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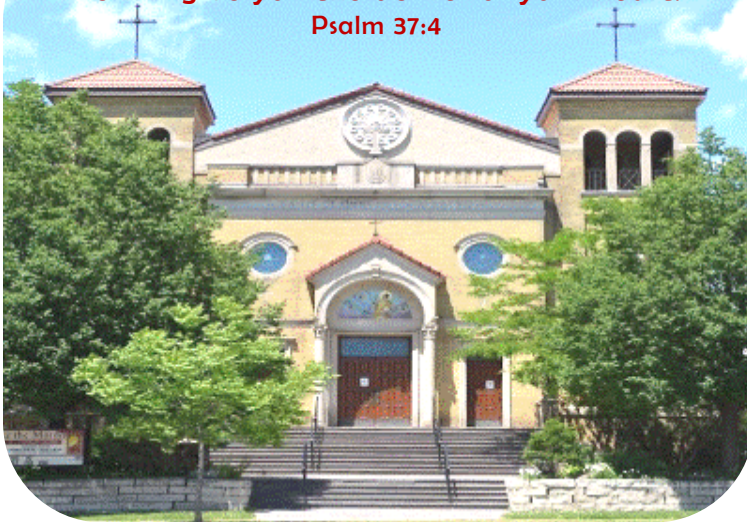
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Tel No. 416-759-9359

JUNE 26, 2022 – ORDINARY TIME 13TH 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 in the parish office.

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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Leader-Model-Servant

Dear Father Roy,

"Wherever the Spirit calls you in the Church, may you always strive to do the Will of the Father and bring more souls to Christ."

God bless you for being our priest.

SLM Parishioners

PRAYER FOR PRIEST LEAVING PARISH

We pray to You, O Lord, through Mary the mother of all priests, for Your priests and for ours. Amen. Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for OUR needs. We pray for them in THEIR needs.

We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood.

Yet we know, too, that they are one with us and share our human weaknesses. We know too that they are tempted to sin and discouragement as are we, needing to be ministered to, as do we, to be consoled and forgiven, as do we. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us and rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith. Amen



VOCATION REFLECTION:

Jesus still speaks the invitation " Follow Me." Pray for the strength and the grace of discernment if you feel He is calling you to be an ordained or consecrated person. 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@ arch-toronto.org](mailto:vocations@arch-toronto.org) | www.vocationstoronto.ca

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.



DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The time has come for me to bid my final farewell to St. Lawrence Martyr Church. As most of you know, on June 29th, I will be stepping down as Pastor, and I would like to thank you for all the support you have provided me during my time here.

As I begin my sabbatical, I am mindful of the opportunities that the Lord has blessed me with, and I am eager to embrace what He holds in store for the next step in my life. You have been a wonderful parish to welcome me into your hearts and lives despite my imperfections and limitations, providing fellowship and a sense of family.

I want to take this opportunity to humbly apologize to anyone I may have offended during my eleven years at the parish. Please know that that was never my intention, and I ask for your forgiveness.

My successor, Fr. Thomas Lim, will need your support, patience, and respect during his transition, and I know that you will provide these in abundance. The priest chosen to replace me will be inheriting dedicated and devout parishioners filled with a beautiful variety of personalities. Fr. Lim will come to know and love you as I have.

Know that you will always hold a special place in my heart, no matter where the Lord might call me to serve in the years ahead. You taught me how to be a pastor, and I will be forever grateful for your patience, understanding, faith, and above all...love.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the parish staff and all of the priests I worked with during my time at St. Lawrence's. Thank you so much for your labor of love. Your willingness to use your gifts and abilities has strengthened the mission and ministry of this church. You have also been an example of servant-leadership and giving. For all your time, effort, hard work, and prayers, please accept my heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

I will be forever grateful for your support, kindness, gifts, good wishes, and love. Indeed, you revealed the proper foundation of this church is kindness and love.

May God abundantly bless you,
Your Pastor and friend,

Father Roy Farrell

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SATURDAY JUNE 25TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. — + Miguel Ortiz

SUNDAY JUNE 26TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. — + Nazar Da Silva

10:00 A.M. — In Ringraziamento a San Vito Martire
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Tony Lamanna - Antonio Savella
Marino D'Attolico e defunti famiglia
Salvatore Porzio
Leonello Pecorari
Antonino Tuccitto
Eleonora Ruberto
Maria Criniti
Rocco Tedesco

11:30 A.M. — + Geraldine Senewiratne

1:00 P.M. — Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. — + Elisa Ferrer Castor

MONDAY JUNE 27TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. — + Mary Munro

11:00 A.M. — Siromi Amesekere

TUESDAY JUNE 28TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. — Alexander & Denise Amizola

11:00 A.M. — Pauline Rodrigo

WEDNESDAY JUNE 29TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. — Vivienne & Peter Riseborough

11:00 A.M. — Pro Populo

THURSDAY JUNE 30TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. — Emelda Rodrigo & Pauline Rodrigo-Low

8:30 A.M. — Alexander Amizola

FRIDAY JULY 1ST – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. — In Thanksgiving

7:00 P.M. — Family of Agnes Leung

SATURDAY JULY 2ND – SABATO

8:30 A.M. — + Lumina Dominguez

10:00 P.M. — + Catherine Steele

Dear Padre



After Mass, someone told me she overheard some people speaking wrongly about me. She defended me but wouldn't say what was said, or by whom. This troubles me. How should I deal with it?

