

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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PARISH OFFICE AND HOURS:

Mon to Thurs: 9:15 AM — 12:00 PM

1:00 PM — 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:15 AM — 2:00 PM

Sunday: 9:15 AM — 1:00 PM

Closed on Saturday and Holidays

DEVOTIONS:

Holy Rosary: before Mass

Divine Mercy: Friday after Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesday

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday - Friday: 9 am -12pm

First Friday of the Month

9am - 12 pm / 3 pm - 7 pm

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

For assistance call 416-410-3589

PARISH SCHOOL:

St. Lawrence Catholic School 416-393-5264

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

(or by appointment)

BAPTISM:

Visit our website or call the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the Pastor ONE YEAR in advance. Marriage Preparation Course is required. Visit our website for more information.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

If one of your loved ones would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK:

Visitation and/or Holy Communion for the sick upon request.

A warm Welcome to New Parishioners!

*Please fill out a parish registration form found in the foyer of the Church,
and kindly introduce yourself to the Pastor.*

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 11, 2022



Today's gospel gives us three particularly attractive Lukan stories of forgiveness. The first two form a typical Lukan pair. First comes the story of the lost sheep, which comes also in Matthew. Luke, however, puts all the accent on the joy in heaven at the return of the sinner. Then, to the story of the man looking for his sheep, Luke adds the story of a woman looking for her lost coin. He is always careful to show that women have an equal part in the Kingdom with men. So he deliberately pairs Zechariah and Mary, Simeon and Anna, Jairus' daughter raised to life with the Widow of Naim's son, and so on. The main story, however, is the Prodigal Son, told with all Luke's love, artistry and delicacy of character-study: the wastrel son who goes back home simply because he is hungry; the loving father perpetually on the look-out, running to meet the son, interrupting the carefully-prepared speech and pampering the returned wastrel; the disgruntled stay-at-home who invents slanders about the other's 'loose women' and is gently corrected by his father's 'your brother'. An unforgettable picture of the overflowing love and forgiveness of God.

“Si avvicinarono a lui tutti i pubblicani e i peccatori per ascoltarlo. I farisei e gli scribi mormoravano: Costui riceve i peccatori e mangia con loro. Allora egli disse loro questa parabola...” (Lc 15,1-2).

A un uditorio di mormoratori Gesù racconta le tre parabole dei perduti ritrovati. Quale nuova idea di Dio ci rivelano? Tra tutte le parabole sono indubbiamente le più sconvolgenti perché ci insegnano anzitutto che Dio si interessa di ciò che è perduto e che prova grande gioia per il ritrovamento di ciò che è perduto. Inoltre, Dio affronta le critiche per stare dalla parte del perduto: il padre affronta l'ira del figlio maggiore con amore, con pace, senza scusarsi. Gesù affronta le critiche fino a farsi calunniare, critiche che si riproducono continuamente e quasi infallibilmente. Perché tutte le volte che la Chiesa si ripropone l'immagine di Dio che cerca i perduti, nasce il disagio. E ancora, Dio si interessa anche di un solo perduto. Le parabole della pecorella perduta e della donna che fatica tanto per una sola dramma perduta, hanno del paradossale per indicare il mistero di Dio che si interessa anche di uno solo perduto, insignificante, privo di valore, da cui non c'è niente di buono da ricavare. Ciò non significa evidentemente che dobbiamo trascurare i tanti, però è un'immagine iperbolica dell'incomprensibile amore del Signore. Per questo l'etica cristiana arriva a vertici molto esigenti, che non sempre comprendiamo perché non riusciamo a farci un'idea precisa della dignità assoluta dell'uomo in ogni fase e condizione della sua vita (da Perché Gesù parlava in parabole, EDB-EMI 1985, pp. 125ss).



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. - + Justin Josiah

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Gladys Bayley

10:00 A.M. - Intenzion di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Vincenza Di Tacchio

Domenico Galluzzo

Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie

Carlevaris e Nevodini

L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. - SLM 11:30am Choir

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Gladys Bayley

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Scott Alexander Mc Diarmid

11:00 A.M. + Fr Hugh Thwaites

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Noel Cordeiro

11:00 A.M. + Luisa Saguinging

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Marcelino & Francis Abunda

11:00 A.M. - Fr. Russell Asch

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - In Thanksgiving Our Lady of Sorrow

8:30 A.M. + Anthonypillai Augustin

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Noel Cordeiro

7:00 P.M. + Luisa Saguinging

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Sacha & Kayla Bagasan

10:00 P.M. + Sydney DeSousa



Weekly Offertory

Last Week's Collection: \$5,397.85

Building Fund: \$1,625.00

Thank You For Your Generosity

**Pastor's
Corner**

Dear Friends in Christ,

When I came to St. Lawrence Martyr Church, the first thing that struck me was its beauty. The façade of the church is reminiscent of many similar Romanesque churches that I have been blessed to visit throughout Italy. The space inside the church exudes a prayerful, sacred ambience with our Lord's Presence in the Blessed Sacrament placed prominently in the centre of the sanctuary behind the main altar. Situated near both side altars are the statues of various saints including Mary, Joseph, Lawrence, Francis...just to name a few. Their presence is a quiet reminder of the devotional spirit that resides in the minds and hearts of those who worship here.

