

# St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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**In Residence**

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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:

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## 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.**

# 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 16, 2024

Mark 4:26-34



**“The Kingdom of God is a mustard seed growing into the biggest shrub of all ...”**

Jesus was a countryman, from the rich agricultural plains of Galilee, where wheat and fruit-trees abounded. It was natural from him to use such imagery for the Kingship of God which he was proclaiming. Today's gospel-reading offers us two of the many images in Mark's chapter of parables. What did Jesus want to teach by them? Images can carry many layers of meaning. First, the Seed Growing Secretly. Perhaps Jesus meant that God's purposes are accomplished in spite of our feeble and fumbling efforts. Perhaps it was a warning that after long waiting the time for decision, the time of harvest had come with Jesus' own mission. Then the Mustard-Seed: was this a reply to the discouraged disciples – or perhaps Jesus' critical opponents – that his motley little group of undistinguished peasants, fishermen and tax-collectors would grow into God's own mighty tree. Perhaps this is a first hint that Jesus' mission is for all nations, not just for Israel. All nations would come, nest and find a home in its branches. At any rate, both images show that God is in charge, and has great plans which will be fulfilled despite our own inadequacies.

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Una volta seminato nel cuore dell'uomo, il regno di Dio cresce da sé. È una meraviglia di Dio tanto grande e tanto bella quanto grande e bella è la crescita delle piante, e tanto misteriosa quanto misteriosa è la trasformazione di un bambino che cresce e diventa uomo. Così la crescita del regno di Dio non dipende dalle forze umane; essa supera le capacità umane poiché ha in sé un proprio dinamismo.

Questo messaggio è un messaggio di speranza, poiché, adottando una prospettiva umana, potremmo dubitare del trionfo del regno di Dio. Esso si scontra con tanti ostacoli. Esso è qui rifiutato, là respinto, o, in molti luoghi, sconosciuto del tutto. Noi stessi costituiamo un ostacolo alla realizzazione del regno di Dio con la nostra cattiva volontà e con i nostri peccati. È bene dunque che sappiamo che, a poco a poco con una logica che non è quella umana, con un ritmo che a noi sembra troppo lento, il regno di Dio cresce. San Paolo, che era ispirato, percepiva già i gemiti di tale crescita (Rm 8,19-22). Bisogna conservare la speranza (Eb 3,6b). Bisogna ripetere ogni giorno: “Venga il tuo regno!”. Bisogna coltivare la pazienza, quella del seminatore che non può affrettare l'ora della mietitura (Gc 5,7-8). Bisogna soprattutto non dubitare della realtà dell'azione di Dio nel mondo e nei nostri cuori. Gesù ci dice questo poiché sa che il pericolo più grande per noi è quello di perdere la pazienza, di scoraggiarci, di abbandonare la via e di fermarci. Noi non conosciamo né il giorno né l'ora del nostro ingresso nel regno o del ritorno di Cristo. La mietitura ci sembra ancora molto lontana, ma il tempo passa in fretta: la mietitura è forse per domani.



## Eucharistic Adoration

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)\*  
Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)\*  
\*In Chapel, when there is a funeral.

**Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!**



## Mass Intentions for the week



### **SATURDAY JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

5:00 P.M. + Joseph Dal Gado

### **SUNDAY JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA**

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

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Rosario Vella  
Pietro Pagliaro - Tony Lamanna  
Antonio Savella - Benito Cortese  
Defunti famiglie De Ciantis e Mastroianni  
Salvatore Simone e famiglia  
Luigi Cuoppolo - Antonio Ciciretto  
Agostino Battaglia e defunti famiglie  
Battaglia e Garofalo  
Totonno e Rosaria Francella  
Defunti famiglie Tamburro e Longo  
Giuseppe Canini e famiglia  
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo  
Francesco Ferrante  
Maria e Vittorio Vitro  
Annarosa e Pasquale Volpe  
Vito Cuoppolo - Paolo Lombardi

11:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. - Mario & Jeanette Wong-Tung

### **MONDAY JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Michael Carvalho

12:00 P.M. - Michael De Souza

### **TUESDAY JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. - Peter Risborough

12:00 P.M. - Cristine Lee

### **WEDNESDAY JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Gavino & Alfredo Manca  
+ Alfredo Bahingawan  
- Rizalina Bustamante

