

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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**Chaplain to the Faithful participating in
the Extraordinary Rite of the Latin Mass**

Julia Di Paolo - **Secretary**

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.*

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



This parable can be deeply disquieting if we take it as an allegory, that is, if every element in the story is meant (as in Matthew's Parable of the Wheat and the Tares) to have an equivalent in reality. We can't have God praising the steward for his frauds! No, the point of the story is simply the steward's energy and inventiveness, his shrewdness as a 'child of this age'. A lot more thought goes into how to make money than into how to spend it to the best advantage of others! The danger and encumbrance of wealth is such that inventiveness and energy is needed in using it to win friends in heaven. The full cleverness of the story is more subtle: Jews were forbidden to lend to Jews at interest. The steward cuts off the interest from the bills of his master's debtors, for oil was commonly lent at 100% interest, and wheat at 25%. It was easy to return olive oil adulterated with cheap sesame oil, but if I scatter handfuls of chaff in the grain I give you back, you will spot it immediately. So the steward makes his master obey the Law! The sayings added at the end hit the nail on the head: no slave can serve two masters, God and money.

Vi è prima una parabola e poi una serie di ammonimenti che commentano un elemento della parabola stessa e cioè l'uso del denaro. La parabola, come è ovvio, non loda il fattore perché è disonesto, ma perché ha la chiarezza e la decisione di imboccare l'unica via di salvezza che gli si prospetta. Si sa che l'arte di cavarsela è molto applicata nelle ambigue imprese di questo mondo. Lo è molto meno nella grande impresa della salvezza eterna. Perciò Gesù ci rimprovera di essere più pronti a salvarci dai mali mondani che dal male eterno, lui che da parte sua ha fatto di tutto perché fossimo salvati, fino a salire in croce per noi. Non ci decidiamo a credere che, se non portiamo il nostro peccato davanti a Dio, siamo perduti. Cominciamo le nostre Messe confessando i peccati che abbiamo commessi, ma usciti di chiesa ricominciamo a parlare di quelli altrui. Un "test" decisivo dell'autenticità della nostra decisione cristiana è proprio l'uso del denaro. Non è disonesta la ricchezza in sé, né maledizione la ricchezza esteriore. Ma lo è la ricchezza come idolo, innamoramento e progetto, come deformazione interiore del cuore e della mente, che vogliono a tutti i costi essere produttori di potenza e quindi di potere economico. Occorre decidersi a scegliere: o mammona o Dio; cioè: o essere il signore per signoreggiare o servire il Signore e godere della sua onnipotenza d'amore. C'è un solo modo di liberarsi dalla schiavitù della ricchezza: farsi "amici" per mezzo di ciò che si ha, cioè con l'impegno della solidale condivisione.



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. - + Noel Cordeiro

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Melinda Farrell

10:00 A.M. - Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Rosario Vella - Francesco Ferrante

Anna Rosa Volpe - Paolo Lombardi

Salvatore Simone - Maria D'Addario

Vicenzo e Maria Ciraco - Vincenza Di Tacchio

Immacolato Lombardi e defunti famiglia

Rocco Racioppo e defunti famiglia

Giovanna e Lorenzo Romagnuolo e defunti famiglia

11:30 A.M. + Bruce Beton

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Jose Adriano Furtado

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Noel Cordeiro

11:00 A.M. + Sydney De Souza

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Cleotilde Cueto

11:00 A.M. - Kaulan Leung

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Marie Therese Furtado

11:00 A.M. + Sydney, Irene & Anne De Souza

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Alberta Leung

8:30 A.M. + Beryl Lemos

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Margarethe Gajewski

7:00 P.M. - Henriette Asch

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Carmen Pereira

10:00 P.M. + Gordon Burton



Weekly Offertory

Last Week's Collection: \$4,461.10

Building Fund: \$1,913.25

Thank You For Your Generosity

**Pastor's
Corner**

Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was studying Finance at the University of Toronto, a key economic concept that I learned was called The Pareto Principle, attributed to the Italian economist, Vilfredo Pareto. The principle, also known as the 80/20 rule, effectively states that 80% of the results comes from 20% of the effort.

This 80/20 rule can be found in many phenomenae. Pareto originally noticed it in his native birthplace of Italy – where 80% of the land was held by only 20% of his countrymen. He discovered a similar disparity of wealth distribution when he surveyed other countries too. Ever since his discovery, Pareto's principle has been applied in many other contexts. These include, for example, in taxation (where 80% of all tax revenue comes from 20% of society), in business (80% of income comes from 20% of one's customers) and in IT (where 80% of system failures are caused by 20% of computer viruses and bugs).

