

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 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.*

ASCENSION SUNDAY – MAY 21ST, 2023



GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

For Matthew this is a momentous climax. Jesus is on the holy mountain, Where is this mountain? We do not know; nor does it matter. The importance is that Jesus is commissioning his followers as the Second Moses. Just so he taught the Sermon on the Mount on the holy mountain, as Moses had given the Old Law on the mount of Sinai. He is the glorious Son of Man of the prophecy of Daniel, to whom all authority on earth was given; but to him is given all authority in heaven and on earth. As Jesus sends them out, he promises that his divine presence will be always with them. It is in the strength of that presence that they will pursue their task. This promise provides the final bracket of the Gospel, as the name given to Jesus by the angel provided the opening bracket: 'They will call him "Emmanuel", a name which means "God is with us".' The divine presence of God in Jesus and in his community is the clue to the whole Gospel of Matthew. In the centre of the Gospel it is again stressed, 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.'

On a superficial level this gospel reading seems chosen because of the Trinitarian baptismal formula. It is the only time this formula comes in the scripture, and it is remarkable that the Trinitarian liturgical formula was already developed while the New Testament was being written. At a deeper level this reading of the final five verses of Matthew gives a wonderful Trinitarian view of the work of salvation. The words of the Risen Christ, 'all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me' are reminiscent of the vision of the exalted Son of Man in Daniel, who comes to the One of Great Age, seated on his throne, and receives from him all power on earth. Only Christ receives all power in heaven too, as 'the Son of God in power'. In this power he sends out his disciples, promising his divine presence always. The promise of Christ's divine presence in his Church now, at the end of the gospel, balances the promise at the beginning in the name Emmanuel, given by the angel for the child. Emmanuel means 'God with us'. So the permanent presence of Christ is the message of the whole gospel.

Il Signore risorto è ritornato nella Galilea pagana. È qui che egli aveva cominciato ad annunciare la conversione e il Vangelo del Regno (cf. Mt 4,15.17.23). È qui, in questo luogo di frontiera, che egli aveva dato appuntamento ai suoi discepoli, che si erano dispersi quando egli, il pastore, era stato ferito (cf. Mt 28,8-10). È ritornato sui luoghi dell'inizio, per dare loro la pienezza: il Risorto è la luce decisiva che rischiarerà tutti coloro che camminano nelle tenebre e nell'ombra della morte.

Egli ha convocato i discepoli - in numero di undici - su una montagna, come all'inizio li aveva condotti sulla montagna, quando parlò loro per annunciare la via della felicità del regno dei cieli (cf. Mt 5,1). Dio ha anche convocato il popolo ai piedi del Sinai quando ha voluto fare di lui la sua "ekklesia" (cf. Es 19). Il Risorto è su questa montagna in Galilea, che simboleggia l'incontro tra il cielo e la terra, dichiarandosi, solennemente, come colui che ha ricevuto tutta l'autorità nei cieli e sulla terra (cf. Mt 28,18).

Da questa montagna egli invia i discepoli - e in loro, e con loro, noi tutti che li seguiamo lungo la storia - a convocare la Chiesa per riunirla dai quattro punti cardinali del mondo nel regno; nessuno è escluso dalla parola e dalla partecipazione alla vita della famiglia divina: la comunione del battesimo con il Padre, il Figlio e lo Spirito Santo (cf. Mt 28,19-20).

Oggi noi, come gli undici discepoli sulla montagna, lo adoriamo e riaffermiamo la nostra obbedienza al suo comando missionario. Egli sembra assente ma è in realtà sempre presente tra di noi (cf. Mt 28,20). È per questo che si è fatto uomo nel seno della Vergine Madre: per essere l'Emmanuele, il Dio con noi (cf. Mt 1,23), fino alla fine del mondo.

Eucharistic Adoration

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)*
Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)*

*In the Chapel, when there is a funeral
Come and spend some quiet time
in prayer!

