

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.*

CORPUS CHRISTI – JUNE 11TH, 2023



MY FLESH IS REAL FOOD AND MY BLOOD IS REAL DRINK

This is the last of the readings from the Bread of Life discourse. It moves on from seeing Christ as the Wisdom of God, who must be accepted and believed, to the sacrament of eating the bread of life. These correspond to the two halves of the Mass, first the service of the Word, then the Eucharistic banquet. We are all so diet-conscious nowadays that it is quite obvious that the food we eat affects us. By eating Christ we are assimilated into him. But, just as, if I am sick, food does me no good and can even harm me, so if I eat Christ sacramentally without wanting to be moulded into him, it does me no good at all. That is why Paul complained that the Corinthians were answerable for the death of Christ. And drinking the blood of Christ? Blood is the sign of life – if there is no blood, there is no life – and God is the Lord of life and death. So if I receive Christ's blood I take on his life, his divine life, as the gift of God. That has alarming side-effects: it means I share Christ's life with other Christians. We all live with the same life's blood. Do I really share my life, my talents, my goods with others, knowing that I share the same bloodstream?

Oggi festeggiamo il sacramento dell'Eucaristia che il Signore ci ha lasciato come segno della sua presenza, della sua realtà corporale, del suo sacrificio sulla croce e della vita eterna di cui ci ha reso partecipi. Gesù ce ne parla in termini di corpo e di cibo. La realtà del dono del Padre alla nostra umanità si esprime, dall'inizio alla fine, sotto forma di corpo. Si tratta dapprima della realtà carnale del corpo fatto di carne e sangue, che soffre e muore sulla croce. È questo corpo ferito che risorge e che Gesù dà da vedere e da toccare agli apostoli. Ma Gesù non si ferma qui. Suo corpo è anche la Chiesa (Col 1,18), corpo mistico di cui Cristo è la testa. Ed è infine questo corpo sacramentale che nutre coloro che lo mangiano: "Prendete e mangiate: questo è il mio corpo!" (Mt 26,26).

Già i primi cristiani paragonarono il corpo spezzato di Cristo al grano, macinato in farina per diventare pane, dopo essere stato mischiato all'acqua della vita e passato nel fuoco dello Spirito.

Questo pane spirituale, fatto dal grano del campo che è Gesù (Gv 15,1), divenendo, come il vino dell'Eucaristia, nostro cibo, nutre in noi la vita divina, che è vita eterna. E Gesù, ancora una volta, afferma: "Io sono". Qui dice: "Io sono il pane". Gesù costituisce il solo nutrimento che possa dare la vita divina. Chi non mangia di questo pane non avrà la vita in lui (Gv 6,53). Ecco perché noi celebriamo oggi la realtà umana e divina del Verbo fatto carne e anche quella del corpo risorto; ed ecco perché ci dà davvero quanto promesso. Attraverso lui, siamo concretamente in comunione con il nostro Dio. Bisogna essere presenti alla sua presenza reale.

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 JUNE 10TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Joseph Paul & Maria DalGado

SUNDAY JUNE 11TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Frank John Dias

10:00 A.M. + L'Anime del Purgatorio
Intenzioni di Maria e Vittorio Vitro
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Rosario Vella
Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e famiglia
Vito De Nardo e famiglia
Salvatore Simone e defunti famiglia
Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie
Carlevaris e Nevodini

11:30 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Dr. Jolanta Nowakowska

MONDAY JUNE 12TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Hannah Porawa

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

TUESDAY JUNE 13TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Guillermo Gallego Jr.

12:00 P.M. - Fr. Anish K. Antony

WEDNESDAY JUNE 14TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne
- Alexander & Alexander Amizola
+ Romualda & Gavio Anino

12:00 P.M. - Jude Rodrigues

THURSDAY JUNE 15TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Donna Cameron

8:30 A.M. + Anton Isaacs

FRIDAY JUNE 16TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Alfredo Barcelon

7:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

SATURDAY JUNE 17TH – SABATO

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

10:00 A.M. - Michael De Souza

"Patience obtains all things."

St. Theresa of Avila

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Pastor's
Corner

Dear Friends in Christ, for the past few weeks, I have been getting emails, texts or phone calls from various parishioners, friends, and priests asking if I have seen it. The “it” refers to a video that is currently circulating on YouTube that captures what is alleged to be a Eucharistic miracle that occurred at our parish earlier this year, with the Host shining and palpating during adoration. Whether the video contains a miracle or not, it is not for me to say. Nevertheless, it is important to stress that the Church has a strict process that it follows, when it wants to determine if an event is of “supernatural origin.”

St. Thomas Aquinas described miracles as *“those things... which are done by divine power apart from the order generally followed in things.”* In other words, for a miracle to exist, there must be hard evidence that the rules of nature were not followed. It is the local bishop who has the initial authority to investigate a miracle. He does this by gathering a group of professionals to assess the event, and then he carefully evaluates the results given to him. The Church uses this type of skepticism whenever she examines every kind of miracle.

Given our natural desire to witness miracles, what people unfortunately overlook is the miracle that takes place on our altars every time Mass is celebrated. What I am referring to more specifically is transubstantiation; that event whereby, *“By the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood”* (CCC 1367). In other words, whenever a priest says the words of consecration during Mass, God intervenes in a miraculous way so that simple bread and wine is changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, with Our Lord remaining with us in the consecrated Hosts found in all our tabernacles. Sadly, the miracle of God’s love in the Eucharist is often met with indifference, or worse, unbelief, by countless Catholics throughout the world.

