

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.

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 23, 2024

Mark 4:35-41



“Even the wind and sea obey Him ...”

Jesus certainly seems to have chosen a pretty dim and unappreciative group of disciples. They do call Him ‘Master’, but after all these wonders they still don’t really trust Him, and have no hesitation about addressing Him rudely and brusquely. Did you say, ‘Just like me’? Well, perhaps I am just as untrusting. We often behave as though Jesus were quietly snoozing, quite unconcerned about our troubles and concerns, as we struggle hopelessly, up to our necks in the mud and sinking rapidly. However, once Jesus’ attention has been roused, once they have put their trust in Him, He effortlessly remedies the situation. There is surely an echo of the prophet Jonah, who was sleeping through the storm and was awakened by the sailors to provide a solution.

The story is shaped in such a way that there is also a strong reminiscence of Psalm 106(107).23-30:

Some went down to the sea in ships, to trade on the mighty waters.

These have seen the deeds of the LORD, the wonders he does in the deep.

For he spoke and raised up the storm-wind, tossing high the waves of the sea that surged to heaven and dropped to the depths. Their souls melted away in their distress.

They staggered and reeled like a drunkard, for all their skill was gone.

Then they cried to the LORD in their need, and he rescued them from their distress.

He stilled the storm to a whisper, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

They rejoiced because of the calm, and he led them to the haven they desired.

The purpose of this reminiscence is obviously to show that Jesus is acting as only God could act.

In questo brano tutto è volto a descrivere la situazione dell’umanità nella sua lenta storia e tutto mira ad annunciare il piano divino che il Figlio di Dio vuole realizzare. È venuta la sera: la notte della paura e del dubbio; la fine del giorno e delle sue effimere certezze. Gesù invita la sua Chiesa a prendere il largo e a “passare” all’altra riva. Si tratta di un invito alla Pasqua che è un “passaggio”: passaggio del mar Rosso per il popolo eletto, liberato dalla schiavitù e condotto alla libertà; passaggio dalla morte per il Figlio dell’uomo liberato dal peccato e condotto alla gloria. L’altra riva è la riva di Dio, la riva che non si vede e di cui Gesù rivela il cammino (Gv 14,4). La barca che attraversa il lago con i discepoli e Gesù è la Chiesa. Come l’arca di Noè, essa è stata costruita appositamente per “passare”. Ma scoppia una tempesta. Le forze del male si scatenano contro di essa. La barca si riempie d’acqua, qui simbolo di morte: l’acqua toglie il respiro all’uomo. Il male lotta contro lo Spirito. E Gesù dorme. L’assenza di Gesù pesa enormemente sul cuore dei fedeli: non vedendo Gesù, hanno paura e giungono persino a pensare che non sarebbero mai riusciti a compiere la traversata e che non avrebbero mai dovuto prendere il largo su quella barca. Ma la preghiera insistente dei fedeli, che lo chiamano, viene sentita da Gesù. Si sveglia. Egli è là, come ha promesso (Mt 28,20). Gesù salva la sua Chiesa da tutte le tempeste che minacciano di farla affondare. Gesù non rimprovera il fatto che non lo si sia svegliato subito, ma biasima invece la mancanza di fede. Bisogna pregarlo, e pregarlo con fede. La paura di morire, che è negativa, viene allora sostituita dal timore di Dio, che è l’obbedienza dei fedeli al loro Salvatore. Questa è la nostra situazione: la debolezza della nostra imbarcazione trae forza dalla presenza di Cristo: egli ci fa passare.



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!

St. John Bosco: “Make frequent visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the devil will be powerless against you.”



Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY JUNE 22ND – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Antonio Scarano

SUNDAY JUNE 23RD – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - The Fernandes Family

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Intenzioni di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Vito & Mike Cuoppo

Luigi e Maria D’Addario

Gaetano Lopresti-Costantino

Angelo Baroni

Antonio Galio

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

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Holy Souls In Purgatory

MONDAY JUNE 24TH – LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Michael & Maria Abreu

12:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

TUESDAY JUNE 25TH – MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Emmanuel Cruz

12:00 P.M. - Theresa Burlton

WEDNESDAY JUNE 26TH – MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Marita Espedido

- Shannon & Reuben Valladares

- Shalom & Michael Valladares

- Joaquim De Jesus

12:00 P.M. + Richard & Anamaria Neilson

THURSDAY JUNE 27TH – GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. - Maria Georgina Jose

8:30 A.M. + Mary Seeman

FRIDAY JUNE 28TH – VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. + P-G-A Manca

7:00 P.M. - Theresa Burlton

SATURDAY JUNE 29TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Ruby Jardine

10:00 A.M. - Pro Populo



Offerory Last Week:

Regular: \$5,906.90

Building Fund: \$3,030.60

Thank you

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Dear Friends in Christ, as summer comes upon us, allow me to offer a modern biography of our Patron Saint, Lawrence of Martyr, whose feast we celebrate on August 10th. The following account is attributed to Fr. Francesco Moraglia, Professor of Dogmatic Theology, Genoa.

“Lawrence is believed to have been born in Spain, at Osca, a town in Aragon, near the foot of the Pyrenees. As a youth he was sent to Saragoza to complete his humanistic and theological studies. It was here that he first encountered the future Pope Sixtus II, who was of Greek origin. He was a teacher in what was then one of the most renowned centres of learning. The future Pope was one of the most famous and esteemed teachers.

Lawrence, who would subsequently become the head of the deacons of the Roman Church, was remarkable for his human qualities, his subtlety of mind and for his intelligence. Between master and disciple, a communion of life and friendship grew. With the passage of time a love for Rome, the centre of Christianity and seat of the Vicar of Christ was consolidated and grew stronger in both. Eventually, following a migratory wave which was then very pronounced, both left Spain for the City where the Apostle Peter had established his See and given supreme witness. Thus Master and disciple were able to realize their ideal of evangelization and missionary activity to the point of shedding their blood, in Rome, the heart of Christianity.

Sixtus was raised to the Chair of Peter and began a pontificate that would last for less than a year. Without hesitation, he desired to have Lawrence, his friend and disciple, at his side so as to entrust to him the important office of proto-deacon. Both sealed their life of communion and friendship by dying at the hands of the same persecutor, a few days apart from each other.

St Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, preserves an account of the death of St Sixtus in one of his letters. Commenting on the situation of great uncertainty and unease in which the Church found herself because of increasing hostility towards Christians, he notes: ‘The Emperor Valerian has consigned to the Senate a decree by which he has determined that all Bishops, Priests and Deacons will be immediately put to death’. Cyprian then continues: ‘I communicate to you that Sixtus suffered martyrdom on 6 August together with four Deacons while they were in a cemetery. The Roman authorities have established a norm according to which all Christians who have been denounced must be executed and their goods confiscated by the Imperial treasury’ (CSEL 3, 839-840).

The cemetery to which the holy Bishop of Carthage alludes is that of St. Callixtus. Sixtus was captured here while celebrating the Sacred Liturgy. His remains were entered in the cemetery of St. Calixtus after his martyrdom.

In his De Officiis (1, 41, 205-207) we have Ambrose’s particularly eloquent account of the martyrdom of St Lawrence [...] Ambrose dwells, firstly, on the encounter and dialogue of Lawrence and Sixtus. He alludes to the distribution of the Church’s goods to the poor and ends by mentioning the grid-iron, the instrument of Lawrence’s torture, and remarks on the phrase which the proto-Deacon of the Roman Church addresses to his torturers: “assum est...versa et manduca” [“I am done... turn me over and eat”] (cf. Bibliotheca Sanctorum ..., col 1538-1539).