Interestingly, and not surprisingly, I have also witnessed as a Pastor this 80/20 rule within the context of parish life. In the majority of the cases, 80% of my parish revenue/donations often came from 20% of parishioners. 80% of the retreats, talks, trainings, etc., that I gave were attended by the usual 20% of the faithful. And when it came time for finding help to run parish ministries and programs, guess what? These were made possible because of the generous help of a small handful of people (less than the usual 20% to be truthful!). Despite my (and every pastor's) wish to have far greater number of active and vibrant parishioners (who would be willing to give more of their talents, time and treasures) to the parish, the reality is that it is always the same 20% or so who continue to be the beating heart and soul of the parish.

This weekend - the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time - is Stewardship Sunday within our Archdiocese of Toronto. This annual occurrence was established by Cardinal Collins as both a reminder and an invitation for us to reflect on how well we are living the call to be good and faithful stewards of the Lord. It is an invitation for us to see whether we have been forthcoming and generous in giving our time, talent and treasures to both the Lord and our neighbour.

In his homily for this weekend, Cardinal Collins wrote that "We are stewards. We are servants who are entrusted with the gifts of time, talent and treasure. God has given us our very life and the precious gift of time. He has given us our talents and has helped each one of us in different ways.... We are encouraged to make effective use of the gifts which we have been given by the Lord, not for selfish ends as did the steward in today's Gospel, but for good, for the glory of God and the service of our neighbour. That is our mission..."

Does the 80/20 rule apply here at St. Lawrence? The truth is it's too early for me to say. Over the next few weeks, however, I will have more to say on the various parish programs that we have here at SLM. As you read them in the future, please take them to pray and see if the Lord is inviting you to become more involved in the life of this parish. The 80/20 rule doesn't have to apply at SLM. Whether it does or not will depend if you are willing to say "yes" - to give your time, talents and treasure to the Lord and neighbour. It all depends on you and your response!

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, Margaret & Paul O'Connor, Roula Constantine.



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:



It is a program geared towards three types of people:

- Those who have never been baptized and now want to enter the Catholic Church.
- Those who have been baptized but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (e.g. the Sacrament of First Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation).
- Those who have been validly baptized in another Christian denomination and now wish to be received into the Catholic Church.

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 18, 2022

A friend sent me a copy of *The Catholic Worker* newspaper. It was founded by one of his heroes, Dorothy Day. What can you tell me about her?

Dorothy Day was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1897. She finished high school at age sixteen and joined the Socialist Party in 1914 as a college student. She converted to Catholicism in 1927.

During the Great Depression, Dorothy's commitment to the poor deepened. In 1932 she met Peter Maurin, with whom she founded the Catholic Worker Movement. In 1933 she created *The Catholic Worker* newspaper, through which she proclaimed the rights of workers to dignity and to fair and honest treatment by industry and government, landlords, and neighbors. Her pro-labor and anti-war beliefs caused her to be labeled a Communist, but she was never a member of the Communist Party.

Dorothy's concern for social justice grew—among other things, she worked with Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers. She was orthodox, pious, and had a deep sense of Catholic morality.

She died in 1980. In 2000, St. John Paul II granted the Archdiocese of New York permission to open a cause for Dorothy Day's sainthood. That cause was endorsed in 2012 by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, who called her "a saint for our time." In December 2021, Servant of God Dorothy Day's cause advanced from the Archdiocese of New York to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of the Saints.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Archdiocesan Catechist Formation Program 2022-2023



Let us help you connect your parish ministry leaders with the basics of the Catholic faith, pedagogy, and the wealth of resources available to them through our Archdiocesan Catechist Formation Program. It is an excellent opportunity for study, support, and networking with catechists and those serving in parish ministry in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The program runs from October 23 to June 25, 2022. It consists of a combination of 4 online courses, 4 seminars, a retreat morning, and Mass and blessing of catechists by Cardinal Collins at St. Augustine's Seminary. Cost: \$250 deposit, refundable upon program completion, and cost of books.

Pre-requisite: Approval of the Pastor.
Register: bit.ly/2023CFP-Register
Contact: formation@archtoronto.org

Vocations Corner

We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow? Could it be you are being called to serve the Master as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? 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



The Lord's exhortation that "you cannot serve God and wealth" can be difficult to swallow. In order to foster a healthy attitude towards our wealth, it is important to view it, and our very lives themselves, as a gift from God. When we view our wealth as a gift we can then begin to move from gratitude to generosity, graciously sharing our gifts with others for the glory of God and the church?