

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

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.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 30TH, 2022



Dear Friends in Christ, as we conclude the remaining days of October and begin the start of November, I turn my thoughts to one of the great ancient figures from the Old Testament, Judas Maccabees. Whenever his name is mentioned, what often comes to a person's mind are his great valour and military acumen. Through his superb leadership and tactical abilities, Judas led a small, determined group of Jewish fighters to defeat the Syrian Greeks ruling class, who had tried to spread their Hellenistic customs and idolatrous beliefs by suppressing the Jewish religion.

Judas, however, was more than a military man; he was also a very deeply religious and devout Jew. This equally impressive dimension of his life can be seen by the great solicitude, which he showed towards a number of fallen soldiers, who had died during a particularly difficult battle. When Judas discovered that each of these dead soldiers were wearing pagan amulets under their tunic, he neither judged nor condemned them for their idolatrous actions. Instead, he immediately set to collect a sum of money from his remaining soldiers and sent an offering to Jerusalem, so that sacrifices and prayers might be offered up for his men who had sinned and fallen. Scripture commends his action with the words: "In doing this Judas acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin" (2 Mac 12:43-46).

Our Catholic tradition also teaches in a similar vein; that those, who have died in sanctifying grace, often need a period of purgation before they behold the beatific vision of God. The Catechism reminds us: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation, but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect..." (CCC 1030-1031). Given that these holy souls can neither pray for themselves, nor do anything to hasten their entrance into heaven, is incumbent for all members of the militant church (that is, those of us who are living), to do all we can to hasten their journey to God.

There are a number of ways by which we can help these holy souls: by making novenas or reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet and/or Rosary for them; by offering sacrifices, almsgiving, indulgences, or doing other works of penance on their behalf. But the greatest way we can assist them is by having the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for the repose of their soul.

Throughout the month of November, the names of all the deceased members of your family and friends will be remembered at every Mass celebrated in our parish. If you wish to write their names, you may do so in the designated "All Souls" envelopes found in the church. Kindly place your envelope(s) in the Memorial Prayer Box located in the sanctuary of the church. Let us especially help these holy souls with our actions and commemorate them in a spirit of love and charity during this month. 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2022-2023



Young people who missed the information sessions and are interested in receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation / Communion or Confirmation are asked to call the office for more information. Forms are still being accepted until the end of the month. All forms are available at the parish office or the church foyer.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these Sacraments please email: stlawrence.archtoronto@rogers.com or call the parish office @ 416-759-9359.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

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



"There is but one good; that is God. Everything else is good when it looks to Him and bad when it turns from Him."
— C.S. Lewis

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The story of the rich little tax-collector of Jericho is always a favourite. It was a constant complaint of defenders of the Law and its prescriptions that Jesus kept disreputable company – tax-collectors, lepers, Samaritans and prostitutes! He took part in their carousals and seemed to enjoy their company. Tax-collectors are never popular, and everyone thinks they are over-taxed. Under Roman rule the tax-farmers were moral outcasts, especially because they worked for the hated foreign dominators, and surely added their own percentage to the tax demanded. Jesus does not seem even to be aware of their uncleanness. He does not wait for them to repent and approach him, but positively goes out to them and summons them into his company. Zacchaeus had given no sign of good intentions. This unpopular little man was simply inquisitive, wanting to see what Jesus looked like, not even trying to get near him. One can imagine his open-mouthed and delighted amazement, perched in his sycamore-tree, as Jesus invited himself to supper over the heads of the intervening crowd. ‘Why should Jesus choose me?’ No conditions attached, no previous guarantee of good behaviour or repentance! Jesus draws out our good intentions before we are even really aware of them ourselves. So we can all fit into Zacchaeus’ shoes (or sandals).

A Gerico si trovava un posto di controllo doganale dell’amministrazione romana. Zaccheo era il capo dei controllori. Egli aveva sulla coscienza non solo le estorsioni e le malversazioni finanziarie abituali fra i “doganieri” dell’epoca, ma era considerato anche traditore politico e religioso, perché collaborava con i detestati oppressori della Palestina e, anzi, li sosteneva. Non sappiamo quali motivazioni spingessero Zaccheo nel desiderio di vedere Gesù. Nessuno tra la folla degli Ebrei pii gli fa posto in prima fila, né gli permette di salire sul suo tetto e perciò Zaccheo deve salire su un albero. Vedendolo, Gesù, di sua iniziativa, si invita a casa sua. Non solo Zaccheo è pieno di gioia, ma Gesù stesso è felice di poter perdonare il peccatore pentito e di accoglierlo come un figlio prodigo. Gesù esprime la sua gioia con queste parole: “Oggi la salvezza è entrata in questa casa, perché anch’egli è figlio di Abramo”. Gesù esprime così il suo amore e il suo completo dedicarsi ai peccatori: sono essi che si sono allontanati, eppure è lui che è venuto a cercarli.



