# St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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Chaplain to the Fa<mark>ithfu</mark>l participatin<mark>g in the Extraordinary Rite o</mark>f 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.

# SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING - NOVEMBER 20TH, 2022



This Sunday brings the liturgical year of the Church to its culmination. At the close of the year, the Church draws our attention to Jesus's Kingship and the coming of his Kingdom through this Sunday's readings.

The 2nd reading celebrates the unrivalled position of Jesus as first-born not only in the order of creation, but

also in the resurrection. In the order of creation, Christ is the image of the unseen God, the model or template on which God created the world, the Wisdom of God, so the first-born and yet himself uncreated. In the order of the resurrection also he is the first-born, bringing all things to perfection, and so the crown of creation. Before this we today have a significant preface. Paul is writing, with a slight air of surprise, to the gentiles: the gentiles too are enabled to enter into this inheritance, to join Christ in this kingdom, promised to David and fulfilled in Jesus. As this year's gospel readings have taught us again and again, it is not a kingdom that we can earn. All we need to do is to submit ourselves for forgiveness. Not all that easy, perhaps! Put it the other way round: all we need to do is stop pretending to others and ourselves that we are perfect.

I membri del Sinedrio, che avevano consegnato Gesù a Pilato e ai soldati che dovevano crocifiggerlo, pensavano di essersi liberati di un uomo pio, certo, ma pericoloso politicamente. Ora, essi sono ai piedi della croce e lo scherniscono chiamandolo Messia, eletto di Dio, re. Ma Gesù, proprio in quanto Messia e Re nel compimento del piano eterno di salvezza, ingaggia sulla croce una lotta sanguinosa contro Satana, che aveva soggiogato l'uomo sull'albero del paradiso. Ora, sull'albero della croce, Cristo gli inferisce un colpo mortale e salva l'uomo. Gesù poteva scendere dalla croce e salvarsi; ma non l'ha fatto, perché altrimenti non ci avrebbe salvato. Ed ecco che raccoglie i frutti della sua passione: uno dei due ladroni crocifissi ai suoi fianchi confessa i propri peccati ed esorta l'altro a fare lo stesso, ma, soprattutto, professa la sua fede: Gesù è Re! Il Re crocifisso gli assicura in modo solenne: "Oggi sarai con me in paradiso". Adamo aveva chiuso a tutti le porte del paradiso, Gesù, vincitore del peccato, della morte e di Satana, apre le porte del paradiso anche ai più grandi peccatori, purché si convertano, sia pure nel momento della loro morte. Del resto, noi ben conosciamo molte conversioni simili.



# SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19TH SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Carmela e Antonio Scarano

# SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Jose Adriano Furtado

# 10:00 A.M. - Padre Raffaele Paonessa Piero e Elvira Fugaccia – Maria D'Addario Defunti famiglia Ciciretto – Angelo e Annarosa Ciciretto Totonno e Rosaria Francella – Giuseppe Masellis Giovanni De Rose – Carmelo e Michelina Zambri Carmela Caruso – Carmela Grecco – Mike Del Grande Mike Morra – Filomena Rossi - Corrado Canto Giuseppina e Corrado Indovino - Vincenza Di Tacchio Carmelo e Carmela Lamanna

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

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Hector Luna

# **MONDAY NOVEMBER 21ST – LUNEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Nazar D Silva

11:00 A.M. - The Leung Family

# **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22ND – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Felix Remedios

11:00 A.M. - Theresa Burlton

# WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23RD - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Noel Cordeiro

11:00 A.M. + Lumina Dominguez

# THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24TH - GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Agnes Saguiling

8:30 A.M. + Rita Dias

# FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25TH – VENERDI

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

7:00 P.M. + Beatriz & Cecilio Gorobia

# SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Miriam Walsh

10:00 P.M. - Maria Georgina Jose



# **Weekly Offertory**

Last Week's Collection: \$3,952.95

Shepherds' Trust: \$4,246.60



# SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING - NOVEMBER 20TH, 2022

Pastor's Corner Dear Friends in Christ, as I write these words, the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine is now exactly 8 months, 3 weeks and 4 days long. The invasion (like so many others

throughout history) has brought untold pains and sufferings to millions of Ukrainians: countless soldiers and civilians killed or wounded; cities and towns reduced to rubbles; homes, businesses, private properties and critical public infrastructure partially or completely destroyed; scarcity of food, water, heating and other basic necessities of life, etc. The invasion has also irreversibly torn apart thousands of families on account of conflicting and opposing allegiances.

One of the most poignant examples of such family division is captured by the journalist Pjotr Sauer from The Guardian. In his piece titled, "He joined the enemy: A Ukraine soldier on fighting his father on Russian side" (cf. The Guardian, 14 Oct 2022), Sauer writes about a young man named Artur, aged 27. Like so many other Ukrainian men, Artur voluntarily enrolled in the regular Ukrainian army after the start of the Russian invasion. Artur was not just fighting against Putin's Russian forces in northern and eastern Ukraine; remarkably, he was also indirectly fighting against his father, Oleg, a former Ukrainian soldier, who had switched allegiance and was now fighting for Russia as a member of the Donetsk militia. The invasion resulted in the father and son to be literally on the opposite sides of the frontline, with "only one fighting for the right cause."

