

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 8:30am Mass

Divine Mercy: Friday after 8:30am 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:

Mon - Thurs: 9am-12pm (Church)

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: 12:00 pm 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.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 5TH, 2023



These sayings about salt and about the light of a lamp come in various places in the Gospels, to challenge or encourage the disciples of Jesus. In Mark the saying about salt is joined to other sayings about salt, not by logic but simply by the catch-word 'salt'. Here in Matthew, right after the opening promises of the Sermon on the Mount, they are surely a challenge to the disciples – not the Twelve, but all the disciples of Jesus, both those who kept company with Jesus and those who have followed after.

The image of salt is obvious enough: food cooked without salt can be bland and tasteless, utterly unexciting. So a half-hearted or shallow proclamation of the gospel wins no converts. The message of the gospel must be piquant, sharp and challenging. If it does not change the life and temper of the hearer it has lost its piquancy and may as well be thrown out. The proclamation of Jesus aroused annoyance and opposition; the same will no doubt be the case in the world of today.

The image of a lamp is gentler and wholly positive. Think of the flame of a small oil-lamp in the darkness of a large one-roomed house! Under a tub or a bowl or even a bed it will have no effect at all on the darkness, but on a lamp-stand it can bring light into the farthest corners, make social life and activity possible and bring joy to a whole family and its friends.

At the beginning of the Sermon these two images challenge disciples to share the salt and the light of the message they will receive with all who have ears to hear..

Se metto un grosso cucchiaio di sale nella zuppa, sarà immangiabile. Ce ne vuole solo un pizzico, che basta ad insaporirla. O, senza utilizzare un'immagine, anche se non ci sono che pochi uomini a sopportare con buon umore, bontà e indulgenza le debolezze del loro prossimo (e le loro, in più!), a non essere solo preoccupati di imporsi, di perseguire i propri scopi e i propri interessi, questo pugno di uomini ha la possibilità di cambiare il proprio ambiente, contribuendo a che il nostro mondo resti umano. Il nostro mondo sarebbe povero, inumano e freddo se non ci fossero uomini che danno prova di questa cordialità e di questa generosità spontanee.

Essere il sale della terra: siamo abbastanza fiduciosi per credere al carattere contagioso della bontà? O ci accontentiamo di temere il potere contagioso del male? Un pizzico di sale basta a dare gusto a tutto un piatto.

Ognuno di noi, anche se si sente isolato, ha la fortuna di poter cambiare il clima che lo circonda! Gesù ci crede capaci: voi siete il sale della terra, voi siete la luce del mondo! Lo siamo?

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)*

Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)*

*Chapel, when there is a funeral



Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Ronald Hoven

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH – DOMENICA

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

10:00 A.M. - Susanna, Gianni e Assunta Onisto
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Vito Sciuto e famiglia
Tony Lamanna - Paolo Spatola – Giuliano Pezzuti
Leopoldo Volpe e famiglia - Angelo Lamanna e famiglia
Angelo Pagniello e famiglia - Vito & Mike Cuoppolo
Salvatore Malandrino – Giovandomenico Manduca
Giacoma e Francesco Amendola

11:30 A.M. + Pablo Palomares

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY FEBRUARY 6TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Rosie Fernandes

12:00 P.M. + Swarna & Ossie Ameresekere

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + The Abas Family

12:00 P.M. - Paul & Pauline Lam

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. - Norma Cruz

- Flaviano Calingayan

- Charlie, Grace & Cassandra Alaimo

+ Millicent Plummer

+ Fr. Robert Menezes S.J.

+ Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:00 P.M. - Otto Lam & Family

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Lumina Dominguez

8:30 A.M. + Caccavella & Tamburro Families

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Mirko Bolcic

7:00 P.M. + Noel Mariano

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Gladys Mask

10:00 A.M. - Siromi Ameresekere



PRAYER FOR THE SICK: We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.



Weekly Offertory

Last Week's Collection: \$4,078.60

thank you

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Dear Friends in Christ, last month the priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto received a letter from the Clergy Personnel Office asking us to send them a copy of certain important documents including: Emergency Contact Information, Last Will and Testament, Power of Attorney (POA) for Property and Personal Care, and Funeral Details. The Office stated that the purpose for their request was to keep our personal files up to date and to “ensure that your wishes are met.”

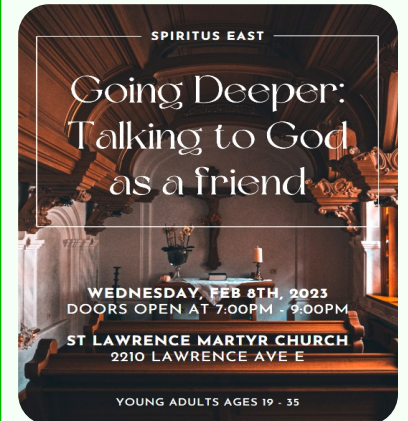
Many people today do not take the time to write a Last Will and Testament, nor their funeral details, for various reasons. The reasons include, for example: the belief that I’m too young and do not need it; the belief that only wealthy people need to do it; a desire to avoid having to deal with sensitive family issues; just to name a few. But perhaps the biggest reason why so many people delay, procrastinate, or simply don’t do it is because the exercise forces them to confront an uncomfortable reality - the reality of their own mortality. In other words, the fear of death; that is, one day I shall die. Yet, why should anyone of us, who profess a belief in Jesus Christ, be afraid of death? After all, the central tenet of our Faith tells us that death does not have the last word, especially when we place our hope in the Risen Lord. The preface in the Mass for the Dead reminds us of this fact when it says: *“In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed, for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.”*

