

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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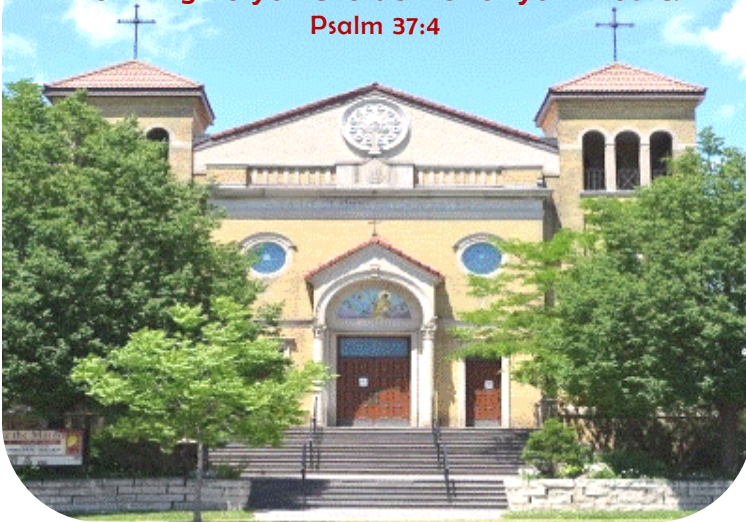
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Tel No. 416-759-9359

APRIL 24, 2022 – DIVINE MERCY 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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GOSPEL SUMMARY:

Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope, were filled with fear, and locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about a week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way and Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed in him.

REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:

Parents are often the source of hope and encouragement for their children. When a child falls repeatedly while learning to walk or ride a bike, it is a parent who coaxes, encourages, and praises the child. Parents provide hope and comfort when a child falls short of a goal whether in academics, relationships, sports, or the arts. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples. They were frightened and discouraged but they found hope and relief with the peace and presence of Jesus.

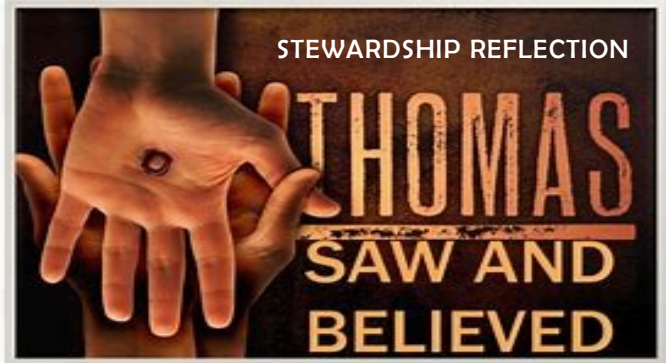
BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Using the newspaper, news broadcast, or situations you know about, share ideas about people in the world or your community who might be discouraged. Suggest ways either in prayer or by action that your family might bring hope to these people.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. I remember once I was really discouraged but I found peace when . . .
2. I was a source of peace for someone when . . .
3. I can relate to the "doubting" Thomas, but I have learned..

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Learning from Doubting Thomas On this Second Sunday of Easter we are faced with the Gospel passage that earns St. Thomas the Apostle the name of Doubting Thomas. Jesus appears to all of the disciples when Thomas wasn't present and Thomas refuses to believe in the risen Christ until he sees and touches Jesus himself. A week later Jesus appears to them again, this time with Thomas present, and Thomas believes exclaiming, "My Lord and my God!" As disciples of Christ we too may experience many moments of doubt in our lives. Especially with the overtly secular culture we live in, it is becoming harder to accept the truths of our faith. So how are we to deal with these moments of doubt? Firstly, we should take consolation in the loving and gentle way Jesus dealt with Thomas' doubt. Jesus meets him where he is and lovingly tries to help him look past his doubt. So too with us, Jesus does not reprimand us for our moments of doubt but is constantly providing us opportunities for us to grow in faith. However, it is important that we play our part. If we doubt the truth about certain mysteries of our faith, we should try to read what the Church teaches on this point. St. Anselm's motto was "faith seeking understanding." Sometimes we need to use our rational faculties to try to educate ourselves on the teachings of the Church and pray that God may illumine our mind. There are a variety of good books and websites that can help us find the answers we're looking for. Let us strive to rid ourselves of all doubt by slowly seeking understanding and praying for faith.

