

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

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.*

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOVEMBER 6TH, 2022



Since they did not believe in the resurrection or any sort of life after death, the Sadducees are trying to make fun of Jesus. By the Levirate Law of Judaism, if I marry and die without begetting a son, my nearest male relative is bound to marry my widow and raise up a son in my name to carry on my line. The Sadducees' neat mockery is to ask what happens if this is repeated seven times (and worse than that, for the perfect number 'seven' means 'ad infinitum'). Jesus, again with typical neatness, turns their argument by returning to this fundamental text of scripture, God's reply to Moses at the Burning Bush. Not only is this in the present tense, 'I am (still) the God of patriarchs long dead', but it is the fundamental text which guarantees God's rescue and protection to his people through thick and thin. This is one more instance of Jesus' deep control of scripture, of the way he passes over the flippant and superficial arguments of his opponents to penetrate to the basic sense of scripture. To God no one is 'dead and gone', but we all remain safe in his hands.

Dopo i farisei e gli scribi appaiono nuovi avversari di Gesù: i sadducei. Essi negavano la risurrezione come pura chimera umana e hanno adottato contro Gesù una diversa strategia di lotta. I sadducei temevano che l'affluenza delle folle verso Gesù potesse trasformarsi in agitazione politica che i Romani avrebbero soffocato brutalmente. Perciò miravano a limitare l'influenza di Gesù sulla vita pubblica. A questo scopo, hanno raccontato una storia di loro invenzione sui sette fratelli e la moglie del maggiore fra loro, ripromettendosi così di mettere in ridicolo Gesù e la credenza nella risurrezione. In realtà, la derisione si è rivolta contro gli avversari di Gesù. Egli dimostra infatti che il mondo futuro non è il prolungamento di questo, afferma che la morte sarà vinta e che coloro che risusciteranno avranno parte alla vita di Dio e non saranno più sottomessi alle leggi biologiche di questo mondo. Nel seguito del discorso, fondandosi sull'Esodo (Es 3,6), libro che i sadducei consideravano sacro, Gesù presenta un argomento biblico sulla vita eterna: "Dio non è Dio dei morti", e lo sarebbe se Abramo, Isacco e Giacobbe non vivessero più. Ma essi vivono e rendono gloria a Dio. Ciò significa anche che solo chi vive per Dio, vive davvero. Dio invita tutti gli uomini alla sua casa paterna, perché desidera che noi tutti beneficiamo con lui della pienezza della vita nell'immortalità.



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Rocchina & Carmelo Scarano

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Philomina e Valentine Fernandes

10:00 A.M. - Susanna e Gianni Onisto – Filippo Lembo

Defunti famiglie Onisto, Lembo e Barrato

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia–Vito Sciuto e defunti famiglia

Rocco e Giuseppina Burdo – Giuseppe Morra

Michelina Mosca – Costanza Morra – Luca Caccamo

Carmela e Euplio Raffaele – Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e defunti famiglia

Vito De Nardo e defunti famiglia

Angelo Lamanna e defunti famiglia

Anna Rosa Volpe, Pasquale Volpe e defunti famiglie

Madalena Volpe – Maria Romano – Ani Paladian

Vittoria e Nancy Masellis – Luigina Cuccimiglio

Antonio e Rosaria Lisciandro

11:30 A.M. + Pablo Palomares

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Felix Remedios

MONDAY NOVEMBER 7TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Hernani Domondon

11:00 A.M. + Frank Duff

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Deceased Palomares & Lozano

11:00 A.M. + Paul & Pauline Lam

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Harold Liao

11:00 A.M. - Oto Lam & Family

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Clara De Mello

8:30 A.M. - Michael Ramsbotham

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Neda Smiciklas

7:00 P.M. + Deceased Mariano & Fulgado Family

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Carlos D'Cruz

10:00 P.M. + Deceased of the Legion of Mary



Weekly Offertory

Last Week's Collection: \$4,106.25

Thank you for your generosity!

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Dear Friends of Christ, while I was living and studying in Rome (2009-2011), I had the wonderful opportunity to experience the many tourist sites of the Eternal City during my spare time. Many of these places are fairly well-known and visited by countless tourists from all over the world: Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Piazza Navona, Pantheon, etc. But a number of them were “off the beaten path” - less popular, known only to the locals or well-informed tourists.