12:00 P.M. + Michael & Angela

### **THURSDAY JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. - Michael & Marisol De Souza

8:30 A.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

### **FRIDAY JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> – VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. + Francis & David Senewiratne

7:00 P.M. + Marcos Tolentino Lobo

### **SATURDAY JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. + Laval & Michel Teckson

10:00 A.M. - Kau Lam Leung

**“Aspire not to have more but to be more.”**

~ St. Oscar Romero ~



### June 2<sup>nd</sup> OFFERTORY

Regular: \$6,307.35

ShareLife: \$6,690.15

### June 9<sup>th</sup> OFFERTORY

Regular: \$5,753.95

MaryGrove: \$1,988.45



## 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 16, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ, permit me to offer you a few more supplementary thoughts on “**Church Etiquette at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.**” The second to last exhortation on the list reads: “**Please do not come late, scoot out after Communion or rudely leave before the Liturgy is concluded, including the closing hymn... Mass is not over until the Priest leaves.**”

While this exhortation seems simple enough, why is it that many Catholics are often late for Mass? And why are so many in a hurry to leave before the final dismissal? One possible explanation is that many Catholics do not fully understand the structure of the Mass, and how each key part has its own significance, and as a result are unable to appreciate the sacred liturgy. **The four main parts of the Mass are: 1) Introductory Rites, 2) Liturgy of the Word, 3) Liturgy of the Eucharist, and 4) Concluding Rites.** Let’s take a brief look at each part...

**The Mass begins with the Introductory Rites, which is made up of smaller parts: 1) Entrance, 2) Sign of the Cross, 3) Penitential Act, 4) Collect.** The Introductory Rites set the tone for our liturgical celebration and plays a crucial role in helping our minds and hearts prepare to enter the sacred mystery. It transitions us from the busyness and many distractions of our world into a spiritual world marked by solemnity and reverence. We gather as a community of believers and unite our voices in song and praise to encounter the eternal, loving Lord. We begin the Mass by making the sign of the Cross; an act that is both so simple and yet pregnant with profound theological and spiritual symbolism. The sign of the Cross is: the visible, physical way by which we profess our belief in the Triune God; a reminder of Christ’s redemptive work on the Cross that he ultimately undertook for our salvation; a universal gesture that enables us to connect with all Catholics regardless of any differences in cultures, languages, or time periods. In making the penitential act, we not only acknowledge our sins and ask for God’s forgiveness, but also let our hearts become more receptive in receiving God’s mercy and grace. The priest concludes the Introductory Rites when he gathers the intentions of the congregation and offers them to God by praying the Collect.

If the Introductory Rites prepares us to the sacred mystery, the Liturgy of the Word then invites us to listen to the Word of God as it is found in Scripture. **The Liturgy of the Word consists of: 1) First Reading, 2) Responsorial Psalm, 3) Second Reading, 4) Gospel Acclamation, 5) Gospel Reading, 6) Homily/Sermon, 7) Prayer of the Faithful (Universal Prayer).** It is important to note that Scripture is not just a collection of writings; rather, it is God’s love letter to us – a letter where every page is filled with God’s message of love, mercy, and salvation. If God is the Lover, then we are His Beloved! When we attentively listen to the Word of God, we receive the grace that enables us to deepen our faith, to foster a more personal encounter with the Lord, and to be empowered to live our spiritual life more faithfully.

Once we have become mindful of God’s love for us through his revealed Word, God then invites us into a personal, intimate communion with him through the Liturgy of the Eucharist. **The Liturgy of the Eucharist consists of: 1) the Presentation of the Gifts, 2) Preparation of the Altar, 3) Prayer over the Gifts** (a prayer the priest offers over the bread and wine, invoking the Holy Spirit to bless and sanctify them, transforming them into the Body and Blood of Christ), **4) Eucharistic Prayer** (the central prayer of the Liturgy, during which the consecration takes place, and the institution narrative is said), **5) Acclamation, 6) Great Amen, 7) the Lord’s Prayer, 8) Sign of Peace, 9) the Breaking of the Bread** (a symbolic gesture of Christ’s sacrifice and His presence among his people), **10) Communion Rite** (whereby the faithful are invited to receive Holy Communion), **11) Prayer After Communion.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the central and most sacred moment of the Mass for it is during this moment when we encounter Christ, receive his grace, and become united with him in faith and love. This is the profound moment where Christ nourishes, sustains, sanctifies us with his very Self in the Holy Communion – the manna that comes down from heaven – as we continue our spiritual journey towards God.