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY MAY 20TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners

SUNDAY MAY 21ST – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Visitacion & Filomeno Faldas

10:00 A.M. - Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia-Rosario Vella
Intenzioni di Agostino & Nellina Battaglia e famiglia
Antonino Tuccitto e famiglia-Vincenzo Pitino e fam
Giuseppe Canini e famiglia - Salvatore Porzio
Maria D'Addario - Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

11:30 A.M. + Pat Mancuso

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Carmela Scarano

MONDAY MAY 22ND – LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + L Clayborn & D Arendale

12:00 P.M. + Nick Mazare

TUESDAY MAY 23RD – MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Daniel Bertie & Domenic Noranho

12:00 P.M. - Constantin Camilar

WEDNESDAY MAY 24TH – MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Maria Milagros DeLara

+ Maria Dal Gado

+ Pablo & Paulina William

- Francis William & Family

12:00 P.M. - Joseph F. Leung

THURSDAY MAY 25TH – GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. - Eric Hailbrown

8:30 A.M. - In Thanksgiving

FRIDAY MAY 26TH – VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Denise Whalen

7:00 P.M. - Noel Vida

SATURDAY MAY 27TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + John Casey

10:00 A.M. - Maria Georgina Jose

"Do not let the past disturb
you, just leave everything
in the Sacred Heart and
begin again with joy."

~Mother Teresa~

ASCENSION SUNDAY – MAY 21ST, 2023



Vocation Reflection . . .

Jesus said, “Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” If you are discerning God’s call for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

www.vocationstoronto.ca

email vocations@archtoronto.org

Stewardship Reflection . . .

Jesus’ ascension is a firm call to action for at the end of St. Matthew’s Gospel He gives us the great commission to “make disciples of all nations.” This is a call to be stewards and use our gifts to spread the Gospel within our parishes and the Church. Let us strive to do this through the strength of Christ within us who says “remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

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

Congratulations!

To those students who received the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Thank you parents, teachers, as well as our catechists for journeying with them.



Online: Mariology Conference 2023 Collection of Marian Masses: Ordinary Time



May 23, 2023 - 1:30pm to

EST May 26, 2023 - 10 am EST

Exploring the place of Our Lady and the Unity of the Church in the Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For more information visit:

<https://www.mariologicalsociety.com>



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.



Weekly Offertory:

Last Week’s Collection: \$5,133.20

Pope’s Pastoral Works: \$1,761.55



Dear Padre

May 21, 2023

Why should I be confirmed?

In baptism, God calls you to be a priest, prophet and king. In confirmation, you receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live out those vocations. A priest offers prayer and sacrifice. In confirmation, you are moved to make your everyday life a sacrifice that you join to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross (Romans 12:1). Prophet is from *prophētēs*, a Greek word meaning “spokesperson.” In confirmation, you are compelled to preach the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:16), just as the apostles were when they received the Holy Spirit on the original day of Pentecost (Acts 2:2–4). When you were baptized, you were made a member of the royal family of God (1 Peter 2:9). Just as Jesus showed what it means to be a Servant King, so are we called to serve others in love. In confirmation, we are inspired by the love that God pours into us in his Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

In his first public preaching, Jesus quoted from Isaiah the prophet: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me” (Luke 4:18). That was the beginning of his public ministry. When the bishop anoints you with chrism, you can say the same. Your confirmation is the beginning of your own public ministry. ●

Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

DearPadre.org

The Ascension is

NOT JESUS GOING AWAY; IT IS JESUS ASSUMING HIS POSITION AS LEADER OF THE CHURCH’S LIFE.

Bishop Robert Barron



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



[Jesus said], "You will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8

Power Unmasked

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the Lone Ranger and Tonto rode across our TV screens in days of old, someone would often ask, "Who was that masked man?" Folks never learned his identity, and it didn't matter. For that man had saved them from evil, restoring their lives. In a sense, the Ranger, with Tonto, had passed on to them the power to live safely and productively.

As he was about to return to his Father, the risen Lord said to the apostles, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Yet being blessed with the power that raised the Lord Jesus does not always feel much like a blessing. At times it can feel more like a burden that falls upon our shoulders, one to heal and mend as we try to bring peace and a better world. We wonder why we always must be the one who says, "I'm sorry." Why must we always be the one who plans the evening out or writes the Christmas cards or calls Mom or spends time with the children or listens to someone's tale of woe? Yet such is the power of Jesus for bringing about healing to both spirits and bodies, for creating joy, for designing bridges into the hearts of others, all because the Messiah rode off on a cloud of silver to be welcomed to the right hand of God. Thus, he empowers us. ●

Reflect

Have you ever been surprised by the good God has brought about through you?