

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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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.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 22ND, 2023

Matthew 22:15-21



GIVE BACK TO CEASAR WHAT BELONGS TO CEASAR

They must really have thought they had their victim sewn up! If Jesus said he paid the Roman taxes, he recognised the Emperor, not God, as his Lord. If he said he didn't pay, he was a traitor to Rome. Jesus turns the question back on them. First he makes them admit that they themselves recognise Rome as overlord by carrying a Roman coin, for the coin would carry the Emperor's head. Next he puts them a question: what do they consider is due to Caesar? Finally he goes beyond their question, to interrogate their ultimate loyalty: in the last analysis, just what is due to God? At a superficial level this seems a little verbal tussle, in which Jesus outwits his opponents. But the story was remembered and passed on in the Christian community not because of Jesus' cleverness, but because at a deeper level it is a question which Jesus puts to each of us: just where do our loyalties and priorities lie? Money? Respect? Fame? A good holiday? Comfort? Power? Jesus is not a dictator who imposes his will. He just asks the question and leave us to give our own answer. To those who question him he gives no easy answer, but always replies with another question.

L'ipocrisia dei farisei e dei sadducei proclama la veridicità di Gesù, che essi cercano di cogliere nella rete di un dilemma sapientemente calcolato: o egli afferma che il tributo ad uno Stato straniero e idolatra è lecito, e perde la stima di coloro che non accettano il dominio romano; oppure dichiara che questo tributo è illecito, e apre la porta al suo processo con l'accusa di istigare la sedizione. "Rendete dunque a Cesare quello che è di Cesare". Gesù non è il capo di un movimento di rivolta: il suo discepolo deve compiere i suoi obblighi civili. È in questo modo che l'ha capito la prima Chiesa (Rm 13,1-7; 1Pt 2,13-17). Ma ciò che è importante e decisivo, e che non sembra preoccupare i farisei, è il seguito: "E a Dio quello che è di Dio". Soltanto a Dio si devono l'adorazione e il culto, e né lo Stato né alcun'altra realtà di questo mondo possono pretendere ciò che è dovuto esclusivamente a Dio. Il martirio è l'espressione suprema della resistenza cristiana di fronte al tentativo assolutistico del potere temporale di usurpare il posto di Dio (Ap 20,4).

A Dio ciò che è di Dio! Ma tutto appartiene a Dio, che è il creatore. Ed è per questo che non si può astrarre Dio durante la costruzione della città terrena, "quasi che Dio non meriti alcun interesse nell'ambito del disegno operativo ed associativo dell'uomo" (Reconciliatio et paenitentia, 14). L'uomo può realizzare la pretesa blasfema di costruire un mondo senza Dio, ma "questo mondo finirà per ritorcersi contro l'uomo" (ivi, 18).

"Not everything that is more difficult is more meritorious"
~ St. Thomas Aquinas ~

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!



SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST – SABATO

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

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22ND – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Carmen Poblete Jose

10:00 A.M. - Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Marino D'Attolico e famiglia

Antonino Tuccitto e famiglia

Vincenzo Pitino e famiglia

Totonno e Rosaria Francella

Salvatore Porzio - Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Angelo Infantino - Maria D'Addario

Leonardo Cornacchia - Angelo e Maria Baroni

Gaetano, Agata e Filippo Lopresti-Costantino

Defunti famiglie Scozzese e Ciardulo

L'Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

3:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Rosario & Inacia Fernandes

MONDAY OCTOBER 23RD – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. - Trudy Chan

12:00 P.M. - Michael & Angela

TUESDAY OCTOBER 24TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. - Kayla Bagasam

12:00 P.M. - Joanna Corriero

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. - Jude & Annette D'Souza

- Leslie Tse

+ Pang Ng & Jett Gallenero

12:00 P.M. - Noelle Torres

THURSDAY OCTOBER 26TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Liu Yau & Family

8:30 A.M. + Warren Lau

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Jeremy David

7:00 P.M. + Holy Souls In Purgatory

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Hania Helou

10:00 A.M. - Pro Populo



Weekly Offertory:

Last week's collection: \$5,558.20

Thank you for your generosity!

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 22ND, 2023



Dear Friends in Christ, last week I gave a baptismal preparation class for a young couple, who wanted to have their new baby girl baptized in the Roman Catholic Church. The responsibility for formation, that is, instructing parents and their sponsors regarding the meaning and obligations of baptism, usually falls on the pastor/priests of the parish. The Code of Canon Law makes this explicitly clear when it states: “*Pastors of souls and other members of the Christian faithful, according to their respective ecclesiastical function, have the duty to take care that those who seek the sacraments are prepared to receive them by proper evangelization and catechetical instruction, attentive to the norms issued by competent authority*” (cf. Canon 843 §2).

I began my class that evening by reminding them why the sacrament of baptism is such a critical part of our spiritual life. Too often, the child’s parents and family members only see the celebration of baptism through the prism of a secular mindset; that is, baptism gives the parents and other family members an opportunity to come together, with the planned luncheon/dinner party being more important than the actual celebration of the baptism itself.