One such site is the Capuchin Crypt. The Crypt is made up of a number of tiny chapels located beneath the church of Santa Maria della Concezione dei Cappuccini. What is striking about the crypt is that it contains the skeletal remains of 3,700 bodies believed to belong to Capuchin friars, who died during the 15th to 18th century. The Catholic Capuchin Order that is responsible for the crypt insists that the display in the ossuary was not meant to be macabre, but a space to give visitors a poignant reminder of the ephemeral nature of life, and an opportunity to reflect upon their own mortality.

Death has always been an uncomfortable subject for many people. A few views death as an embarrassment; others attempt to keep it at arms length by avoiding to visit their dying one loves, comforting them, and praying with them. And no matter how valiantly we attempt to run away from it, the fact is that everyone will one day be confronted by the reality of death - either their own, or those of their loved ones.

Faced by the inevitability of death, St. Paul exhorts us to be prepared and vigilant: “*For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.... But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober*” (1 Thes 5:2-6).

How can we prepare ourselves for death? Thomas Kempis, the author of the great spiritual classic, *The Imitation of Christ*, offers a meditation on death and how to spiritually prepare for one’s eventual encounter with God: “*Very soon the end of your life will be at hand: consider, therefore, the state of your soul. Today a man is here; tomorrow he is gone (1 Macc.2:63). And when he is out of sight, he is soon out of mind. Oh, how dull and hard is the heart of man, which thinks only of the present, and does not provide against the future! You should order your every deed and thought, as though today were the day of your death. Had you a good conscience, death would hold no terrors for you (Luke 12:37); even so, it was better to avoid sin than to escape death (Wisd.4:16). If you are not ready to die today, will tomorrow find you better prepared? (Mt.24:44) Tomorrow is uncertain; and how can you be sure of tomorrow?... Each morning remember that you may not live until evening; and in the evening, do not presume to promise yourself another day. Be ready at all times (Lk 21:36), and so live that death may never find you unprepared.... And if you have no care for your own soul, who will have care for you in time to come? The present time is most precious; now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation (2 Cor.6:2). Keep yourself a stranger and pilgrim upon earth (1 Pet.2:11), to whom the affairs of this world are of no concern. Keep your heart free and lifted up to God, for here you have no abiding city (Heb.13:14). Daily direct your prayers and longings to Heaven, that at your death your soul may merit to pass joyfully into the presence of God*” (cf. chapter 23 for complete meditation).

Let us be mindful then that we are all pilgrims walking towards our eternal destination. And with each passing step, we move one step closer to coming face to face with God. Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



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.



“Man cannot live without joy. That is why one deprived of spiritual joys goes over to carnal pleasures.”
— Saint Thomas Aquinas

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November...

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. 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.



The Shepherds' Trust Special Collection, November 12/13

The Shepherds' Trust collection will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese during the weekend of November 12/13. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

Stewardship Reflection

This Sunday we reflect on the strong hope displayed by the seven brothers in 2 Maccabees amidst their persecution. Living lives of stewards also means living lives of hope and fighting the temptation to be discouraged when we don't see the desired results of our good works right away. Let us continue to serve God as we heed the advice of St. Padre Pio who says, "Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."



Vocations Corner ...

Our God is a God of the living not of the dead. Have you had an experience of this living God and want to share it with others? You may be called to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life ?

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



Your helping hand is the answer!

From November 1 to December 31, all contributions to the Parish Campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million. We hope this initiative will encourage those who have not given yet, as well as those who have given reduced amounts this year, to make a year-end gift to support the vulnerable members of our community. To participate, parishioners can give online at sharelife.org/donate or at the parish by using the ShareLife envelopes.

"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part." – Cardinal Thomas Collins

Dear Padre

November 6, 2022

What is the purpose of confession if we're punished anyway when we die?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, sin has a double consequence: eternal punishment and temporal punishment. "Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life." This consequence is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. "On the other hand, every sin, even venial...must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the 'temporal punishment' of sin" (CCC 1472). Thus, with the remission of the eternal punishment incurred by mortal sins, and the remission—at least in part—of the temporal punishments resulting from sin, the sacrament of penance allows penitents to attain complete purification "in such a way that no punishment would remain" (CCC 1472).

Because our relationship with God was ruptured by sin, Christ instituted the sacrament of penance so that our friendship and communion with God can be restored, including our unity with his body on earth, the Church. In fact, "reconciliation with the Church is inseparable from reconciliation with God" (CCC 1445). The words of absolution in the sacrament attest to this reality: "Through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace."

God is loving and merciful, not vindictive and unforgiving. Our Creator, who made us to be with him for eternity, doesn't desire an eternal punishment that prevents the very purpose for which we were created!

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