

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 19, 2024

“The Spirit of Truth will lead you to the Complete Truth...”



In Jesus' final instructions to his disciples, gathered together at the Last Supper, he gives them four little promises about the Advocate whom he will send, send from the Father. 'Advocate' is really a legal term, in both English and the original Greek, and the Spirit will 'testify' on behalf of Jesus. The certainty and definitiveness of this terminology is important. In other sayings Jesus promises that the Advocate will lead his disciples into all truth, enabling them to understand what they cannot yet grasp. With these promises, therefore, we are celebrating the continuing presence of the Spirit, leading the Church into all truth, into a continuously fuller and more profound understanding of the mystery of Christ. It is through the Spirit that, under the guidance of the Church, each generation and culture is enabled to assimilate and express – sometimes with a wobble or two – the great truths in its own terms, each generation building on the truths perceived by previous guidance. There must be a constant renewal in our personal understanding, under the guidance and testimony of this Advocate speaking through the Church. The Advocate guides our minds, but above all the mind of the teaching Church.

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Lo Spirito Santo è lo Spirito di Cristo ed è la Persona divina che diffonde nel mondo la possibilità di imitare Cristo, dando Cristo al mondo e facendolo vivere in noi.

Nell'insegnamento e nell'opera di Cristo, nulla è più essenziale del perdono. Egli ha proclamato il regno futuro del Padre come regno dell'amore misericordioso. Sulla croce, col suo sacrificio perfetto, ha espiato i nostri peccati, facendo così trionfare la misericordia e l'amore mediante - e non contro - la giustizia e l'ordine. Nella sua vittoria pasquale, egli ha portato a compimento ogni cosa. Per questo il Padre si compiace di effondere, per mezzo del Figlio, lo Spirito di perdono. Nella Chiesa degli apostoli il perdono viene offerto attraverso i sacramenti del battesimo e della riconciliazione e nei gesti della vita cristiana.

Dio ha conferito al suo popolo una grande autorità stabilendo che la salvezza fosse concessa agli uomini per mezzo della Chiesa!

Ma questa autorità, per essere conforme al senso della Pentecoste, deve sempre essere esercitata con misericordiae con gioia, che sono le caratteristiche di Cristo, che ha sofferto ed è risorto, e che esulta eternamente nello Spirito Santo.

*“Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul, the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven.” — St. Ephram*



### 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!**

**May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary**



### Mass Intentions for the week



#### **SATURDAY MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

5:00 P.M. + Florencia & Ramona

#### **SUNDAY MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA**

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

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Roario Vella  
 Tony Lamanna - Antonio Savella- Benito  
 Cortese Defunti famiglie De Ciantis e  
 Mastroianni - Salvatore Simone e famiglia  
 Agostino Battaglia e Defunti famiglie  
 Battaglia e Garofalo - Totonno e Rosaria  
 Francella - Giseppe Canini e famiglia  
 Vito e Mike Cuoppolo - Luigi e Maria D'Addario  
 Francesco Ferrante - Maria e Domenico  
 Babieri - Philip Lavorgna

11:30 A.M. - John Recinto

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Carmela Scarano

#### **MONDAY MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI**

8:30 A.M. - Vivienne Riseborough

12:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

#### **TUESDAY MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Alita Gesmundo

12:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

#### **WEDNESDAY MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. - Fr. Thomas Lim  
 + Sylvia & Hania Helou  
 + Witold Morawski  
 + Ernest Bryll

12:00 P.M. - Rafael Vincent P Zepeda

#### **THURSDAY MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> – GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. - Jia Lin H

8:30 A.M. - Roman Cruz

#### **FRIDAY MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. + Rita Lawrence

7:00 P.M. - The Skulski Family

#### **SATURDAY MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. - Bernaette Calingo

10:00 A.M. - Joseph Leung & Family



Offerory - Last Week:

Regular : \$5,743.10

Building Fund : \$3,055.95

*thank you*

## PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 19, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ, today the Universal Church celebrates Pentecost Sunday. The first reading, which comes from the Acts of the Apostles, vividly describes the day when the Spirit of God first descended upon the apostles shortly after Jesus' ascension into heaven. Luke writes: *"When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit gave them ability"* (Acts 2:1-3). In reading these words, one cannot help but see the first signs of the mission of the Holy Spirit in the Church. The Holy Spirit radically transformed the apostles to become zealous and courageous preachers of the Good News of Christ.

That numerous foreigners were able to understand the apostles speak about God's deeds of power in their own language foreshadowed the future mission of the Church. As a sixth century African author aptly remarked: *"The disciples spoke in the language of every nation. At Pentecost God chose this means to indicate the presence of the Holy Spirit: whoever had received the Spirit spoke in every kind of tongue. We must realize, dear brothers, that this is the same Holy Spirit by whom love is poured out in our hearts. It was love that was to bring the Church of God together all over the world. And as individual men who received the Holy Spirit in those days could speak in all kinds of tongues, so today the Church, united by the Holy Spirit, speaks in the language of every people"*. The Church in its unity continues to speak in the language of every nation today.