On a pastoral level, I encourage each of you to write a Last Will and Testament, and **to clearly note how you want your funeral to be celebrated.** There was a time when this wasn’t necessary since it was generally understood that when a Catholic died, he/she would usually have the Order of Christian Funerals (that is, the Vigil prayers said, the Funeral Mass celebrated at the church, and the rite of committal performed at the cemetery) celebrated for the repose of his/her soul. Unfortunately, those days appear to be slowly disappearing. In fact, what I have observed with greater frequency today is the tendency of living members of a family opting to have a “funeral liturgy” or a “funeral prayer service” said for the repose of the soul of their deceased loved ones at the funeral home. While I do not wish to discount the value of these liturgies and prayer services, nevertheless, it is important to stress that whatever good may come from them pales in comparison to the infinite merits that come from the celebration of the funeral Mass.

Why this shift? On rare occasions, it is to fulfil the deceased’s explicit wish to not have a funeral Mass celebrated at all. However, these so-called liturgies are usually chosen because “it is a convenient choice.” In other words, it is a no fuss, no hassle way to deal with death; a means by which the living can finish with the funeral as quickly and simply as possible. Another reason, however, involves the mindset and/or unintentional motive of the living members of the deceased and their own relationship to the Church. With more and more Catholics no longer practicing their faith, the result is that many now no longer see the importance of the sacraments, nor understand or appreciate the merits that comes from the Catholic funeral rite. Thus, the sad tragedy is that more and more of our deceased, who having faithfully lived their Catholic faith while alive, are now deprived of the holy sacrifice of the Mass at the time of their death.

If you do not wish that this should happen to you when you die, please consider writing in detail how you wish your funeral to be celebrated. By doing so, you will not only ensure that there is no ambiguity in the minds of the living members of your family, but more importantly you will ensure that your final funeral wishes will also be fully fulfilled. Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

TALK / ADORATION / FELLOWSHIP



Like any relationship, our relationship with God needs to be experienced as a dialogue. Depending where we are at in our spiritual life, do we experience God as a friend? Through understanding St. Alphonsus’ method of ‘Mental Prayer’, we will go deeper into the heart of God by meeting Him deeper in our hearts. Join us as we hear a talk by **Fr. Santo Arrigo C.Ss.R.** and come together for Adoration on Wednesday, **February 8th at 7pm, held at St Lawrence Martyr Parish (2210 Lawrence Ave E).** See you there and bring a friend!

For more information or to get involved please contact Samantha Goh, Eastern Region Young Adult Minister, at spiritusvia@ocytoronto.org or 416.599.7676

“For you will certainly carry out God's purpose, however you act, but it makes a difference to you whether you serve like Judas or like John.”

-C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain

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Vocations Corner ...

"You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-9680997. email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Stewardship Reflection ...

We must not be stewards with gloomy and sour faces, but ones that shine with the peace and joy of knowing we are beloved children of God. Pope Francis says that "we need smiling Christians, not because they take things lightly, but because they are filled with the joy of God, because they believe in love and live to serve." Let us ask ourselves today, does our demeanour as stewards showcase the reality of God's transforming love to others and welcome them into the parish in a spirit of true hospitality?



Healing after Abortion – Day of Prayer and Healing for Women — Saturday, March 4, 2023 9AM-5PM

Location: Please contact the Sisters for more information 416-463-272

The Sisters of Life are hosting a "Day of Prayer and Healing" for women seeking healing after abortion. The 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.

CONTACT: The Sisters of Life

PHONE: 416-463-2722

EMAIL: toronto@sistersoflife.org

WEBSITE: www.sistersoflife.org

Join our Pastor

Fr. Thomas Lim

PILGRIMAGE TO
TURKEY & GREECE
In the Footsteps of
St. Paul



June 02-15, 2023,
14 days

Flyers/registration forms are found at the lobby of the Church or visit

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To book call Sisca
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Dear Padre

February 5, 2023

Sometimes I become pretty disgusted with my life and myself. I wonder if anyone really loves me. Is there any way I can know that God loves me?

Every human person is made in the image of God. This means that your life is infinitely precious in God's eyes. God values and loves you beyond anything you could ever imagine.

God has also placed into our hearts a yearning for love and happiness that cannot be satisfied by anything less than God. True love will not be found in riches or well-being, in fame or power. True happiness will be found in God alone, the source of all life and all love.

In New Testament times, many people believed that wealth and success were signs of favor and love from God. If disaster struck, you would assume that God was angry with you, or that you had done something wrong. Ill-fortune was a "sign" that God's love had been withdrawn from you.

Jesus turned this sort of thinking on its head. Jesus taught that God truly loves all people, including those who are down on their luck. God's love is not based on wealth, fortune, or success. Rather, God loves you because you are God's own creation, God's child, and heir to God's own kingdom.

You might find it helpful to talk over those feelings of self-disgust with a spiritual director or a confessor. Meanwhile, take comfort in the words of Isaiah: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine (Isaiah 43:1). ●

— The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Programs at SLM

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 generosity!



FATHER
YOU CALLED

SAINT LAWRENCE
TO SERVE YOU BY LOVE
AND CROWNED HIS LIFE
WITH GLORIOUS
MARTYRDOM.

HELP US TO BE LIKE HIM
IN LOVING YOU
AND DOING YOUR WORK.

AMEN