We shall dwell on the Ambrosian text of the De Officiis (Cap. 41, nn. 205-206-207), which is very moving in its intensity and strength of expression. Thus writes St Ambrose: “St Lawrence wept when he saw his Bishop, Sixtus, led out to his martyrdom. He wept not because he was being let out to die but because he would survive Sixtus. He cried out to him in a loud voice: ‘Where are you going Father, without your son? Where do you hasten to, holy Bishop, without your Deacon? You cannot offer sacrifice without a minister. Father, are you displeased with something in me? Do you think me unworthy? Show us a sign that you have found a worthy minister. Do you not wish that he to whom you gave the Lord’s blood and with whom you have shared the sacred mysteries should spill his own blood with you? Beware that in your praise your own judgment should not falter. Despise the pupil and shame the Master. Do not forget that great and famous men are victorious more in the deeds of their disciples than in their own. Abraham made sacrifice of his own son, Peter instead sent Stephen. Father, show us your own strength in your sons; sacrifice him whom you have raised, to attain eternal reward in that glorious company, secure in your judgment”.

“In reply Sixtus says: ‘I will not leave you, I will not abandon you my son. More difficult trials are kept for you. A shorter race is set for us who are older. For you who are young a more glorious triumph over tyranny is reserved. Soon, you will see, cry no more, after three days you will follow me. It is fitting that such an interval should be set between Bishop and Levite. It would not have been fitting for you to die under the guidance of a martyr, as though you needed help from him. Why do you want to share in my martyrdom? I leave its entire inheritance to you. Why do you need me present? The weak pupil precedes the master, the strong, who have no further need of instruction, follow and conquer without him. Thus Elijah left Elisha. I entrust the success of my strength to you”.

“This was the contest between them which was worthy of a Bishop and of a Deacon: who would be the first to die for Christ.... In the case of Lawrence, nothing urged him to offer himself as a victim but the desire to be a holocaust for Christ. Three days after the death of Sixtus, while the terror raged, Lawrence would be burned on the grid-iron: ‘This side is done, turn and eat’. With such strength of soul, he conquered the flames of the fire” (Ambrose, De Officiis).

Next Corner, I will offer Lawrence’s final dialogue with the Roman Prefect – one rooted in Christian tradition – which led to his eventual martyrdom in Rome. Pax Christi, Fr. Thomas

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Dear Padre

June 23, 2024

Do those who have died really remember us?

There are many clear indications in the Bible that the saints in heaven are aware of us and that there is interaction between those in heaven and people on earth. The most obvious passage is found in Hebrews 12:1: "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses (those in heaven), let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us." By their prayers, those in the "cloud of witnesses" help us finish the race.

Saint Paul wrote, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us" (Romans 8:18). We will "forget" the troubles we endured on earth, but we will be aware of the sufferings of those who are still on earth, and we will want to help them. Why? Because the greatest happiness, as Jesus said, is in giving (Acts 20:35).

The saints in heaven pray for us on earth; union with them brings us closer to Christ. We pray for those who are being purified after death, and they pray for us. We are one family. The closer our union with God, the closer our union with one another. We have a wonderful goal in life: the promise of union with God and with all those joined to God. ●

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PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

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



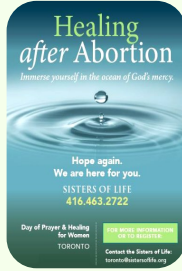
"Make sickness itself a Prayer"

~ St Francis de Sales ~



Vocation Reflection ~ Jesus brought peace to the wind and the sea. "Peace! Be still!" Many are searching for this peace and need your help to find Jesus. Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God's love and presence in your life as a priest, religious or permanent deacon? If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Stewardship Reflection ~ In Gospel today we hear the account of Jesus asleep on the boat despite a harrowing storm raging all around. Jesus slept through the wind, waves, rain, and noise, but awoke immediately when the disciples came to Him for help. In the midst of the storms of our lives, when we think we are all alone, we should turn to Jesus for help and He will speedily come to our aid.



**Day of Prayer and Healing
July 27, 2024 (9:30 am to 5:30 pm)**

Healing After Abortion: Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. This day includes a testimony of mercy, times of prayer, lunch, the opportunity for Confession and Mass. There is no fee.

For more details, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (416) 463-2722 or reach us by email at toronto@sistersoflife.org

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>.



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St Scholastica: "I asked you and you would not listen; so I asked my God and He did listen."



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](#).



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