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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:

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.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 23, 2025

Luke 13:1-9

If you do not repent, you will perish as they did.



The events mentioned in the earlier part of the reading, Pilate's slaughter of worshippers and the collapse of a tower at Siloam (where the gigantic stones of the ancient wall of Jerusalem can still be seen), are not mentioned elsewhere in history. To make the latter case worse, the Galileans could well have been staying in Jerusalem to celebrate a festival. They serve as useful

examples of unexpected death and so of the need to be prepared. People can be sagacious about little things in life and blind to more important aspects. Luke has been repeatedly conveying this message by less specific and more general exhortations in this section of the Gospel.

The need for conversion, and above all the persevering patience of God, are lessons which have been stressed throughout Luke's Gospel from the preaching of John the Baptist onwards. Especially stressed is the joyful welcome offered to the repentant sinner by God (in the story of the Prodigal Son, the lost sheep and lost coin) and by Jesus (the welcome to Zacchaeus and to the 'Good Thief'). After this it is neat that Luke omits the story of the cursing of the barren fig-tree (Mark 11.12; Matthew 21.28); for him the fig-tree is a symbol of hope, not of disaster.

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L'uomo non è stato creato per rovinarsi la vita. Non si può neanche immaginare che, fornito di ragione, egli lo desideri. E tuttavia tutto sembra svolgersi in modo che ciò avvenga, a tale punto che si arriva a dubitare dei propri desideri di pienezza e perfino a negare la loro possibilità. Un fatto nuovo è accaduto nella storia, che "molti profeti e re hanno voluto vedere e non hanno visto, e udire e non hanno udito". Una Presenza inevitabile, provocatoria, di un'autorità fino ad allora sconosciuta, che ha il potere di risvegliare nel cuore dell'uomo i suoi desideri più veri; un Uomo che si riconosce facilmente come la Via, la Verità e la Vita per raggiungere la propria completezza. Il momento è quindi decisivo, grave. Quest'uomo chiama tutti quelli che sono con lui a definire la propria vita davanti a lui. Ma c'è un'ultima e misteriosa resistenza dell'uomo proprio davanti a colui di cui ha più bisogno.

Bisogna quindi ingaggiare una battaglia definitiva perché l'uomo ritrovi il gusto della libertà. E Cristo lotterà fino alla morte, per dare "una dolce speranza e per concedere dopo i peccati la possibilità di pentirsi" (cf. Sap 12,19).

Ma non tentiamo di ingannarci. Ci troviamo nelle ultime ore decisive. Cristo può, in un ultimo momento di pazienza, prolungare il termine, come fa per il fico della parabola, ma non lo prolungherà in eterno!



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 MARCH 22ND - SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Jean & Peter Lockyer

SUNDAY MARCH 23RD - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Percilia C Solomon-Copland

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Alfredo Fugaccia - Giulia Benedetti

Tony Lamanna - Antonio Savella

Benito Cortese

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Luigi e Maria D'Addario

Maria Romagnuolo

Rocco e Saveria Mastrangelo e famiglia

Lorenzo-Giovanna Romagnuolo e famiglia

Giovani Colangelo

11:30 A.M. - For All The Clergy

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Lukasz Kielbowicz

MONDAY MARCH 24TH - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. - Wren Artemis Bagasan

12:00 P.M. - Stephen Griffith

TUESDAY MARCH 25TH - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Beatrice & Antonio Di Serio

12:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

WEDNESDAY MARCH 26TH - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Fr. Ralph Paonessa O.F.M.

+ Harriet Capalla

+ Jimmy Foronda

+ Wilfredo Bayucot

- Rolly Santiago

12:00 P.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY MARCH 27TH - GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Francis Lobo

8:30 A.M. + Carmencita/Roperto Gamboa

FRIDAY MARCH 28TH - VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Anna Menna

7:00 P.M. + Doreen Burlton

SATURDAY MARCH 29TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Luigi & Angela Di Serio

10:00 A.M. - For The Unborn Children



OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$6,269.95

Bell Tower: \$8,520.65



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 23, 2025



Dear friends in Christ, during the past two Sundays of Lent, our reflections have been on Jesus' temptation in the desert and his transfiguration on Mt. Tabor. As we continue our Lenten journey, our focus over the remaining few weeks will turn toward the call to conversion – metanoia!

During my priestly ministries, I have met countless people who have had a hard time embracing the call to conversion. There are some, for example, who start with a good intention to change their lives. These individuals, who have a good disposition of heart, readily accept God's invitation to change and come out of the starting spiritual gates with much vigour. However, their excitement quickly fades once the going gets tough. They remind me of the countless people, who readily make various resolutions at the beginning of the New Year, only to quit a few days, weeks, or months later because it is too hard to continue!

Then there are those individuals who want to change, only not today... maybe one day in the future. St. Augustine was guilty of this mindset when he made his famous plea to God for chastity: *"Grant me chastity and continence, but not yet"* (cf. Confessions, Book 8, Chapter 7). Augustine's plea manifest how difficult his internal struggle was in turning away from his sinful lifestyle, given his propensity towards sexual pleasure. His desire to fully follow God was impeded by his past desires, thus showing us the tension between his will and his weakness. Although Augustine ultimately embraced the call to metanoia, and eventually became one of the Church's greatest saints, one cannot help but think of the countless souls who for one reason or another never got around to changing their lives!