Yet baptism is more than that! Baptism is “*the Sacrament by which human beings are incorporated into the Church and are built up together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit; it is also a sacramental bond of unity linking all who are signed by it*” (cf. The Order of Baptism of Children). Not only is baptism needed for salvation by actual reception or at least by desire, it is also the gateway to the other sacraments - the various means by which every faithful is able to experience, encounter the Lord in a personal, intimate way, and to receive His countless graces during the various stages of his/her life!

In the opening dialogue with parents and godparents during the rite of baptism, the celebrant asks the parents of the child, “**What do you ask of God’s Church for your child?**” After the parents reply by saying, “**Baptism**”, the celebrant addresses the parents in the following words, “**In asking for Baptism for your child, you are undertaking the responsibility of raising him (her) in the faith, so that, keeping God’s commandments, he (she) may love the Lord in his (her) neighbour as Christ has taught us. Do you understand this responsibility?**” This simple query is a powerful reminder to Catholic parents that they have the primary responsibility for caring and cultivating the newly God-given seed of faith. It is their duty to ensure that their infant child is raised up in the Catholic faith.

Parents, however, do not have to carry out this duty alone since they also receive assistance from various other sources. Those individuals, who have been chosen for the role of godparents, play a key role in helping parents carry out their duty. The People of God - as represented by relatives, friends, acquaintances, neighbours, and members of the local church - can take an active part by showing their common faith by their prayers, support, and faithful witness to the Gospel.

At the conclusion of the baptismal class, I reminded the parents on their need and responsibility to bring their baby to church every Sunday, since the Lord wants to encounter each person regardless of what his/her stage in life. Sadly, the parents expressed a reluctance to come to church each Sunday because of the frosty, unfriendly reception, which they often receive from various members of the parish community, particularly when their child is crying, cranky, etc., during Mass. Unfortunately, their response has become all too familiar, since many other parents have spoken in a similar manner.

A church filled with the harmonization, or lack thereof, of crying children and babies is a beautiful church. Their sound is a powerful reminder that the vibrancy of life resides within a parish community. Let us not try to dissuade parents from bringing their babies and children to the Lord; nor should we try to prevent the little ones from assuming their rightful place among us. Our Gospel powerfully reminds us what happened to the disciples, when they tried to prevent people from bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. **The Lord rebuked them!** And, Jesus told his disciples (and, each one of us): “*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these*” (cf. Mt. 10:13-14). Pax Christi, Fr. Thomas



Vocation Reflection... “Give ... to God the things that are God’s.” That includes you! Is God calling you to service 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... Pope Francis said that “the mission of the Christian in the world is a mission for all, a mission of service, which excludes no-one.” One way we can live out this missionary call is by being faithful to our call of stewardship. Let us strive to be grateful for the gifts we have received and offer them back to the God for Jesus says in today’s Gospel to give “God the things that are God’s.”



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ALL SOULS' DAY MASS – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2023 @ 2PM

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday November 4 at 2 p.m. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum
- Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Holy Family Mausoleum
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English)
- Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

All are welcome!

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

LEARN:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions** around cremation, burials, and funerals.

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

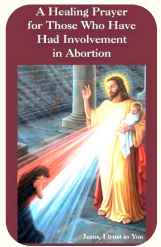
1. Scan this QR Code: 
2. Follow this QR link: <https://QRCO.de/oct28>
3. Email development@archtoronto.org and write "webinar Oct28" in the title + your name(s) in the body of the message.

Day of Praying and Healing after Abortion ~ Oct 28, 2023 ~

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 TEL#: 4164632722

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Dear Padre

October 22, 2023

Is it a sin to break the law? It is illegal to use fireworks in my city, but every year I do it anyway. Should I mention this in confession?

Strictly speaking, to break a government law does not automatically constitute the definition of sin, so it needn't be mentioned in the sacrament of penance. By definition, sin damages (or, with grave sin, destroys) communion with God and the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1472). Some actions may not be objectively destructive to our relationship with God and Church—and therefore are not sinful—but they may affect others. Church members are part of society, which depends on its citizens to abide by the laws. Saint Paul encouraged everyone to obey the authorities, for all authority that exists is established by God (see Romans 13:1–7).

Not all sins are equally offensive to God; similarly, not all civil laws are equal in their gravity. To knowingly travel a few miles over the posted speed limit isn't the same as intentionally starting a fire in a posted area of a forest. The danger is in thinking one's actions are without consequence. Sensible civil laws are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens, and many municipalities outlaw fireworks because of the hazards they pose.

When any civil law is broken for mere self-indulgence or when breaking the law places others at risk, the act has the potential of constituting the definition of sin. In that case, it would rightfully warrant sacramental reconciliation. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:



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



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

SLM CRAFT GROUP are collecting **NEW MEN'S** socks From : Nov. 4th until Nov. 19th for **GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE** in downtown Toronto. The socks may be placed in the Box located in the Church foyer. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you!

