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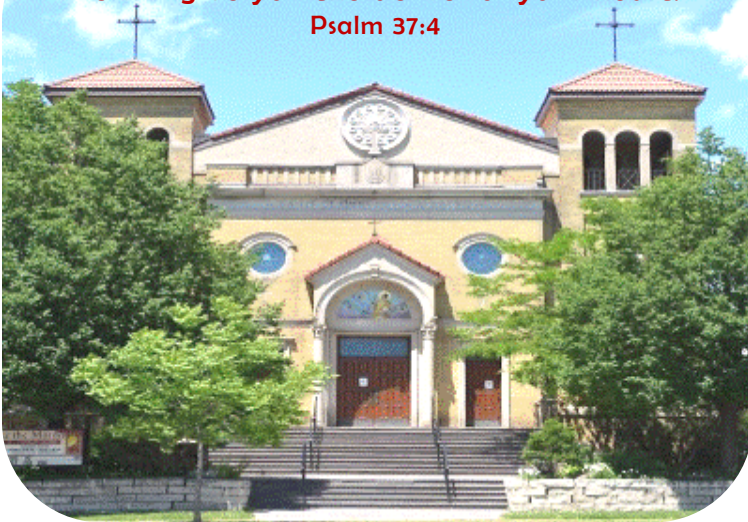
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Tel No. 416-759-9359

MAY 29, 2022 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

Psalm 37:4



St. Lawrence,
Pray for Us

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 28TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. — + Diogo Victoria

SUNDAY MAY 29TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. — + Sydney, Irene & Anne De Souza

10:00 A.M. — Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Tony Lamanna

Antonio Savella

Salvatore Porzio

Leonello Pecorari

Antonino Tuccitto

Giorgina collura

Salvatore Cannata

11:30 A.M.— + Pat Mancuso

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — + Carmela Scarano

MONDAY MAY 30TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Vittorio Melone

11:00 A.M. — Merinda Dominguez

TUESDAY MAY 31ST – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Rosendo Cost Correia

11:00 A.M. — Georgina Jose

WEDNESDAY JUNE 1ST – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Frank & Terezia Lovrek

11:00 A.M. — + Crawford Mar

THURSDAY JUNE 2ND – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. — Maeann De Souza

8:30 A.M. — + Pina & Angelo La Rosa

FRIDAY JUNE 3RD – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. — Corinna Lobo

7:00 P.M. — + Anne De Souza

SATURDAY JUNE 4TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. — In Thanksgiving

10:00 A.M. — Family of Agnes Leung



Dear Padre



Why should I believe Jesus is God, the Messiah?

Jesus was a historical figure whose miracles and wise teachings were witnessed by other reliable historical figures—the apostles and other disciples. He demonstrated miraculous powers through physical healings, dislodging demons, and command over nature, such as walking on water and instantly calming a storm. Most importantly, reliable witnesses saw the risen Jesus in a glorified body after his death on the cross. Rather than deny the truth of what they saw and learned, they submitted to gruesome martyrdoms.

Our world needs a Messiah. Despite the philosophies humans have adopted throughout history, we find we are our own worst enemy. Our egoism and pride have led to conflict and inequalities, negligence and hurt. We try following worldly leaders who promise us more, but they can't rid us of the inner defect of our selfishness. Neither economic success nor military conquest bring lasting happiness. We long for more. We long to know the purpose of life, to live without dying. We long to know God.

Jesus is the Messiah we need. His teaching centers on God's love for us and the love among people as the binding force for human hearts. Jesus taught that God loves his creations so much that he forgives people even for the ultimate sin: crucifying Jesus. His plans for eternity are that we, too, shall have a resurrection in a perfected body.

The truths Jesus exemplified and taught resonate perfectly with the deepest desires of the human heart.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR © 2022 Liguori Publications



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).

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VOCATION REFLECTION:

The Lord said, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Pray for an increase of vocations to the ordained and 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 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 Mattews, Vanessa Melone, Rosemarie Sorbera, Amelia Barroso, Alicia Alvares, Charlie Abreu, Domingo Catolos, Eileen and Mary Nicol, Betty Byrne, Verna Quinn, Alex Amizola, Marie Therese Furtado.

Special Prayers
For Those In Need



SHARELIFE supports more than 40 agencies across the archdiocese, providing vital health, social and community services to those in need.

Today is World Communications Day and I would like to highlight one agency in particular that works in this area. Silent Voice offers programs for the Deaf community in American Sign Language. Here is what Kelly MacKenzie, the director of Silent Voice, says about your support of ShareLife:

"It truly means the world to members of vulnerable populations whom we serve. You help remove barriers faced by Deaf adults, youth, children, infants, and their families. You open the world to members of the Deaf community through Silent Voice programs and services, education and engagement, completely accessible in American Sign Language. You are a partner in transforming lives."

