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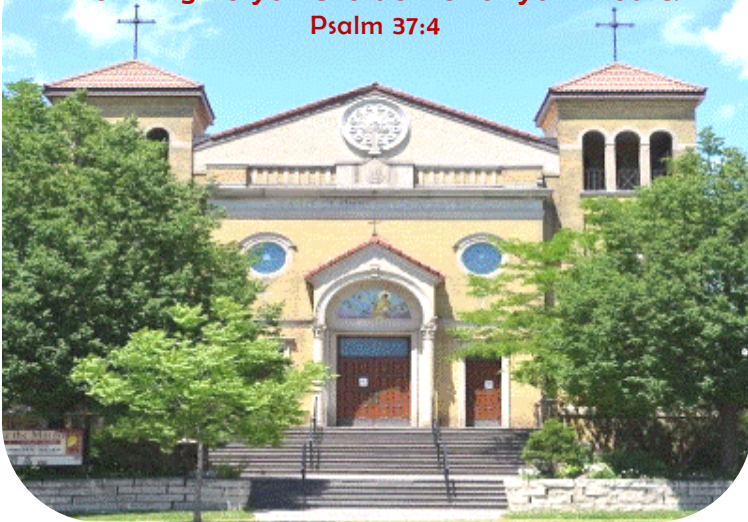
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Tel No. 416-759-9359

APRIL 03, 2022 – LENT 5TH 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

God's Law Versus God's Grace

John 8:1-11

GOSPEL SUMMARY:

Although most scholars believe that this story of the woman caught in adultery was not part of John's original writings, it is nevertheless an excellent example of Jesus' style. First of all, some of the religious leaders tried to trick Jesus into going against the law of Moses by not having the woman stoned or going against the Roman law that did not allow the Jewish people to impose the death sentence. Again, Jesus seemed trapped, but drew in the sand with his finger until he presented his answer. In an effort to demonstrate the forgiveness God had for his people, Jesus challenged the Pharisees to throw a stone if they were without sin. Of course, none could throw a stone and slowly the crowd drifted away. When only the woman remained, Jesus showed mercy toward her and told her to resist further sin.

REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:

Of course we will never fully know what Jesus drew in the sand. Whether his drawing was with purpose or not has been lost to history and most likely would not change the story. An important lesson we can gain from his action is that he took the time to gather his thoughts before speaking. How often do we say the first thing that comes to mind and end up regretting it? Thinking first helps us present a Christ-like presence to others even if we are dealing with a serious conflict.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Ask each family member to help create a list of "pet peeves" or annoying habits in others. Give each member a chance to consider the list and see if they claim ownership of any of the actions listed. Ask one another how this exercise is like the woman and the Pharisees in today's Gospel. What will you do to "throw a stone" at the guilty person? What action can you take that resembles the action of Jesus? Pray for support to accomplish this action.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. I received a second chance that made a difference in my life when . . .
2. One judgment I hold from the past still causes me pain. In order to let go of it, I need to . . .
3. The person I most identify with in this Gospel story is . . . because . . .

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Pressing on Towards the Goal As we quickly approach Holy Week let us take a moment to reflect on how we are using this time of Lent to renew our zeal for stewardship. In the second reading this Sunday we hear St. Paul say, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." We can learn a lot from this image of constantly moving forward towards the prize of our heavenly reward. Stewardship is a lifelong journey made up of many individual decisions. The decision to wake up and recognize each day as a blessing from God. The decision to offer the gifts of our time and talents for the good of the parish community. The decision to practice a moment of patience and understanding when we are frustrated or annoyed. The decision to forgive someone who has wronged us even though it is difficult. The decision to pray and receive the sacraments in order to strengthen our lives through God's grace. As we strive to make positive decisions, let us not be discouraged when we fall or face setbacks in our ministry. St. John Paul II says that "life with Christ is a wonderful adventure." Any adventure is sure to have mountains and valleys, but what God truly desires is that we simply keep pressing forward. St. Teresa of Calcutta said that "God does not require that we be successful only that we be faithful." Let us strive to be faithful stewards as we journey towards our heavenly goal.

