

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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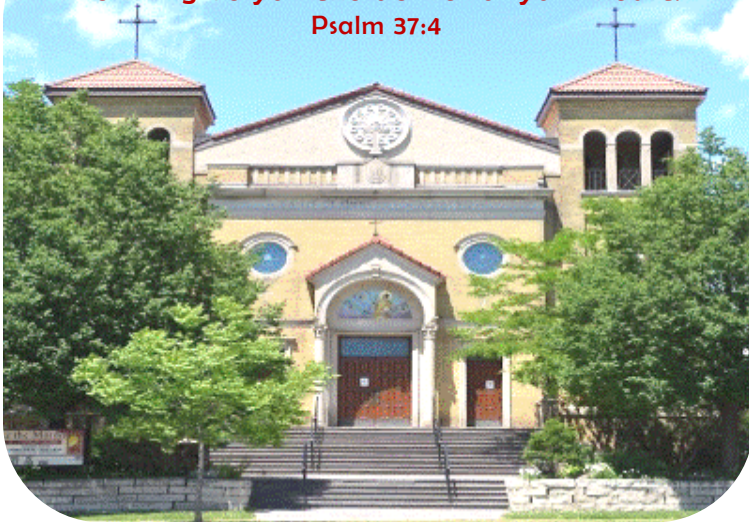
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Tel No. 416-759-9359

MAY 8, 2022 – 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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SATURDAY MAY 7TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. — Norma Dungca

SUNDAY MAY 8TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. — + Kuen Sin Lee

10:00 A.M. — Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Felice e Raffaele Vitro – Giuseppe Canini e famiglia
Lucia Cuoppolo – Maria Ciciretto

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo – Agata Lopresti-Costantino

Maria Baroni – Emma Francesci

Maria e Vincenzo Ciraco – Anna Rosa Volpe

Filomena Volpe – Carmela Cuoppolo – Ani Poladian

Maddalena Volpe – Maria Romano – Rocco Colangelo

Maria Caggianiello – Maria Rosaria Colangelo

Carmelo e Michelina Zambri

Clementina Colangelo – Maria Lamanna

Marco, Edda e Defunti Famiglie

Carlevaris e Nevodini – L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. — + Geraldine Senewiratne

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — + Therese & Bernaldo Endaya

MONDAY MAY 9TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. — Fr. Roy Farell

11:00 A.M. — Augustine Dimagiba & Gabrielle Torres

TUESDAY MAY 10TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Missella & Ninetta Mezzatesta

11:00 A.M. — + Paul & Pauline Lam

WEDNESDAY MAY 11TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. — Fr. Isaac & Fr. Jose C.M.I.

11:00 A.M. — Marie de Souza

THURSDAY MAY 12TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. — Marylou Gaerlan

8:30 A.M. — Otto Lam & Family

FRIDAY MAY 13TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. — + Paola & Luciano La Rosa

7:00 P.M. — + Edel Quinn

SATURDAY MAY 14TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. — + Primo Malatesta

10:00 A.M. — Fr. Russell Asch

Our Pastor is
Leaving..



FATHER ROY'S FAREWELL — Instead of one large gathering at the end of June, Fr. Roy has kindly requested that individual groups or parish groups/ministries - if they wish - could organize their own get-together over the next two months. Groups could meet in the parish hall for coffee or they could invite Fr. Roy to join them for lunch or dinner. Please contact Fr. Roy by email (fr.roy@rogers.com)



ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY — Fr. Roy will celebrate 23 years of priesthood on May 8th and Fr. Russell Asch will celebrate 11 years on May 14th.

Dear Padre



Because it's not in the Bible, our Protestant friends don't believe in purgatory. When did the Catholic Church adopt this belief?

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but [who are] still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they [must] undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1030). This process of purification is purgatory.

The word purgatory may not appear in the Bible, but it does capture a truth found there. Scriptural imagery of figuratively passing through fire for spiritual refinement helped formulate the doctrine of purgatory in the patristic period (see 1 Corinthians 3:15). Forgiveness of sins after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

By the Middle Ages, purgatory had been defined at the Second Council of Lyons (1274), the Council of Florence (1439), and in the Decree on Purgatory at the Council of Trent (1563). The doctrine of purgatory is part of our Tradition and deposit of faith. At one of his weekly general audiences in 2011, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Purgatory is like a purifying fire burning inside a person, a painful experience of regret for one's sins. A soul stained by sin cannot present itself to God" (see Revelation 21:27).

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THE CHURCH DEDICATES THE MONTH OF MAY TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, the Mother of God.