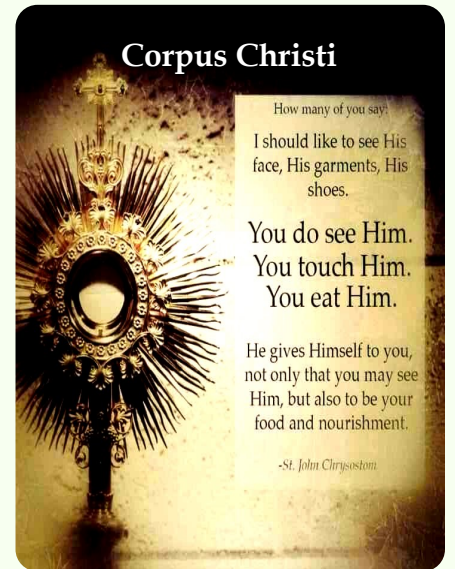
Many years ago, while I was slowly returning to Catholic faith after many years away from the Church, my sister, Agatha, gave me a book title, **The Way of Divine Love**, which contains some private revelations given to a simple nun, Sister Josefa Menendez. To be clear, we do not have to accept private revelations since as the Catechism notes, *“They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ’s definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history”* (cf. CCC 67). Nevertheless, private revelations can have some value to the faithful as it was for me.

Allow me to share just a few inner thoughts Jesus gave Sr. Josefa concerning the institution of the Eucharist, which profoundly impacted me when I read them. Our Lord told her: *“I want to tell them (souls) of the poignant sorrows which filled My Heart at the Last Supper... **It is love for souls that keeps Me a Prisoner in the Blessed Sacrament.** I stay there that all may come and find the comfort they need in the tenderest of Hearts, the best of Fathers, the most faithful of Friends, who will never abandon them.... **The Holy Eucharist is the invention of Love . . . Yet how few souls correspond to that love which spends and consumes itself for them! . . .**”* [my emphasis]

Our Lord laments how He wishes to be a Divine physician to all those who are in need: *“I live in the midst of sinners that I may be their life, their physician, and the remedy of the diseases bred by corrupt nature. And in return they forsake, insult and despise Me! . . . Poor pitiable sinners, do not turn away from Me. . . **Day and night I am on the watch for you in the tabernacle.** I will not reproach you . . . I will not cast your sins in your face. . . But I will wash them in My blood and in My wounds. No need to be afraid . . . come to Me. . . Do I not know that family cares . . . household concerns . . . and the requirements of your position in life . . . make continual calls upon you? . . . **But cannot you spare a few minutes in which to come and prove your affection and your gratitude? . . .** Were you weak or ill in body surely you would find time to see a doctor who would cure you? . . . Come, then, to One who is able to give both strength and health to your soul, and bestow the alms of love on this Divine Prisoner who watches for you, calls for you, and longs to see you at His side. When about to institute the Blessed Sacrament, Josefa, these were My feelings....”* [my emphasis]

In reading these few sentences, one cannot help but see how greatly Jesus longs for you and I. And yet many rarely visit Our Lord, who continues to remain present in our churches throughout the world. Let us not be too preoccupied with whether a given event is a miracle or not; rather, let us turn our eyes often on the miracle that occurs daily on our altars, which continues in the Blessed Sacrament of Love.

Pax Christi, **Fr. Thomas**



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Vocation Reflection . . .

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca email vocations@archtoronto.org

Stewardship Reflection . . .

The Mass is everything, for the Catechism says that “the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life” (CCC 1324). This image is best captured in the common practice of Corpus Christi Eucharistic processions in which we first receive Christ in the Eucharist and then bring Him out into the world for all to see. Let us strive to receive Christ as often as we can, even on weekdays if possible, and then seek to share His love within us with others as an act of good stewardship.



PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

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

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.



Weekly Offertory:

Last Week' Collection: \$6,297.15
ShareLife: \$5,854.60



“Since Christ Himself has said, ‘This is My Body,’ who shall dare to doubt that It is His Body?”

~ St. Cyril of Jerusalem ~

Dear Padre

June 11, 2023

I'm eighty-one. When I received first Communion, the nuns told me not to chew the holy Eucharist, but to let it melt in my mouth. Is it wrong to chew it?

It is permitted to chew the host or to let it dissolve in your mouth. The hosts today must be unleavened and made only of flour and water, making it easier for some communicants to dissolve it in their mouths. Unleavened bread doesn't mold or spoil and is more suitable than leavened bread for exposition and adoration. However, for nearly 800 years, the Church used leavened wheat bread for the Eucharist before unleavened wheat bread was introduced into the Roman rite. Communicants would have had to chew the Eucharist before the modern waferlike host evolved.

Your first Communion instruction on the proper way to consume the Eucharist was an effort to instill in you a deep reverence for the Real Presence of Christ. This profound respect for our Lord in the form of consecrated bread and wine is still desired by the Church. For example, at Mass the priest “reverently consumes the Body of Christ” and “reverently partakes of the Blood of Christ” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 158). Similarly, “when receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister” (*GIRM* 160). Today's Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is a special day for us to remember Jesus' gift of his own body that we might be nourished and strengthened for this life's journey. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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