

# ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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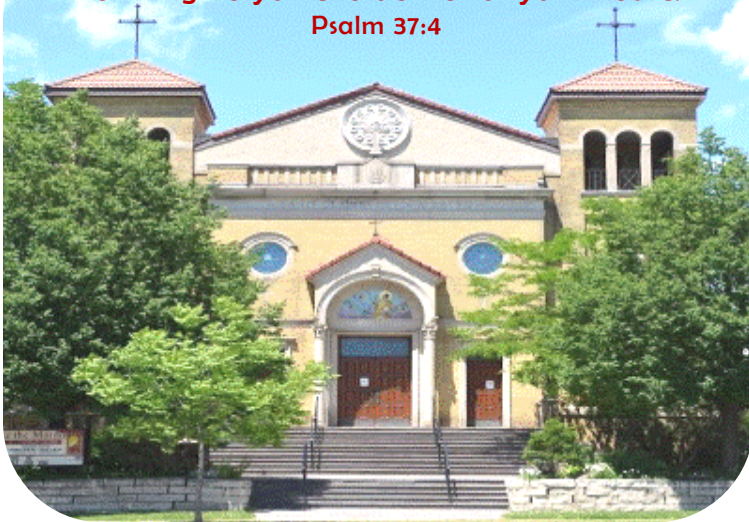
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Tel No. 416-759-9359

MAY 22, 2022 – 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 21<sup>ST</sup> – SABATO**

5:00 P.M. — Coleen Holroyd

## **SUNDAY MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> – DOMENICA**

8:30 A.M. — + Geraldine Senewiratne

10:00 A.M. — Intenzioni di Nellina e Agostino Battaglia  
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia  
Marino D'Attolico e defunti famiglia  
Totonno e Rosaria Francella  
Maria D'Addario  
Grazia e Vincenzo Belmonte e defunti famiglia  
Matteo e Maria Lombardi  
Giseppe Morra

11:30 A.M. — + Marin Carlo Garcia

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — Maria D'Cruz

## **MONDAY MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> – LUNEDI**

8:30 A.M. — + Miguel Ortiz

11:00 A.M. — + Gordon Burlton

## **TUESDAY MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. — + Maria Catubig

11:00 A.M. — + Mark Dominguez

## **WEDNESDAY MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. — + Antonietta Paglia

11:00 A.M. — Siromi Ameskere

## **THURSDAY MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. — Maria Georgina Jose

8:30 A.M. — + Pat Mancuso

## **FRIDAY MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. — Reg & Georgette Beddard

7:00 P.M. — Siromi Ameskere

## **SATURDAY MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. — + Pietro Piccione

10:00 A.M. — Siromi Ameskere



## *Dear Padre*

God gave humanity the skills for a child to be born to those suffering from infertility. So why does the Church oppose in vitro fertilization (IVF) after a couple has exhausted other options to conceive?



While the Church views having, raising, and educating children as a primary purpose of marriage, it also teaches that the means to achieve that goal must be morally appropriate. The Church considers in vitro fertilization (Latin for fertilization "in glass" or laboratory) to be a morally inappropriate means for attaining that goal for two main reasons:

First, in practice, the IVF process almost always results in the destruction of living human embryos that do not get implanted in the woman, which the Church considers morally equivalent to abortion. Second, just as the Church teaches contraception is wrong because it entails the willful separation of the natural ends of the marital act, it also teaches that IVF is wrong because it replaces the dignity of the marital act with a technical procedure. In other words, IVF supersedes the act God willed to be the genesis of new life.

In addition, IVF demeans the dignity of the spouses and their parental role (and the dignity of a third-party sperm or egg donor, if one is involved). All of this deprives the resulting child of a true filial relationship with his or her parents, turning the child into a technological commodity rather than a gift from God.

Couples must be careful not to become so obsessed with pregnancy that they lose perspective and fail to see other expressions of marital generativity, such as adoption, that expand marriage and provide a home to children who wouldn't otherwise have one.

*From Sexuality and Morality: Answers for Modern Catholics  
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**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](mailto:fr.roy@rogers.com)).

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## VOCATION REFLECTION:

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to Him. How will I respond to that love? Am I being called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## 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.

Special Prayers  
For Those In Need



**SHARELIFE:** Our parishioners' support of ShareLife is making a difference in the lives of those in need. Thus far we have raised **\$15,900 toward our goal of \$33,000**. Please make your donation via the parish website, at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org), or during the ShareLife Sunday special collection on June 5. If you have any questions, please contact us at 416-934-3411 or [slife@archtoronto.org](mailto:slife@archtoronto.org). Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

*Let's invoke our Parish Patron Saint everyday!*



## A PRAYER TO ST. LAWRENCE:

**'HELP ME TREASURE THOSE WHOM OTHERS DISCARD'**

*Feast Day, August 10*

Kind St. Lawrence,  
You cared for the material goods of the Church, while showing great love for those cast aside —  
Those in poverty and those who were sick, suffering, or forgotten.

