

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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Rev. Fr. Russell Asch

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

Novena to Our Lady of Miraculous Medal:

Every Monday, October - May

Novena to St. Anthony de Padua:

13 Tuesdays (March - June 13)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday - Thursday: 9am-12pm (Chapel)

Every Friday: 9am - 7pm (Church)

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.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 23RD, 2022



Dear Friends in Christ, one of the challenges that Pastors often have to address in parish ministry involves the question on how to equitably deal with the requests/demands, which come from competing groups, ministries and parishioners. Usually this involves practical things such as the use of parish facilities, meeting rooms and spaces. Sometimes, however, it involves spiritual matters such as Mass intentions.

Over the years, many parishioners have told me how challenging it was for them to have Masses offered for themselves or their loved ones. The reasons for their difficulties are multifold. One reason arises from church rules, which *generally* permits only one intention per Mass. One can see, for example, how quickly dates can be booked in a parish with many families. Another contributing factor, however, comes from the actions of a few parishioners, who tend to “monopolize” the Mass schedule. This is achieved when they regularly, consistently call the office many months in advance to ensure that they get their preferred dates. While some might justify their actions by thinking, “You snooze, you lose,” or “First-come, first-serve”, the reality is that there are many occasions that are totally impossible to anticipate: a sudden illness or death of a family member, a new job, a marriage proposal, etc. When these events do arise and given that many of the dates were already booked months in advance, it should not surprise us, when these latter parishioners are filled with disappointment, anger and frustration, because they are not able to book a Mass for their intention(s).

In order to address such concerns, I am implementing a new way by which Masses will be booked at SLM. Starting December 1st, 2022, Masses can only be booked for a three-month period (e.g., Jan-March, Apr-Jun, Jul-Sept, Oct-Dec). Each respective period will only be opened on the 1st day of the preceding month (e.g., Dec 1st for Jan-Mar; Mar 1st for Apr-Jun; Jun 1st for Jul-Sep; Sept 1st for Oct-Dec).

A second remedy comes in the form of multiple intention Masses (MIM). Currently, the parish has an MIM celebrated every Sunday at 10am for Italian speaking parishioners. Last week, Fr. Edward Curtis, the Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs of our Archdiocese, granted our parish the permission to celebrate an additional MIM; this one, for the English speaking parishioners of SLM. **This second MIM will be offered every Wednesday morning at 8:30am.**

In these MIM, each donor will be explicitly informed beforehand that their particular intention will be combined with those of other donors. **A maximum of twenty intentions can be offered for each MIM at a suggested donation of \$20 per intention.** These MIM can be offered for: loved ones who have recently died; funerals that were celebrated at a church other than our parish; memorial mass intentions; anniversary death of a loved one; the sick or the dying; or any other intentions.

It is also important to note that when a parishioner wishes to book a MIM, the intention can be made for a single person, a married couple, or the members of the same family (e.g., John Smith, Jane & John Smith, the members of the Smith family). It does not mean, however, that one can mix multiple, different names (e.g., Mass intention for John Smith, Susan Brown & Peter Trigg).

I have no doubt that these changes might not be warmly received by all. But please try to understand that I have implemented these changes in the hope that they will give all parishioners a better possibility of booking Masses for their preferred date. And, I also hope that these new multiple intention Masses will allow parishioners to have their intentions fulfilled in a timely manner. Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



Save the Date~ Ministry Harvest 2022



“As generous distributors of God’s manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received.”

- 1 Peter 4:10

Join us for our *Ministry Fair* on **Nov 5/6** after all Masses. Discover the ways you can share your time and talent in our community.



EASTERN REGION BISHOP’S ALTAR SERVER AWARDS

The Bishop’s Altar Server Awards is an annual event sponsored by Serra Club, an international organization who support vocations to the priesthood in the Catholic Church.

The award is given in recognition to the altar servers who manifest leadership, commitment and generosity in their parish community.

Congratulations to our altar servers who received their award from Bishop Vincent Nguyen at St. Isaac Jogues on Saturday, October 15, 2022.

Our recipients were:
Francis Amizola, Isaiah Christian Guarin, Matias Sabino Fernandes, and Roman Ricardo.

Let us pray that they will continue to be inspired and strengthened by God, and that they will always be ready to serve Him and His Church.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.



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Luke is the evangelist of prayer, offering frequent hints about it. In his Gospel Jesus is explicitly mentioned as being in prayer more often than in any other, at the Baptism, the Transfiguration, when called upon to teach his disciples the Lord's Prayer (3.21; 6.12; 11.1). The Agony in the Garden is shaped to show the need for prayer in time of testing (22.40). In the Infancy Narratives his characters burst into prayerful praise on every occasion, and from these we derive the three great canticles of the Church, the Magnificat, the Benedictus and the Nunc dimittis. His parables insist on the need for perseverance in prayer, especially the parables of the Friend at Midnight (11.9-12) and the Unjust Judge (18.1-5). Their motives may not be perfect: the Friend at Midnight eventually caves in because he does not want to be shamed for inhospitable behaviour when the whole village hears the hammering on the door. And the appellant to the Unjust Judge seems to be on the edge of violence, threatening to hit the Judge in the face! But the message is to persevere!