SATURDAY OCTOBER 29TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Guillermo Rirao

SUNDAY OCTOBER 30TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Stanka Kosik

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

Tony Lamanna - Antonio Savella

Leonello Pecorari - Antonino Tuccitto

Amedeo, Angelo e Vittoria Vincenzi

Giuseppe, Regina, Giulio e Marcello Manera

Oreste Zanotto - Damiano Ballestin

Luigi De Rose - Carmelo e Michelina Zambri

11:30 A.M. + Miguel Andres Ortiz

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Nazar Da Silva

MONDAY OCTOBER 31ST – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. - Candida Lobo

11:00 A.M. - The Leung Family

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1ST – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Remedios Di Pasupil

11:00 A.M. - Pro Populo

7:00 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners (Bilingual)

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2ND – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

11:00 A.M. - Pro Populo

7:00 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners (Bilingual)

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3RD – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - David Jose

8:30 A.M. + The Longo -Tamburro Families

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. - In Thanksgiving

7:00 P.M. - Family of Agnes Leung

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Special Intention

10:00 P.M. + Pomeroy & Mariano Family



Weekly Offertory

Last Week's Collection: \$4,312.35

Evangelization of Nations: \$1,867.20

Thank you for your generosity!

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MONTH OF ALL SOULS REMEMBERING THE DEAD



During the month of November, we are called to pray in a particular way for those who have died. We begin the month with the celebration of All Saints Day, November 1st, seeking the intercession of all the Saints who have provided us with such a great witness of faith. On November 2nd, we pray for all who have died, that they may be granted the gift of eternal life. There will be a special Memorial Prayer Box placed in front of the Sanctuary during the month of November. The names of the deceased may be written on the Envelopes provided and placed in the Memorial Prayer Box. During the month of November, the deceased will be remembered at all Masses.

Quote from St. Bernard: All Saints

“How consoling it is to see a just man die! His death is good, because it ends his miseries; it is better still, because he begins a new life; it is excellent, because it places him in sweet security. From this bed of mourning, whereon he leaves a precious load of virtues, he goes to take possession of the true land of the living, Jesus acknowledges him as His brother and as His friend, for he has died to the world before closing his eyes from its dazzling light. Such is the death of the saints, a death very precious in the sight of God.”



Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Souls in Purgatory

“Eternal Father, I offer you the most precious blood of your divine son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, sinners in the universal church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus”



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



Healing after Abortion

Immerse yourself in the ocean of God's mercy.

The Sisters of Life are hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing for women seeking healing after abortion. This day is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God and the joy of healing in Christ, in a confidential and sacred space. It will include a witness of mercy, a Scripture reflection, personal prayer, opportunity for Sacramental Confession, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There is no fee for the day, lunch will be provided.

We are here for you.

SISTERS OF LIFE
416.463.2722

Day of Prayer & Healing
for Women

TORONTO

November 19, 2022

FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO REGISTER:

Contact the Sisters of Life:
toronto@sistersoflife.org

Dear Padre

October 30, 2022

My aunt has terminal cancer. Her doctors have advised her to stop chemotherapy and begin palliative care, but she says that's equivalent to assisted suicide. Is that what the Church thinks?

Palliative care doesn't prolong life, but neither does it cause life to end. The bishops are quite clear that palliative care is neither euthanasia nor assisted suicide, both of which are always sinful.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says treating or not treating a patient in a way that will cause death is always murder (CCC 2277). However, a patient's choice to discontinue "burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary" treatment "can be legitimate" when it's done not to cause death, but in recognition of "one's inability to impede it" (CCC 2278). But even when death seems to be close, "ordinary care" that would be given to any sick person cannot be interrupted (CCC 2279).

Palliative care does not cause death. It gives terminally ill people spiritual support and relief from their physical symptoms. An excellent resource on this topic, "Killing the Pain, Not the Patient: Palliative Care vs. Assisted Suicide," is available at uscbb.org.

The Catechism says palliative care "should be encouraged" (CCC 2279). It helps the dying person and the family focus on the gift of life and the blessing each person is. The patient who legitimately chooses palliative care is not waiting to die but rather living those last moments to the fullest and as comfortably as possible.

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