First, consider why indulging in gossip is so prevalent. People leading uneventful lives often have an unhealthy interest in others' affairs, and they desire to gossip about it. Those who consider themselves to be poor conversationalists may gossip to feel important by imparting information that is seemingly in demand. Others resort to character assassinations out of jealousy or envy.

Because gossip easily spreads into a distortion of the truth, it can be, as Pope Francis said, "a plague more awful than COVID!" Some people permissibly spread gossip only when the truth of the rumor has been verified; for others, the truth of the matter is irrelevant. Regardless, when people gossip about us behind our backs depriving us of our own input and version of the truth—we can feel victimized and defenseless.

Yet we aren't completely powerless. Just because something is perceived as the truth about us doesn't mean we have to accept it as such. (Nevertheless, in cases when we know what is said, we should honestly ask ourselves if there's any truth to it.) While we have no control over what people say about us, we can ultimately decide how much attention a rumor deserves—and generally, the less time and energy we devote to rumors, the better we are!

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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 Amizola.

"Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do." St. Thomas Aquinas

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GOSPEL SUMMARY:

LUKE 9:51-62

Jesus began his return and final journey to Jerusalem in today's Gospel. He first had to go through Samaria where he was most unwelcome because he was traveling to Jerusalem's temple where the Samaritans would not go. The irony of this inhospitality is that Jesus would not be welcomed in the temple either! Referring to an earlier action by Elijah, James and John wanted to call down fire on these unkind Samaritans. Jesus scolded them for their thinking and they went on. As they traveled they met three would-be disciples. The first wanted to follow Jesus wherever he went but was reminded that he would have no place to call his own. The second one wanted to bury his father, while the third wanted to say good-bye to family members. Jesus cautioned those who wanted to follow that anyone who intended to go forward but looked backwards would not be able to be part of the Kingdom of God.

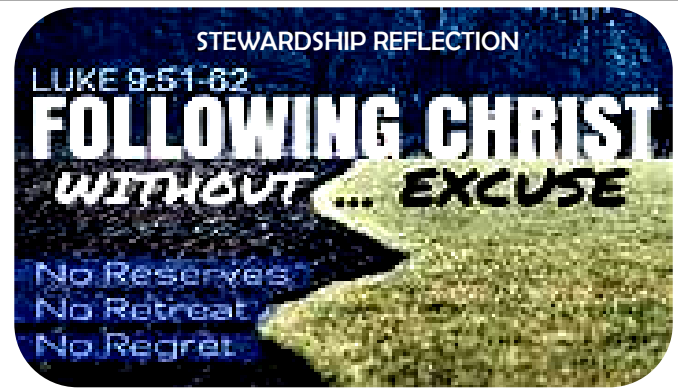
REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:

Discipleship is all about commitment and few people understand commitment better than parents. We may give up on a number of things in our lives including hobbies, jobs and even some long-standing relationships; but one thing we rarely give up on is our children. It may very well be because of our commitment to our children that we make other changes in our lives, so we really do know something about commitment. When we think of our commitment to our children, we don't really think of sacrifice. We really aren't giving up something because we have to parent them; we don't do some of the things we used to do because we want to parent them. That is what following Jesus is like. We follow Jesus because we want to not because we have to.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Ask each member of the family to help trace one another's footprints on construction paper then cut them out. On their own footprint have each member either draw or write down what they must do in order to better follow Jesus. When you are finished, put the footprints in a prominent place to remind yourselves and each other what it means to follow Jesus. Perhaps you can place the footprints at your prayer table and pray for each other as you strive to walk with Jesus.

WHEN CHRIST CALLS IT MUST BE HIM FIRST.



Persevering in our Mission In the Gospel this Sunday we hear the following passage: "When the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem." As Jesus' passion on Calvary loomed nearer He did not shy away from His mission, but rather, He firmly fixed His gaze on accomplishing what He was sent out to do. This is the model that we should follow as stewards. Our mission is to gratefully and generously offer our time and talents to our parish community as a means of serving Christ and the Church. While our stewardship will undoubtedly be filled with many moments of great peace and joy, we are also sure to experience moments of hardship. We may experience the temptation of giving up or making excuses as to why we shouldn't continue to serve. We may also be afraid of the crosses that arise during our apostolates. Jesus too was aware of the great cross and suffering that lay in the horizon of His mission. Despite all this, He remained steadfast. We should pray to God every day, asking Him for the strength to persevere in our call of stewardship. Even in difficult moments, let us readily turn to God. St. John Paul II encourages us saying, "Don't be afraid of the radicalness of His demands... If He asks much of you it is because He knows you can give much." The Lord has great plans to use us as missionary disciples, we just need to say yes to His invitation.

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