Today, in this parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector, Luke combines deadly earnestness with humour in a typically Lukan fashion. The pompous and self-contradictory bragging of innocence by the Pharisee is duly repellent, while the humble self-accusation of the tax-collector is something to which we can all aspire.

La parola del Signore che ci invitava, domenica scorsa, a perseverare nella preghiera - Dio ascolterà coloro che perseverano nella loro preghiera - risuona ancora alle nostre orecchie mentre il testo evangelico di oggi completa l'insegnamento sulla preghiera: bisogna certamente pregare, e pregare con insistenza. Ma questo non basta, bisogna pregare sempre di più. E il primo ornamento della preghiera è la qualità dell'umiltà: essere convinti della propria povertà, della propria imperfezione e indegnità. Dio, come ci ricorda la lettura del Siracide, ascolta la preghiera del povero, soprattutto del povero di spirito, cioè di colui che sa e si dichiara senza qualità, come il pubblicano della parabola.

La preghiera del pubblicano, che Gesù approva, non parte dai suoi meriti, né dalla sua perfezione (di cui nega l'esistenza), ma dalla giustizia salvatrice di Dio, che, nel suo amore, può compensare la mancanza di meriti personali: ed è questa giustizia divina che ottiene al pubblicano, senza meriti all'attivo, di rientrare a casa "diventato giusto", "giustificato".



SATURDAY OCTOBER 22ND – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Raymunda Rirao

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23RD – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - Reg & Georgette Bedard

10:00 A.M. - In Ringraziamento a San Rocco

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Marino D'Attolico e defunti famiglia

Salvatore Porzio - Totonno e Rosaria Francella

Nunziata e Domenico Masellis - Santina Minardi

Giorgio Giannone - Francesco Ferrante

Michele, Antonietta e Carmela Lamanna

Maria Piccolo - Francesco Falsetti- Corrina Lamanna

11:30 A.M. + Yolande, Basil & Paulette Friolet

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Felix Remedios

MONDAY OCTOBER 24TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Michael Siddall

11:00 A.M. - Joanna Corriero

TUESDAY OCTOBER 25TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. - Divina Gaerlan

11:00 A.M. - Leung Family

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Joyce Morris

11:00 A.M. + Luisa Saguing

THURSDAY OCTOBER 27TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Luisa Saguing

8:30 A.M. + Therese Marie LaFramboise

FRIDAY OCTOBER 28TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. - Divina Gaerlan

7:00 P.M. + Clara De Mello

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Franciska Dimitrov

10:00 P.M. - Leung Family



Weekly Offertory

Last Week's Collection: \$5,200.60

Thank you for your generosity!

"Don't forget it: he has most who needs least. Don't create needs for yourself."

(St. Josemaria Escriva - The Way, 630)



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World Mission Sunday Special Collection – October 23

There will be a second collection today for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

21st Annual Friars' Student Writing Contest 2023 – October 4 to January 16, 2023

Theme: "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Write a five-hundred word essay that explores the 2023 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are encouraged to consult the resources at <https://bit.ly/3AgBy5J> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3KXgu8m>.

Contact ecumenism@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.

Vocations Corner

Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me? Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters? Can I respond to God 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 www.vocationstoronto.ca



Stewardship Reflection

As we celebrate All Saint's Day this week we notice that one attribute that unites all the saints is their generous stewardship of their particular gifts for the glory of God and the Church. God does not want us all to be martyrs, or monks, or virgins, but He asks all of us to faithfully use the gifts given to us to live out the Gospel message as best as we can. Let us challenge ourselves to imitate the saints and seek to serve God through the particular talents He has graciously bestowed on us.

YOUTH CORNER

Are you in Grades 6 to 12? We the Faithful and We the Fearless are two fantastic youth groups being run here at St. Lawrence that teach students about their faith and help them to meet other Catholic friends their age! We the Faithful is for students in Grades 6 to 8 and runs every 1st and 3rd Friday, while We the Fearless is for students in Grades 9 to 12 which runs every 2nd and 4th Friday. Youth groups start on Friday, October 1st, run from 6 to 8 p.m. Our awesome youth group launch for both groups will take place in the parish hall on Friday, October 28th from 6-8pm! For more information, email stlawrenceministry@gmail.com and our Youth Minister, Colleen, will answer all your questions!

Dear Padre

October 23, 2022

I'm tired of being distracted by children sliding around in the pews, fidgeting, and giggling with each other. How would the priest like parents to handle these situations during Mass?

I presume you mean children between the ages of two and six—kids too old to be crying in their parents' arms and too young to be in religious-education programs. Many parishes have children's Liturgy of the Word programs, but the kids still spend time at regular Mass.

It's important for kids to be at Mass and to learn to be quiet for an hour. When children come to Mass, they slowly get used to the idea that they're expected to behave for a limited amount of time.

Parents should bring books or soft toys—anything that won't make more noise—to keep the kids entertained. They shouldn't let their kids bring musical toys, electronic games with sound effects, or toy trucks that can be run up and down the pews. If children continue to be disruptive, parents should take them outside for a short time and then bring them back.

Bottom line: Priests want children to come to Mass. It's better to have fidgeting kids at Mass than no kids at all. We want them to learn to behave now so when they get older, they're ready to deepen their participation in the Mass.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR
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