Summary Similar to St. Thomas in the Gospel, we too may experience many moments of doubt. Jesus does not reprimand us for our doubt but constantly sends us providential opportunities to help us grow in our faith. However, let us strive to do our part by educating ourselves through good books and websites on topics of the faith and by praying for the gift of understanding.

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SATURDAY APRIL 23RD – SABATO

5:00 P.M. — Pope Benedict

SUNDAY APRIL 24TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. — + Francesco Ruberto

10:00 A.M. — Intenzioni di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri
Intenzioni di Agostino e Nellina Battaglia
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Tony Lamanna
Francesco Ferrante –Marino D’Attolico e famiglia
Salvatore Porzio – Totonno e Rosaria Francella
Maria D’Addario - Leonello Pecorari
Antonino Tuccitto - Vincenza Di Tacchio
Vincenzo Domenica e Donata Trentadue
Giuseppe, Isabella e Vito Pantaleo
Defunti famiglie Fiorucci, DelGobbo e DiOrio
Enzo Barretta - Lorenzo e Giovanna Romagnuolo e
Famiglia - Rocco e Saveria Mastrangelo e Famiglia
Mike e Michele Volpe - Fedele Colangelo

11:30 A.M. — Living & Deceased Members 11:30AM Choir

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — + Bishop Deogupillai

MONDAY APRIL 25TH – LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. — + Miguel Ortiz

11:00 A.M. — + Doreen Burlton

TUESDAY APRIL 26TH – MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. — + Pat Mancuso

11:00 A.M. — + Mary & Jack Young

WEDNESDAY APRIL 27TH – MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. — + Vittorio Melone

11:00 A.M. — Allyson & Michael Torres

THURSDAY APRIL 28TH – GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. — Beverly Corriero

8:30 A.M. — Hanna Porawa

FRIDAY APRIL 29TH – VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. — + Vittorio e Mario Fornaro

7:00 P.M. — Leo & Noelle Torres

SATURDAY APRIL 30TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. — + Hector Luna

10:00 A.M. — + Assunta lafrate



CHANGE IN PASTOR:

AS of June 29th 2022, I will begin my sabbatical. During the summer I will visit my family and from September to December I will be doing a sabbatical program at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. Fr. Thomas Lim has been appointed as the new pastor of St. Lawrence Martyr Church. Many thanks for your kindness to me for the past eleven years and your ongoing support of my ministry at the parish. Please remember me in your prayers. Fr. Roy

Dear Padre

My friend is doing a Bible study, and part of the program is something called Lectio Divina. Is that a Catholic practice?



This method of listening to Scripture has the Church's approval. In fact, Catholic bishops have recommended lectio divina as an easy way for Catholics to become more familiar with the Bible. The practice of lectio divina is quite simple:

First, ask the Holy Spirit to help you listen. Then slowly read a short Scripture passage aloud. Listen for a word or phrase that strikes you. Next, think about why this word or phrase is so striking at this moment. Does the word or phrase touch your life right now? Then, ask God's help in making an important choice, or ask what the word or phrase that struck you in the first step means in your life. Finally, close your eyes, let go of all thoughts, and remain silent before God.

These parts have a logical progression, but it's not a hard-and-fast method. People who have been doing lectio divina for a long time sometimes move back and forth between parts. If you practice lectio divina regularly, over time your understanding of God's word will deepen.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR 2022 Liguori Publications



VOCATION REFLECTION:

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood, diaconate, 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>

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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 – Francisco William, Stephanie Solomon, Antonio Sorbera, Bill Matthews, Vanessa Melone, Rosemarie Sorbera, Amelia Barroso, Alicia Alvares, Charlie Abreu, Domingo Catolos, Eileen and Mary Nicol, Betty Byrne, Verna Quinn, Alex and Denise Amizola.



SHARELIFE Thank you for supporting ShareLife! The next ShareLife Sunday collection is May 1. We have raised \$8,423 toward our goal of \$33,000.

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.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Is APRIL 24TH

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened." Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699) He went on to say "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." (Diary 1109)

We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy "Divine Mercy Sunday". We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith!

On Sunday April 24th at 3pm the parish will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with a Holy Hour and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confessions will begin at 2:30 p.m.



QUOTATION FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA

"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest." (No. 1507)