In this weekend's gospel from Luke, Jesus underlines the need for conversion by drawing a practical lesson from two historical events misinterpreted by the people of his time. The first event involved the slaughtering of numerous Galileans by Pilate as they were making sacrifices in the temple. The second concerned the accidental deaths of eighteen men during the collapse of the tower of Siloam. It is important to note that people from ancient times often attributed pain, suffering, mishaps and even death to the belief that it was due to the person's sinful state.

Jesus, however, corrects their misconceptions and misunderstandings. He uses these tragic events as a warning about the punishment that will come at the end of time and thus the urgent need to conversion. The fact that Jesus states on two different occasions, *"Unless you repent you will all likewise perish"* (Lk. 13:3), serves to underscore the fact that the call for conversion is an urgent one for all without exception! And those who readily accept God's invitation to change will not face justice and retribution, but love and mercy. The psalmist reminds us of this wonderful reality when he notes, *"It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity... who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy... The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love"* (Psl. 103)

While it is true that God is always patient towards us, the invitation to metanoia nevertheless is time sensitive; it does not last forever. To illustrate this point, Jesus uses the parable of a man who, having planted a fig tree in his vineyard, later returns to look for its fruit. Symbolically, the fig tree is a person; a lack of fruit implies his lack of repentance; and good works represent signs of repentance. When the man could not find any fruit from the tree, he instructs his gardener to cut it down. His gardener, however, asks him to give the tree some more time in the hopes that it might produce fruit; in the event that it fails to produce any fruit during this time, he would cut it down. These last few sentences should cause us to pause and reflect because they are intended to convey the urgent call for conversion – a need to turn away from sin and towards God.

The Catechism reminds us that *"Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time, it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace. This conversion of heart is accompanied by a salutary pain and sadness, which the Fathers called animi cruciatus (affliction of spirit) and compunctio cordis (repentance of heart)"* (CCC 1431).

Lent then is a good time for us to reflect upon Jesus' invitation towards repentance. He invites us to turn away from sin, and to return to God with all our heart. His invitation is time sensitive however; it expires with our inevitable death. Let us act then now! Not later! Not tomorrow! Today! By doing so, we reduce the danger of finding ourselves eternally separate from the love of God! Pax Christi, Fr. Thomas



THE CROSS OF CHRIST

ORIGINAL ORATORIO BY ROMULO DELGADO

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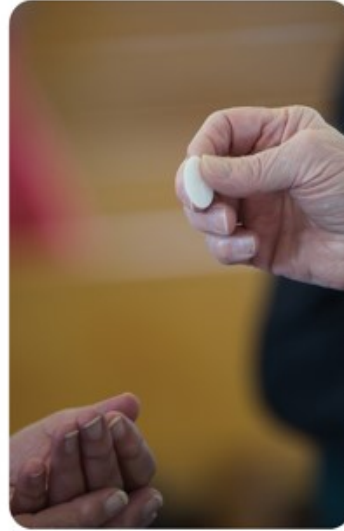
Dear Padre,

May I receive Communion if I'm divorced and haven't gotten an annulment?

Yes, you may. Divorce, in itself, is not an impediment to the reception of Communion. Divorce, although regrettable because of the many ramifications that may be part of the experience, is not in itself a sin. There are situations when divorce may be the most loving choice and make it possible for all parties involved to live the lives God is calling them to live.

Remarriage, when a person is not free to marry because of the presence of a previous bond, is an impediment to the reception of holy Communion. Although this situation is more and more common, it does not mean that the law of the Church, representative of the teaching of Jesus, can be set aside. As part of the process of healing from your divorce and moving on with your life, you may want to seek an annulment, particularly if you think you might want to marry again. The annulment process can often be healing and a source of great blessing. It also provides a rare opportunity to reflect on what was lost as a result of the original divorce and what can be learned as a way of moving forward and building a second marriage that is strong and life-giving. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



LENT Friday Schedule

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



Sponsor an Easter Flower:

For parishioners who wanted to sponsor an easter flower pot for the altar... in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, prices are:



- Lilies: \$30~10" \ \$20~8" \ \$10~6"
 - Pink/blue Hydrangeas: \$30~10" \ \$20~6"
- Please visit or call the office.

You Oh Lord, Who prepared
my place for my soul,
prepare my soul for that place.



Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry

Next weekend is ShareLife Sunday.
Our parish goal this year is \$40,000.

For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The FoodShare program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall "is a lifeline for families," says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. "It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be."

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



PARISH DAY OF CONFESSION
FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH 9 AM - 12 PM & 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH 1 PM - 6 PM

The Easter Triduum

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday

April 17th

Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet

3:30 pm ~ Latin	7:00 pm ~ English
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
until 12:00 Midnight

Good Friday

April 18th

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

11:00 am ~ English	3:00 pm ~ English
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1:00 pm ~ Italian	8:00 pm ~ Latin
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7:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross (English)

Holy Saturday

April 19th

No Saturday 5 pm Mass

8:00 pm ~ Easter Vigil Mass (English)	
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Easter Sunday

April 20th

8:30 am ~ English	11:30 am ~ English
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10:00 am ~ Italian	1:00 pm ~ Latin
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No Sunday 5 pm Mass



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

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 ~