Our Lord explained why the Spirit needed to be present among us, so that the Comforter could come to us. Two verses in John's Gospel captures this clearly. Jesus told his disciples: *"I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. It is to your advantage that I go away; if I go I will send you the Advocate"* (Jn. 16:7). And also: *"I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counselor to be with you for ever, the Spirit of truth. He will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine"* (Jn. 16: 12-16). In other words, we will only know the things of God through the help of the Holy Spirit. In a similar vein, Saint Hilary remarked: *"Since our weak minds cannot comprehend the Father or the Son, we have been given by the Holy Spirit as our intermediary and advocate, to shed light on that hard doctrine of our faith"* (cf. treatise On the Trinity).

The Spirit of God is also the dispenser of a multitude of gifts and blessings to the Church and her spiritual children. He sanctifies and guides the people of God by the sacraments and the ministries, and also distributes special graces among the faithful of every state of life: *"The Spirit makes one man a teacher of divine truth, inspires another to prophesy, gives another the power of casting out devils, enables another to interpret holy Scripture. The Spirit strengthens one man's self-control, shows another how to help the poor, teaches another to fast and lead a life of asceticism, makes another oblivious to the needs of the body, trains another for martyrdom. His action is different in different people, but the Spirit himself is always the same"* (Cat. 16, De Spiritu Sancto, Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop). *"By means of these special gifts he equips them and makes them for various activities and responsibilities that benefit the Church in its renewal and its increase"* (LG, no. 12). ***"In each person, the Spirit reveals his presence in a particular way for the common good"*** (1 Cor. 12:7).

The Holy Spirit dwells in the Church and in the hearts of the faithful. He leads the Church in truth and helps promote unity in both communion and service. He ensures that the faithful will always walk along the right path of faith: *"The whole company of the faithful, who have an anointing by the Holy Spirit, cannot err in faith. They manifest this distinctive characteristic of theirs in the supernatural instinct of faith (sensus fidei) of the whole people when, from the bishops to the most ordinary lay person among the faithful, they display a universal agreement on matters of faith and morals. This instinct of faith is awakened and kept in being by the Spirit of truth. Through it the people of God hold indefectibly to the faith once delivered to the saints, penetrate it more deeply by means of right judgment, and apply it more perfectly in their lives. They do all this under the guidance of the sacred teaching office: by faithful obedience to it they receive, not the word of men but in truth the word of God"* (LG, no. 12).

Christ's ascension into heaven allowed the Holy Spirit to descend and be with us. For two thousand years, He has remained very active in the Church and will continue to do so until the end of time. ***"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.... Let us pray. O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."*** Pax Christi, *Jr. Thomas*

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**Dear Padre**

May 19, 2024

**Is it a sin to use God's name in profanity?**

Profanity is obscene, vulgar language that may or may not include God's name. People may thoughtlessly ask God to condemn a person or a thing in their profanity, but if questioned, admit that they did not mean it literally. They say their angry words were not intended to deliberately ask God to harm someone and deliberate intent is one requirement for what constitutes a sin. God who knows our hearts can determine if our misuse of his name is a form of venting, but the Second Commandment warns us that taking the Lord's name in vain does not please him, even if no harm to another is intended. The danger in constantly and carelessly using God's holy name profanely is that over time we can easily become desensitized to the practice, creating an irreverent attitude toward God that is offensive and may lead others into sin.

Recall that when we pray, "Hallowed be thy name" in the Lord's Prayer—the prayer Jesus taught his disciples—we ask God to enable us to give him the reverence that is due; it comes first before we ask anything for ourselves—a sure sign of our respect for God.

Because God's name is holy, we mustn't abuse it. Despite the erosion of inhibitions against poor word choices in our time, consider this prayerful petition from the last verse of Psalm 19: "Let the words of my mouth be acceptable, / the thoughts of my heart before you, / LORD, my rock and my redeemer." ●

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.

*"Make sickness itself a Prayer"*  
~ St Francis de Sales ~



**Celebrating Our Church's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Most Rev Francis Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto will celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 @ 11:30 Mass**  
Potluck Reception Follows in the Church Hall



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](#).

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On

**June 8 - 9, 2024**



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In the month of April, we assisted 15 families with 24 children, giving \$1,400 and order 3 double beds.

For Resource Page click -> [Family and Life](#)



National **Family & Life Week**

May 13-19, 2024 *Love hopes all things*

**"[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."** (1 Corinthians 13.7)n



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Vocation Reflection - The confused and fear-filled apostles were totally changed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as they became powerful and dynamic proclaimers of their faith in Jesus Christ. In today's Church God calls priests, religious and deacons to serve Him and to serve others especially by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. If you feel God may be calling you to this ministry, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, AOT at 416-968-0997.

Stewardship Reflection - On this feast day of Pentecost let us reflect on the words of St. Cyril of Alexandria who says that those who've received the Holy Spirit are "in a sense blended together with one another and with God." We are firstly connected to one another and so as stewards we should strive to create a charitable and hospitable community for all of our parishioners. Secondly, we are all connected with God, so we should strive to forgive those who've hurt us in order to foster a divine community free of all anger and resentment.



**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**