Our third ShareLife Sunday collection is next weekend. Thus far we have raised **\$15,920 toward our goal of \$33,000**. Please give generously during the special collection or at sharelife.org.



BUNDLE UP FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Bring your gently used clothing, shoes and linens to share with others on June 18th and 19th.

A Saint Vincent de Paul truck/bin will be in the church parking lot so please share what you can with those less fortunate. We will donate or sell these donations to support our outreach efforts. Thank you for your continued support.

The truck/bin will be open all day Saturday until 7pm and all day Sunday until 5pm. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Saturday and Sunday Mass".

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	

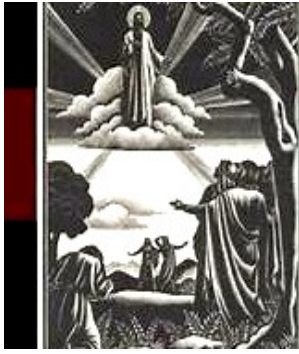


FATHER, YOU called **Saint Lawrence** to serve you by Love, and Crowned His Life with Glorious Martyrdom. Help us to be like Him in loving YOU and doing YOUR work. **Amen.**

St. Lawrence pray to God for us.

"To defend his purity, Saint Francis of Assisi rolled in the snow, Saint Benedict threw himself into a thorn bush, and Saint Bernard plunged into an icy pond... You - what have you done?"
 ~ Josemaria Escriva

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The Ascension of The Lord

LUKE 24:44-53

“While He was blessing them, He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.”

GOSPEL SUMMARY:

Reminding the disciples of previous prophetic predictions, Jesus quotes the scriptures saying that the Christ will suffer and then rise from the dead. Letting them know that he is about to leave them, Jesus instructs the Apostles to continue the ministry which he began. They are to remain in Jerusalem until they are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. After delivering these instructions, Jesus raises his hands as in victory and ascends to heaven. The disciples are filled with joy as they return from Bethany to Jerusalem.

REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:

It is more accurate to think of Jesus' ascension as his being with us rather than his departing from us. As he promises in this scripture, the power of the Holy Spirit is with us to help us even though Jesus is no longer among us in his human form. Jesus remains by our side as a helper. We can show others that Jesus is with us by reflecting Jesus' love. In the same way, we see Jesus in the kindness and love of other people.

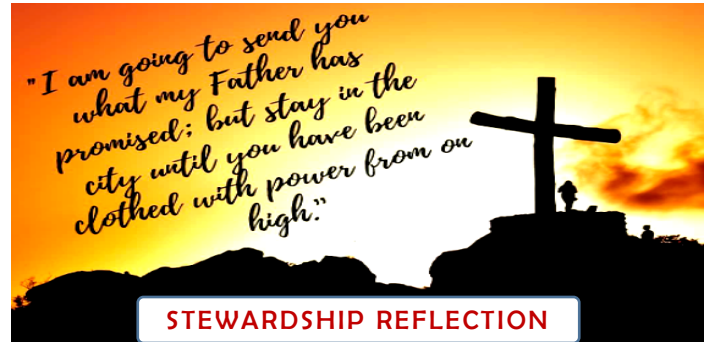
BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Find the local section of your newspaper today. Pick out people in the news who stand with the first disciples as someone who continues the ministry of Jesus. How do they reveal Jesus' presence by their words and actions? Where do they show joy in what they do? Consider the people in your own family, either immediate or extended. What similar qualities do they have to those in the news?

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. Even though I can't see him, I know Jesus is with me when ...
2. I brought the Good News of Jesus to someone when I ...
3. The greatest joy I find in knowing Jesus is ...

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Prayer and Evangelization “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth.” This is the great commission that continues to echo throughout the centuries. All of us, especially stewards, are called to be witnesses of the Gospel and evangelize the hearts of those nearest to us. However, before we can convert others, we need to have an interior conversion ourselves. St. Vincent Ferrer says that, “If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire.” Before we can do any great deeds for Christ and the Church, we need to be sufficiently nourished by the love and grace of God. This can only come about through our dedication to prayer. We must pray for the strength to love and share the Gospel with others. One practice we can adopt is the morning offering. This involves beginning each day, perhaps even while still lying in bed, with a prayer to God thanking Him for another morning and asking Him to help us offer our day for the good of the Gospel. We can supplement this by beginning any period of formal ministry with an opening prayer. We need to always remember that it is the Holy Spirit working through us that is bringing about great graces. Let us strive to infuse our stewardship with the power of prayer. *Summary* All of us, especially stewards, are called to be witnesses of the Gospel and evangelize the hearts of those nearest to us. However, before we can convert others, we need to have an interior conversion ourselves. One practice we can adopt is the morning offering which involves beginning each day, perhaps even while still lying in bed, with a prayer to God thanking Him for another morning and asking Him to help us offer our day for the good of the Gospel.

Live Christ! Give Christ!