We need first to remember that Mary changed the world by her simple “yes.” She agreed to do the will of God. She gave Jesus to the world, and the world has never been the same since. Mary’s example inspires and challenges us to live our Christian faith. Because she consented to be the Mother of God, Mary risked shame, criticism, misunderstanding, and even false accusations. We know that living a Christian life is not easy. We too risk being ridiculed by a society that supports many forms of immorality. We are called to be courageous and faithful to God and to the Church.

Mary encourages us to be people of prayer. The great prayer of Mary, her Magnificat (Luke 1: 46-55), is a prayer that sings gloriously of God’s presence in her life. As Catholics, we have a particular devotion to the rosary. The rosary is a meditation on New Testament Scripture events in the life of Jesus and Mary, and it uses our basic Catholic prayers as a framework: the Sign of the Cross, the Apostles’ Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be. It draws the body, mind, and spirit of an individual into an inner place where one can pray even when surrounded by many distractions.

During this month of May, let us open our hearts to the many graces and blessings that Mary, the Mother of God, the first and most loving disciple of Christ wishes to offer us and to seek her maternal protection for all the faithful.

On this Mother’s Day weekend, we thank Mothers for their love, compassion, self-sacrifice, and faith.

The Clergy and Staff at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish take this opportunity to wish all mothers in the parish a very Happy Mother’s Day! You are a Blessing to our community. May God, bless you with continued openness of heart, patience, guidance and ever deepening prayer.

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

Mattews, 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 and World Day of Prayer for Vocations:



Through ShareLife, you invested in our Church’s future by supporting 60 seminarians at St. Augustine’s Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in this past academic year. We have raised \$14,613 toward our goal of \$33,000. Thank you!



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.

VOCATION REFLECTION:

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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 www.vocationstoronto.ca



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GOSPEL SUMMARY:

There are two notions that need to be taken on faith as they are presented in the Gospel passage where Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. The first mystery is that those who are given the gift of faith to hear the invitation Jesus presents, will follow him. The second mystery involves the unbreakable bond that exists between the Shepherd and the person who hears the invitation. Once a person responds to the invitation, he or she belongs to God forever.

REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:

Our culture has changed since the days of our parents and grandparents when just about anyone dropped in at any time. We now call ahead and make arrangements for our children to visit friends. In comparing our own day to 50 years ago, we begin to really appreciate the invitation of Jesus to follow him, just as we are, anytime of the day or night. Where would we be if we had to call ahead to see if Jesus was available?

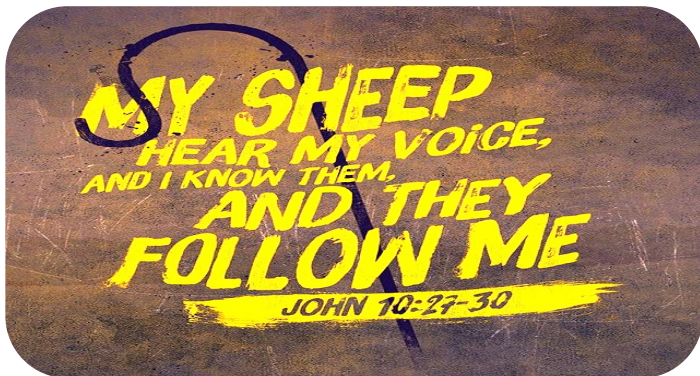
BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Reach out to a family in your neighborhood this week by inviting them over for some “informal” fun and food. Dig out board games and snacks as you welcome them spontaneously. Keep in mind that this is how Jesus reaches out to us and let your neighbors experience God’s love through your hospitality.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. I have a real feeling of belonging to . . .
2. I felt Jesus inviting me to follow him this week when . . .
3. Today I hear Jesus’ voice in . . .

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



Attending to Our Primary Vocation This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As disciples, we all share one common vocation, the vocation of holiness. The Second Vatican Council says “that all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity.” (Lumen Gentium 40). We cannot become holy and virtuous by our own merits. Rather, any growth is the result of the grace of God. We can receive numerous graces whenever we turn to him in quiet times of prayer as well as through the sacraments. The greatest form of prayer we can partake in is the Holy Mass. Consequently, we should strive to make it the highlight of our week, ensuring there are no competing distractions for our time. We can also, to the best of our circumstances, try to attend Mass on weekdays as well. It is only when we are attending to our primary vocation of holiness that we’ll be able to discern our secondary call to the vocation of priesthood, religious life, marriage or consecrated singlehood. Holiness will allow us to have the humility and docility to hear the voice of God gently guiding us. It will also strengthen us to overcome any fears and say yes to whichever vocation He calls us to. Let us strive to live out our vocation of holiness to the best of our ability.

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“If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.” — C.S. Lewis