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SATURDAY APRIL 2ND – SABATO

5:00 P.M. — - + Jaime Villamater

SUNDAY APRIL 3RD – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. — + Epifanio e Aurea Ilag

10:00 A.M. — Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Susanna e Gianni Onisto – Concetta Lembo

Vito Sciuto e defunti famiglia

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e defunti famiglia

Vito De Nardo e defunti famigli

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Vincenza Di Tacchio

Angelo Lamanna e defunti famiglia

Matteo Lombardi

L'Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. — + Basil, Yolande & Paulette Friolet

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — + Geraldine Senewiratne

MONDAY APRIL 4TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. — + The Longo & Tamburro Families

11:00 A.M. — Rodel Torres

TUESDAY APRIL 5TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Demascene Vaz

11:00 A.M. — + Salcino Dominguez

WEDNESDAY APRIL 6TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. — Divina Gaerlan

11:00 A.M. — + Deceased members of the Lobo Family

THURSDAY APRIL 7TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. — + Maria e Vito Vitro

8:30 A.M. — + Shuk-Kuen Ng

FRIDAY APRIL 8TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. — + Petra G.Domondon

7:00 P.M. — + Doreen Burlton

SATURDAY APRIL 9TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. — + Kathleen Lee

10:00 A.M. — + Gordon Burlton

Dear Padre

If God is so forgiving, why can't I just ask for his forgiveness directly? Why do I need to go to confession and ask a man, a priest, to have my sins forgiven?



It's ironic that some claim a man cannot forgive sins. That same accusation was leveled against Jesus himself when he forgave the paralyzed man (see Mark 2:5-7). But Jesus clearly told his apostles they were to be instruments of his forgiveness. When he appeared to them in the upper room after his resurrection he said: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23).

James the Apostle also endorses the concept of humans administering God's forgiveness: "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed" (James 5:16).

Baptism, another sacrament administered! by a person, starts our discipleship with Jesus. It cleanses us of all sin—including original sin. But even as Jesus' disciples, we are sometimes unfaithful and need to ask for forgiveness. It's not surprising, then, that Jesus has given us another sacrament—again administered by a person—for the forgiveness of sins after baptism: the sacrament of reconciliation.

God is forgiving—so forgiving that when; people killed Jesus, his Son, he did not punish and destroy the world. Rather, he used the death of Jesus to demonstrate just how patient and forgiving he is. Our gravest sins—murder, adultery, a life lived apart from God—require the intervention of the sacrament of penance. But even confessing smaller sins is useful. If nothing else, it keeps us humble enough to remember that all of us need forgiveness because all of us sin.

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



VOCATION REFLECTION:

What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? 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 things that we love tell us what we are."

St. Thomas Aquinas

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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 and Denise 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.



SHARELIFE Last Sunday was our first ShareLife collection in our 2022 parish campaign. Thank you very much for supporting the campaign. Thus far we have raised \$3,727.00 toward our goal of \$33,000.

Today's Gospel shares the parable of the woman accused of adultery, a message of Our Lord's great love, forgiveness and respect for all people. Likewise, ShareLife agencies are there to support the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our communities.

ShareLife-funded social service agencies have an 'open intake policy' and provide help based on need—not on religion, lifestyle, gender or ethnicity.

Once again, thank you for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign.

REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT: ©The Catholic Health Association of the United States

"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful." Joel 2:12-13

In our ministry we have entire rooms dedicated to the experience of waiting: waiting to see a doctor, waiting for test results, waiting for a loved one to come out of surgery, waiting for birth. At any given moment, in a hospital waiting room, a grandparent waits with bated breath for the arrival of their grandchild while, a few seats down, an adult child awaits the outcome of surgery being performed on their aging parent. At any given moment, in a hospital waiting room, life and death hang in delicate balance.

This week's gospel story tells of a woman "caught in the very act of committing adultery," and offers a similar example of how life and death hang in delicate balance. She is brought to Jesus by the scribes and Pharisees. While the law clearly requires she be stoned, they ask Jesus what to do with her. We know well his familiar response: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone." However, have we thought to consider how excruciating it must have been for the woman – face down in the dirt – waiting to see if stones would be thrown?

The season of Lent offers similar juxtaposition amid a period of waiting: we wait for the winter cold to dwindle and anxiously look for the spring sun to lure us out of hibernation, while, liturgically, Jesus awaits his painful journey to the Cross only to be resurrected on Easter Sunday. Indeed, we are utterly immersed in the dichotomous experience of waiting. Not only this, any of us who have even waited for anything know also how torturously long those last few moments of waiting can feel. The moment you see a door open and a doctor begin to head your way with news of your loved one; the moment the first footsteps walked away from the woman; the moment you see the first tulip bulb begin to emerge from the defrosting ground; waiting to discover the tomb empty. Waiting can feel like an eternity.

In each of these distinctive examples, though, we know also that the last few torturous moments of waiting offer a turning point—a pivotal moment of pause that somehow points to a shift, a feeling of the beginning of something new being created within us. As we watch the doctor walk toward us with news, or as we approach the tomb of Jesus, it is the moment just before we release the breath we didn't realize we have been holding in. Indeed, it is in this very moment, that, if we're paying attention, we feel God calling most ardently ... *"return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful."*

