

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.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Mark 1:40-45

The leprosy left the man at once, and he was cured ...



A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Il profeta Isaia proclamava che il Messia sarebbe venuto per annunciare la buona novella ai poveri. Gesù, commentando questo testo nella sinagoga di Nazaret, dice solennemente: "Questa parola della Scrittura... si adempie oggi" (Lc 4,18-19).

Ma Gesù è venuto per guarire le malattie dei poveri, spesso in modo straordinario o prodigioso? Certo Gesù dà spesso prova della sua misericordia di fronte alle sofferenze umane. Ma, in ogni caso, questi sono segni del potere che il Figlio dell'uomo ha ricevuto da colui che lo ha mandato per liberare da una schiavitù più profonda, da una lebbra più cronica, per liberare dal peccato.

Chi può perdonare i peccati, se non Dio? "Ora, perché sappiate che il Figlio dell'uomo ha il potere in terra di rimettere i peccati: alzati disse al paralitico, prendi il tuo letto e va' a casa tua" (Mt 9,6).

Cos'ha Gesù, che cosa irradia il Maestro per provocare nel lebbroso questa supplica colma di fiducia: "Se vuoi, puoi guarirmi"? Gesù si avvicina al lebbroso: "Lo toccò"; il lebbroso manifesta la sua fiducia, la sua gioia, la sua testimonianza, non può tacere.

E noi? Noi siamo la Chiesa di Gesù che prolunga la sua presenza e la sua opera nel mondo. In tutti i settori dove è in gioco il dolore di un qualsiasi uomo, dove la sua dignità di figlio di Dio è in pericolo, dove c'è emarginazione, qualunque essa sia, là si gioca la nostra credibilità in quanto Chiesa che porta la salvezza di Gesù.



Vocation Reflection ... Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Stewardship Reflection ... Since evangelization is a core aspect of stewardship we should heed the words of St. Paul who says "woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!" Firstly, in order for us to encourage people to follow Christ we must take the time to journey with them. It is in these interactions that they will be able to see the joy and love that emanates from the presence of Christ within us.



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 FEBRUARY 10TH – SABATO

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

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - James Burlton

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Roario Vella - Giovanna Costantino

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e famiglia

Vito De Nardo e familia - Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Salvatore Simone e famiglia - Maria Rigillo

Clementina Colangelo - Anna Palandra

Paolo Spatola - Giovanna Morra

Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie Carlevaris e Nevodini

L'Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. + Paolo, Giuseppina & Tony Manca

1:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

5:00 P.M. + Jolanta Nowakowska

MONDAY FEBRUARY 12TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Herbert & Emily Lobo

12:00 P.M. - Siromi Ameresekere

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. - Theresa Burlton

12:00 P.M. - Kenneth Griffith

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH – MERCOLEDI DELLE CENERI

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

12:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

2:00 P.M. - Per Tutti i Nostri Parrocchiani

7:00 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Maria Distefano

8:30 A.M. + Maria Distefano

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. - Arthur & Erika Hare

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

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Agnese De Ciantis

10:00 A.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory



Offertory - Last Weekend:
Regular Collections - \$5,684.70
Building Fund - \$3,492.50



*Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing
so gentle as real strength... St Francis de Sales*

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 11, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ, the Church has taught from its very beginning that we possess two levels of life. On the natural level, we were conceived in our mother's womb and entered the world with a body that is animated by its principle of life, which we call the soul. There is, however, a second level of life, that of the supernatural kind, which Our Lord revealed to Nicodemus as was recorded by John the Evangelist: ***“Truly, truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh is born of flesh, but spirit is born of the Spirit. Do not be amazed that I said, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit”*** (Jn. 3:5).

We are born again, that is, our soul acquires its supernatural life through the sacrament of baptism. Although the body is animated by its principle of life, the soul, it is important to note that the soul itself is animated by its own principle of life. St. Augustine said that the “soul” of the soul - *anima anime* - is sanctifying grace, which comes from the Eucharist. Thus, it is proper for us to say that it is through Holy Communion that the soul finds its indispensable source by which it is able to remain supernaturally alive. Our Lord himself makes this very point when he said: ***“Truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you”*** (Jn 6:53).

In response to our Lord's invitation, we must ensure that we have prepared ourselves to experience such an amazing encounter. St. Paul in his exhortation to the Corinthians stressed the importance of examining one's conscience before encountering the living Lord in the Eucharist: *“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself”* (1 Cor 11:27-29). In other words, what Paul is saying is that a person, who receives Holy Communion, when he/she is not in a state of grace, *does not* receive any grace! This person not only receives the Lord sacrilegiously, but also draws condemnation on himself/herself, and commits the additional grave sin of blasphemy. You do not need to be a mystic to see that far too many sacrilegious communions are being committed in our churches today!

