-changing work of ShareLife agencies. Vulnerable people are turning to these agencies for support more than ever. And the problems are many, ranging from mental illness, to poverty, addiction and isolation.

The solution is in reach: Your hands and ours, working together to live the Gospel.



“Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” *Matthew 4:17*

On a cold morning in November, Leigh Ann Tuohy and her husband, Sean, were driving when they spotted a young man walking alone along the side of the road in only shorts and a cotton T-shirt. As they drove past, Leigh Ann said two words to Sean that would change their lives forever. She told him to “turn around,” and he did. The two invited the young man into their warm vehicle and eventually their home and family. The young man was Michael Oher, who with the love and support of the Tuohy family, went on to become a first-round NFL draft pick and Superbowl champion with the Baltimore Ravens.

Turn around ... two simple words that changed the course of several lives in one moment.

Turn around ... two simple words that call us to retrace our steps and see what we may not have seen before.

Turn around ... a call to change and conversion.

Lent’s call to repentance is a call to turn around. When we repent, much like running into our home for forgotten keys or turning around on the interstate due to mixed up directions, we seek something we’ve forgotten and reorient ourselves to get back on track.

The Greek work for repent is “metanoia.” It means “to think differently after,” and indicates a change of mind, heart or consciousness. Repentance requires the willingness and humility to recognize we have lost our way and to change. All of us have something for which we need to repent: a person we have wronged, a good we have neglected to do, a cruel or unkind word we have spoken. We have been less than lovely, less than faithful and less than gracious from time to time with others and with ourselves. And the call gently comes into the muddled space of discord, with a voice that tells us to simply turn around.

Step back into your colleagues’ office and clear up a misunderstanding. Sign up to volunteer. Recommit to your practice of prayer and meditation. Prioritize date night with your partner, family time with your children, weekly calls or visits to your aging parents. Set down old ways of being and doing that aren’t serving you, and simply turn around. Follow more faithfully the path of goodness and love, service and truth. Listen to the still, small voice in your heart and simply, without shame, turn around.

There is a promise in God’s call to conversion. Repent; turn around! For the reign of God is at hand. The reign of God is a time of fulfilment and flourishing, when there is no distinction between heaven and earth. Jesus promised us it is closer than we think; indeed, it is just around the corner. Our repentance and reconnection to God and others brings it about. For as theologian Walter Rauschenbusch reminds us, **“The Kingdom of God is not a matter of getting individuals into heaven, but of transforming the life on earth into the harmony of heaven.”** www.cha.org