These, you reminded the world, are the true treasures of the Church.

Guide my thoughts and prayers and actions

So that I may treasure those whom others discard, and be a servant to those in need.

Help me to see the dignity in every person I encounter:

to defend the defenseless,

give voice to the voiceless,

and seek justice for those treated unjustly.

Be with me as I seek to help the poor, and inflame my heart with love for all God's children. Amen.

**St. Lawrence pray to God for us.**

## THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Would like to thank all parishioners that have supported us over these challenging times. We have had many requests for help, and it could not have been done without your assistance. In March, we visited and helped 25 families and \$1,990 was given in food vouchers. We are indeed grateful for your ongoing support.

## BUNDLE UP SUNDAY JUNE 18th and 19th



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing and household linens to support the needy and our residential programs. Donated goods are provided to our neighbors in need in communities across the GTA and to those whom we serve through our supportive housing and outreach programs.

## DONATIONS GUIDELINES

DO NOT ACCEPT	ACCEPT
Appliances, Dishes	Bedding, drapes, and textiles
Books	Boots and shoes – Any and all!
Baby furniture items – cribs, highchairs, strollers etc.	Clothing and coats – Any and all!
Furniture – Small dressers are accepted	Towels
Mattresses	New Toys Only
Construction Material, Videos and Cassettes	



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### **GOSPEL SUMMARY:**

**John 14.23-29**

In this Gospel, Jesus prepared his disciples for his return to God. Jesus promised them that the Holy Spirit would live within them and provide strength and courage. The Spirit would always be available to help them as a counselor and advocate. Through the Spirit, they would recall the words and teachings of Jesus and even come to understand these things in a way that they could not before. In addition the disciples would receive peace from the Spirit. The peace of the Spirit would be a “shalom” kind of peace which provided a special inner serenity.

### **REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:**

This reading is especially helpful when parents have to explain death to their children. Jesus told his disciples that if they truly loved him, they would be happy that he was going to be with his Father. While the words are sometimes hard, even for us as we face a loss through death, our faith lets us know that Jesus and our loved ones are truly happy in a way we can't fully understand. Jesus offered the Spirit to the disciples because he knew the days ahead would be hard for them. It is that same Spirit that helps us and our families when we face hard days following a death. The greatest news in this reading is that Jesus will be back for us!

### **BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:**

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would be with us in the world until he returned for us. Take a look in your parish bulletin, local newspaper, or at school, work, or in your neighborhood and list as many examples as you can where you see the Holy Spirit at work in the world. If you notice someone on your list who needs to be reminded that the Spirit is active in their lives, call or visit them and let Jesus' presence be seen through you.

### **DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

1. This week I saw the Holy Spirit's presence in . . .
2. One time I know the Holy Spirit was really guiding me was when . . .
3. It helps me to know that Jesus is coming back for us especially when I think about . . .

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*Peace Be with You* The life of the Christian disciple is one that should be filled with great peace. However, peace does not mean the absence of difficulties or trials. Rather, true peace is living in joy despite the turbulences we may experience. We're reminded in the Gospel that we can only receive this peace from Jesus. He tells us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives." How does the world give peace? The world tells us that if we have lots of money in the bank, the fancy car, the extravagant house and the perfect looks, then we will be at peace. It promotes peace as something that is achieved through exterior possessions or circumstances. However, what does the world offer us when difficulties arise? How does the world teach peace in the midst of tough financial situations or an unfavourable medical diagnoses? This is where the peace of Christ triumphs. We can achieve a sense of interior peace despite the exterior sufferings when we fix our minds on things that are heavenly. We can always draw great strength from realizing our identity as beloved children of God. God loves us. This reality alone has the profound effect of easing the greatest of crosses. St. Teresa of Avila says "Let nothing perturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything." God is always faithful towards us. The next time we're in a moment that threatens to rob us of our peace, let us take a deep breath, call to mind the smiling gaze of Christ towards us, and pray, "Jesus I love you."

*Summary* Jesus tell us "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives." The world promotes peace as something that is achieved through exterior possessions or circumstances yet it offers no remedy for times of great trial. On the other hand, with Jesus, the next time we're in a moment that threatens to rob us of our peace, let us take a deep breath, call to mind the smiling gaze of Christ towards us, and pray, "Jesus I love you."