After being nourished by the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, we come to **the Concluding Rite of the Mass, which consists of: 1) the Final Blessing, and 2) the Dismissal.** The Concluding Rite is really about Mission and Service! The priest blesses the people to remind them that God’s love and presence continues to remain with them, even after they have departed from his church. The priest dismisses the faithful and commissions them to go out into the world and live their baptismal call as disciples of Christ with the words, “*Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your Life*”. The Concluding Rite effectively is a transition that moves the faithful from worship to mission, from receiving God’s grace to sharing it with others, from being nourished by the Eucharist to being ambassadors of Christ in the world!

As you can see by this short reflection, every part of the Mass has its own significance and purpose, which the faithful can only fully benefit from when he/she attends Mass from the beginning to the end. A person, who arrives after Mass has begun, or when the Penitential Act is being said, or while the various parts of the Liturgy of the Word are being read, or when the altar is being prepared for the celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, or leaves before the Final Blessing and Dismissal... such a person is essentially robbing himself/herself from a full encounter with the Lord! The Lord who wants nothing more than to bless him/her with the fullness of his love and grace!

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

# Dear Padre

June 16, 2024

**Why did Jesus always speak in parables? Why didn't he give us clearer answers?**

Parables are short, relatable stories. Their simple images or comparisons convey a moral or religious lesson and put us in touch with the mystery of God and ourselves. Thus, parables confront the hearer or reader with a radical choice to enter God's kingdom: "One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to 'know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 13:11). For those who stay 'outside,' everything remains enigmatic" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 546).

About a third of Jesus' recorded teachings are in parable form. After the Pharisees rejected Jesus (Matthew 12:14), he immediately changed his straightforward preaching to parables. This fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]" (Matthew 13:35; see Psalm 78:2).

Parables are intended to reveal as much about us as they do about God. As John Shea writes in *Stories of God*, "God not only loves to hear our stories, God loves to tell stories. And, quite simply, we are the story God tells." In the telling, we ourselves are told. The timeless, universal stories of Jesus speak to us at different stages of life and provide multiple levels of meaning to the open-hearted. ●

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.

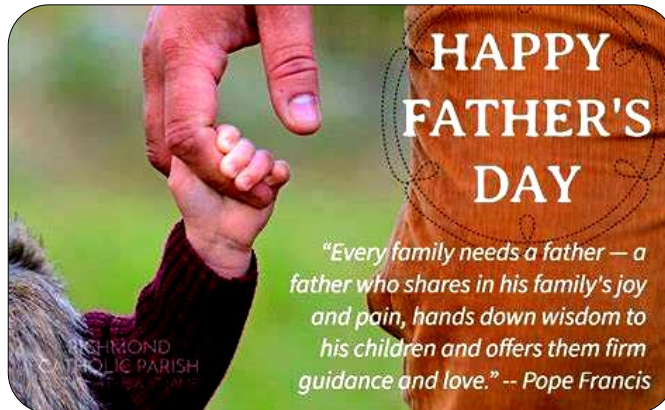


*"Make sickness itself a Prayer"*  
~ St. Francis de Sales ~



Vocation Reflection ~ "Today's readings remind us that great things often have small beginnings. If you feel 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.

Stewardship Reflection ~ In today's Gospel we hear about the parable of the mustard seed in which Jesus explains that the tiniest seed can grow into the largest tree that houses many birds of the air. The mustard seed represents the Gospel message that began with a few people 2000 years ago and has now spread all over the world. As stewards, we should play our part in helping the tree continue to grow through the gift of our time and talents.



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**  
"Every family needs a father – a father who shares in his family's joy and pain, hands down wisdom to his children and offers them firm guidance and love." -- Pope Francis

## Campus Ministry Alumni Events

Are you a graduate of a GTA university or college? Would you like to discover how the campus ministry at your school meets the spiritual needs of students today? Connect with the campus ministry community to build a network of prayer, friendship and support at this link: <https://bit.ly/CampusMinistryAlumniConnections>.



**YEAR OF PRAYER** On January 21, 2024, Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the 2025 Jubilee, calling on the faithful "to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God." For resources visit: [www.archtoronto.org/prayer](http://www.archtoronto.org/prayer)

**MIRAM SUMMER CAMP for Girls**  
Grades 1-5 July 20-21 & August 10-11  
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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](#).



**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