It is important to note that devotions are, strictly speaking, not part of liturgical worship. Nevertheless, they have an important role to play in the life of the faithful because they are "*expressions of love and fidelity that arise from the intersection of one's own faith, culture and the Gospel of Jesus Christ*" (cf. USCCB, "Prayers and Devotions"). Catholics throughout the world practice different forms of devotions. These include, for example, the Rosary, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, novenas to various saints, and the veneration of various saintly images. The greatest devotion, however, is to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Alphonsus Liguori once wrote: "*Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us.*" As Catholics, we know that one who participates in the sacrifice of the Mass and worthily receives Holy Communion gains countless graces from Jesus. But the Mass is not the only source of Eucharistic grace. After the completion of the Mass, Jesus in His Sacramental Body and Blood remains with us in the Blessed Sacrament. Thus, we do not only make contact with the very well-spring of Grace in the celebration of the Eucharist, but also outside of Mass when we pray before Him, who remains with us as our Friend, just as He promised. That is why Eucharistic adoration is such an important devotion for our spiritual life.

Eucharistic adoration is currently available at our parish in the downstairs chapel from 9:00am until 12:00 noon Mondays to Fridays. It is also takes place every First Fridays from 9:00am to 12:00 noon and from 3:00 pm until 6:50pm in the main church.

In order to facilitate a greater devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, our parish will have **all day adoration EVERY FRIDAY starting October 7th**. The adoration will take place in the main church **immediately after the 8:30am Mass until 6:50pm**.

To ensure that someone is always present to accompany Our Lord, I am seeking your help! I need volunteers who are willing to spend an hour with the Lord; individuals who are willing to commit to one of the designated time slots (e.g., 9-10am, 10-11am, etc.) If you are interested in helping out, kindly place your name in the "Adoration Sign-up Binder" that is found in the back of the church. Thank you in advance!

St. Peter Julian Eymard once said, "*Adore and visit Jesus, abandoned and forsaken by men in His Sacrament of Love. Man has time for everything except for visits to His Lord and God, Who is waiting and longing for us in the Blessed Sacrament.*" I pray that you may be willing to set aside a few moments to be with our Eucharist Lord - He who has given His all for us!

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

Programs at SLM



Eucharistic Adoration

Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel Monday - Friday from 9 am to 12 pm. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?

The Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries

Anniversary blessings are given to all celebrating couples after the Holy Communion at all Masses of the **last weekend of the month**.



How does the program work?

- Married couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries are asked to contact the office.
- Please provide your names, the number of years of marriage you are celebrating, and the weekend mass time which you usually attend.



Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Program

Our Parish offers the PAG Program. Those who wish to sign-up may do so by filling out a registration form found in our website or in the church foyer. Please submit forms with a void cheque to the office or place in the offertory basket at any time. PAG allows you to support your parish when you are away. For more information, please contact our church office.

Thank you for your continued support!

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, Vanessa Melone, Rosemarie Sorbera, Amelia Barroso, Alicia Alvares, Charlie Abreu, Domingo Catolos, Eileen and Mary Nicol, Betty Byrne, Verna Quinn, Alex Amizola, Jack Muir, Danielle Davies, and Margaret & Paul O'Connor.



Rite of Initiation for Adults

RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*) is a program in the Catholic Church for adults who wish to become Catholic:



Please contact the parish office or visit our website for more information. This year's RCIA program will begin in late September.

Dear Padre

September 11, 2022

My child's godparents make no attempt to build a special relationship with her. I've talked to them about it, but it didn't help. Can I replace them?

When my niece, Hayley, was five, she asked me to be her "step-godfather" because she didn't know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Hayley's godfather has moved out of state and seems to have forgotten that Haley is his godchild.

Godparents have responsibilities beyond baptism day. The Code of Canon Law says a godparent also "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it" (872). A godparent should be present for the child's first Communion and encourage the child to live a Christian life as he or she grows older.

While neglectful godparents may not be replaced, parents are not limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the faith. "The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at baptism" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1255). Parents can and should ask others to help support their child's faith development as he or she grows up: a teacher, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have the responsibility to help children—and one another—lead Christian lives.

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Bequests to Parishes

A bequest in your Will to our Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan. Bequests are NOT just for the wealthy! Consider including your parish or any of the archdiocesan charities or departments in your Will. Let your Will reflect your Catholic values .

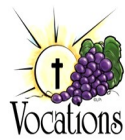
We have a free estate planning guide to help you make your plan. The Archdiocese of Toronto also maintains a list of advisors across the GTA who are available to assist in your estate planning and the preparation of a Will.

Please contact us at Development@archtoronto.org for a list of Catholic estate advisors in your area. Remember about the importance of using the correct legal names when arranging bequests or other planned gifts.

For further information, contact the Development Office at 416-934-3400x561/519 email at development@archtoronto.org.

Vocations Corner

God is the Father with the open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister.



If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org
Web www.vocationstoronto.ca

Stewardship Reflection

In the second reading St. Paul proclaims that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." The forgiveness of our sins is the greatest, most transformative, gift that Christ bestows on our lives. So as true grateful disciples of Christ, let us continually seek His gift of forgiveness and ask ourselves how are we sharing the good news of this great gift with those whom we encounter?

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.