One who receives Holy Communion in a state of grace can experience many effects from its reception. These include: 1) **substance of the supernatural life**: *“Communion with the flesh of the risen Christ, a flesh given life and giving life through the Holy Spirit, preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism”* (CCC 1392); 2) **the promise of bodily resurrection from the dead**, since reception of our glorified Lord into our mortal body is a prelude of the promise that he would raise those who believe in him on the last day (cf. Jn 6:40); 3) **remission of venial sins and any temporal punishment due to them**: *“As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity wipes away venial sins”* (CCC 1394) [see also 2nd Sunday Advent bulletin, 2022]; 4) **protection against future sins** (since Holy Communion acts as a spiritual vaccine against the contagion of sin) **and the assaults of temptation** (e.g., the world and the devil): *“The more we share the life of Christ and progress in his friendship, the more difficult it is to break away from him by mortal sin. The Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sins - that is proper to the sacrament of Reconciliation. The Eucharist is properly the sacrament of those who are in full communion with the Church”* (CCC 1395); 5) **helps curb/control the urges of concupiscence**, which was not removed when we were baptized; 6) **spiritual joy**; 7) **makes us more closely united to Christ** by renewing, strengthening, and deepening our incorporation into the Church and his Mystical Body (cf. CCC 1396); **perseverance in grace**; and 8) **growth in the supernatural life** (since Holy Communion not only nurtures our spiritual life, but it increases the life of God in our soul and enables us to grow in God's grace). So much fruits when we worthily receive Holy Communion!

St. Maximilian Kolbe once remarked that *“If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion.”* Why is that? Because our Lord, God and the Son of God, chose to humble and hide himself under the form of a tiny piece of bread so that He might nourish us with His own Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, and thereby give us supernatural life here on earth and eternal life in the world to come. If we truly believe Who it is that waits for us in Holy Communion, and what it is that He wishes to offer us by it, I suppose our churches would always be filled to capacity each and every Mass. Alas, how sad that it remains mostly empty today because so few of the faithful know the truth and the reality about the Eucharist and Holy Communion! Let us not be guilty of such an unfortunate tragedy! Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



Our Lady of Lourdes
- Pray for Us!
Feast day
- February 11

“I must die to myself continually and accept trials without complaining. I work, I suffer and I love with no other witness than His Heart. Anyone who is not prepared to suffer all for The Beloved and to do His will in all things is not worthy of the sweet name of Friend, for here below, Love without suffering does not exist.”

St Bernadette of Lourdes

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 11, 2024



CATHOLIC CHURCH'S RULES ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE:

"Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own *sui iuris* Church.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection." (Source: USCCB)

A Reflection on Lenten Fasting

"The ashes mean I'm a sinner. The cross means I have a Saviour." ~Fr. Mike Schmitz

Announcing the 2024 ShareLife Campaign

SL ShareLife As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 17, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal of \$14 million, addressing the growing needs in our communities.

By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- ♦ offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- ♦ help victims of domestic violence
- ♦ ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- ♦ deliver food to children in developing countries
- ♦ form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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



ASH Wednesday Masses

8:30 am (English)
12:00 pm (Latin)
2:00 pm (Italian)
7:00 pm (English)

LENT Friday Schedule

8:30 am - English Mass
9:00 am - 5:45 pm
* Eucharistic Adoration *
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
* Confessions *
6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm - Latin Mass

Dear Padre

February 11, 2024

I am having a difficult time receiving Communion from a eucharistic minister who has been behaving in a manner that I don't consider moral. When I receive Communion from her, I feel like I am condoning her actions. Would it be wrong of me to go to a different person to receive Communion?

It seems unlikely that someone would assume you are condoning her actions by receiving Communion from her. We do not sin by receiving a sacrament from an unworthy person. What matters is how worthy we are to receive it. It might be wise to receive Communion from a different person if you are more concerned with this minister's behavior than you are with Jesus when you approach the sacrament.

It is not our task to expose and punish the sinner. If you look at the life of Jesus, you will see that he did everything possible not to condemn sinners but to save them. We should take that as the model for our own lives. Try to find ways to encourage her to live a good life. Perhaps friendship would serve her better than a boycott of her Communion line.

When Jesus was presented with the woman caught in adultery, he did not pretend that it was right. Neither did he rush to condemn her. He looked for his opportunity to forgive and tell her to avoid sin. Use that as your example about how to treat the woman at church. ●

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JOIN our PASTOR FR. THOMAS LIM

for a 12-day Pilgrimage to Mexico Aug 22 - Sep 2, 2024

Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sites from the lives of the Cristeros Saints and many more!

Flyers/Registration forms are found at the lobby of the Church and SLM website.

Tour Coordinator Sisca
416.731.8252



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