The battle between good and evil - the need to choose a side - is not only occurring on Ukrainian soil, but it also occurs within the mind and heart of every human person. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, which we celebrate on this final weekend of the liturgical year, is a reminder that every person must choose a side and discern whether he/she is fight for the right cause.

On one side of the frontline, there are the false kingships promised by the "gospel of the world", which tells its adherents that happiness and fulfilment can be found through power, money, sex, fame, indulgence of our passions, etc. On the other side of the frontline, there is the kingship of Jesus Christ, who reigns over his subjects in peace, justice, mercy, and love.

The "throne" by which Christ manifested his sublime kingship is the Cross. It is on the Cross where Jesus - the Lamb of God - offers himself as expiation for the sin of the world. It is on the Cross where Our Lord defeated the false rulers of the world and established the Kingdom of God, which will be revealed at the end of time. But there is no short cut in reaching this goal as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI so astutely noted: Indeed, every person must freely accept the truth of God's love. He is love and Truth, and neither Love nor Truth are ever imposed: they come knocking at the doors of the heart and the mind and where they can enter, they bring peace and joy. This is how God reigns; this is his project of salvation... a plan that is gradually revealed in history" (cf. Angleus, 26 Nov 2006).

As we prepare to conclude another liturgical year, the perennial questions that each person must ask himself/herself remains the same: Whom do I place my allegiance with? With Christ, the King, Who is Love and Truth? Or with some other external, false kingship?

Pax Christi, 7r. 7homas

# CONFESSION DATES ZONE 12 CHURCHES FOR DECEMBER 2022

# St. Lawrence Martyr

Dec. 15th 9:15am to 12:00pm 1:30pm-6:00pm 7:00pm-9:00pm

# **Holy Spirit**

Dec. 8th. 7:00pm - 8:00pm

#### Our Lady of Fatima

Dec. 14th 5:30-7:00pm & 7:30-9:00pm Dec. 17th 9:45-10:15am & 3:45-4:15pm

# Our Lady of the Rosary

Dec. 6th 7:00pm

# St. Boniface

Dec. 22nd, 7:00pm to 11:00pm

## St. Joseph

Dec. 13th, 10:00am to 2:00pm Dec. 16th, 7:00pm to 9:00pm

# St. Maria Goretti

Dec. 7, 2022

# St. Rose of Lima

30 Minutes before every Mass

## St. Thomas More

Dec. 20th 7:30pm & Dec. 21st 7:30pm



2023 SUNDAY MISSALS St. Joseph Sunday Missals will be available for sale this weekend at a cost of \$5.00 each.

# PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

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

"To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadows of your wings protect me." - Cf. Ps 16: 6,8

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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.

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO PALLIATIVE CARE HOPELINE 416-619-5700

The HopeLine is open to individuals in the Archdiocese of Toronto's catchment area who are interested in discovering palliative/end-of-life support services and holistic care for themselves, their caregivers and extended family and friends. This resource seeks to connect people with services that align with Catholic faith teaching.

If you are in search of locating hospice palliative care resources and services in your community, call the HopeLine at 416-619-5700 - leave your name, phone number, and the name of the community in which you live and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Please note – this service is an information line and is not an emergency or crisis line – in case of an emergency please call 911.

# Stewardship Reflection:

We often pray asking that the Kingdom of God may be built up here on earth when we say "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." In addition to our practice of praying, we as good stewards can help build up the Kingdom through our deeds. Let us ask ourselves how we can better share our gifts to build up our parish communities and the Kingdom of God.

# Vocations Corner ...

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." Can you lead others to make this vocations request of our Lord and King? Give your life to Jesus and others are sure to hear, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." . If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca



## Sponsor a Christmas Poinsetta

Parishioners are invited to sponsor poinsettias for our Christmas decorations. You may make your donations by using the "Christmas Flower" envelope found in your

offertory box, or with the envelopes available in the fover of the Church.

Please place your envelope in the weekend offertory collection. Thank You!

# Dear Padre

November 20, 2022

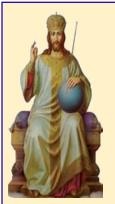
Can all good people go to heaven after they die, even if they haven't been a Christian? My dad is from India and grew up with another religion. The rest of my family is Catholic. I am afraid that we won't see each other again after we die.

Put your mind at ease. A person who is a not a Christian can go to heaven. Heaven is not just for Christians, but for everyone who loves God and responds to God's will in his or her life.

We know that God wants all people to be saved, not just Christians. Jesus began a Church to help people achieve salvation. The Church teaches that those who seek "the truth and [do] the will of God in accordance with their understanding of it can be saved" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1260). What we know as Catholics is that God called us into the Church. It is there that we will work out our salvation. "Since Christ died for all, and since all are called to one and the same destiny, which is divine," we must believe that the Holy Spirit makes a way for everyone, a way that only God knows (CCC 1260).

You should pray for your dad and be a faithful Catholic. Perhaps your good example will help him become a Christian. Even if he never becomes a Christian, your prayers will help him work out his salvation without the benefit of the sacraments and a believing community. If he does what is right, God will reward him.

The Redemptorists Sundaybulletin@Liguori.or



"When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony."

- Pope Pius XI -