

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.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ APRIL 6, 2025

John 8:1-11



Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.

This is an independent, floating story which does not fit well into the Gospel of John. In early manuscripts of the Gospels it floats around in various positions before it becomes anchored as an example of Jesus' saying just before, 'Our Law does not allow us to pass judgement on anyone without first giving him a hearing' (John 7:51).

What did Jesus write on the ground, or was he just doodling to allow the accusers time to reflect on their self-righteousness? It is made clear throughout the Gospel of Luke that you cannot be a follower of Christ without first admitting your sinfulness. Peter in the boat tells Jesus to leave, for he is a sinner. Zacchaeus promises to make multiple restitution for his embezzlements. The woman at the supper weeps for her sins at Jesus' feet.

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E' vicino il momento in cui Cristo farà la rivelazione più radicale - e la più incomprensibile per l'uomo - della sua potenza: morire sulla croce. È uno "scandalo per gli Ebrei, follia per i popoli pagani" (1Cor 1,23).

Già prima Gesù aveva parlato ai suoi discepoli della croce, che li stupì e confuse. Quello che osservavano, nel comportamento sociale, è che l'uomo utilizza la debolezza degli altri per affermare il proprio potere. Ma Gesù diceva loro: "I re delle nazioni... e coloro che hanno il potere su di esse si fanno chiamare benefattori. Per voi però non sia così" (Lc 22,25). E i farisei che pretendono di usare una povera donna, colta in flagrante delitto di adulterio, per compromettere Gesù, gli danno in effetti l'occasione di insegnare con un esempio i suoi nuovi metodi.

In primo luogo Gesù mette in evidenza l'ipocrisia dei farisei: "Chi di voi è senza peccato scagli per primo la pietra. Dopo, toglie loro qualsiasi argomentazione. Mette in evidenza la loro ignoranza colpevole della legge che insegna che Dio, essendo potente sovrano, giudica con moderazione e governa con indulgenza, perché egli opera tutto ciò che vuole (Sal 115,3). Infine - e questo è il punto più importante del Vangelo -, Gesù insegna alle folle che non esiste più grande manifestazione di potere che il perdono. La morte stessa non ha un così grande potere. In effetti, solo il potere di Cristo, che muore crocifisso per amore, è capace di dare la vita. E soltanto il potere che serve a dare la vita è vero potere.



Vocation Reflection ~ What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

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 APRIL 5TH - SABATO
 5:00 P.M. - Vincenzo Zarcone & Family

SUNDAY APRIL 6TH - DOMENICA
 8:30 A.M. + Jett Gallenero
 10:00 A.M. (Italian)
 Susanna e Gianni Onisto/ Concetta Lembo
 Pietro Elvira Fugaccia/Rosario Vella/Teresa Luisi
 Vito Sciuto e famiglia/ Vito e Mike Cuoppolo
 Agostino Battaglia e Battaglia e Garofalo
 Franco Elisabetta Sinopoli /Vito DeNardo
 Defunti famiglie Longo e Russo
 Defunti Famiglie Tamburro e Caccavella
 Albertino Beccati/Edmondo Marianna Dela Siepe
 Natalie Cippone Annarosa e Pasquale Volpe
 Dora Cuoppolo/Maria Romano/Elisabetta Barbieri
 Maria Ciraco/Luigi, Giovanni e Ligina De Rose
 Francesco Falsetti famiglia/ Vincenza Di Tacchio

11:30 A.M. + Gavino Manca
 1:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo
 5:00 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners

MONDAY APRIL 7TH - LUNEDI
 8:30 A.M. - Geraldine Cruz
 12:00 P.M. + Salcino Dominguez

TUESDAY APRIL 8TH - MARTEDI
 8:30 A.M. + Michele Di Petta
 12:00 P.M. + Holy Sous in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY APRIL 9TH - MERCOLEDI
 8:30 A.M. + Frank, Teresia & Joseph Lovrek
 - Filip Geljo
 - Otto Lam & Family
 12:00 P.M. + Maria Ha

THURSDAY APRIL 9TH - GIOVEDI
 7:00 A.M. - Michael De Souza
 8:30 A.M. - Sarah Tumaliuan

FRIDAY APRIL 10TH - VENERDI
 8:30 A.M. - Norma & Loreanno Cruz
 7:00 P.M. + Sonia Sava

SATURDAY APRIL 11TH - SABATO
 8:30 A.M. - Agatha Lim
 10:00 A.M. - Beatrice De Souza

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$5,248.25
 ShareLife #1: \$7,304.35

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ APRIL 6, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ, this is the homily that I gave at Poe's funeral, which was held on Thursday, April 3rd, 2025 at Prince of Peace Parish in Scarborough.

"Dear brother and sisters in Christ, over the fifteen years of my priestly ministry, I have had the privilege of celebrating the funeral Masses of numerous Catholics from all walks of life. Sometimes it would be a challenge to preach these Masses, since I often knew very little about the life stories of the deceased persons. This will not be the case today, however, as I preach for my brother-in-law, Poe.

Given my closeness and fondness for Poe, I suppose there is a danger that my thoughts and words might be impacted by the sadness and loss, which I personally feel at his recent passing. Anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one knows how quickly the sting of death can strike at the heart, especially when it comes so suddenly and unexpectedly. One can become so profoundly impacted by it that it becomes hard to see anything else. It is as if one can only see the tree of sorrow that stands before him and not the expansive forest that lays behind it.

This is exactly what happened to Mary Magdalene in today's Gospel passage from St. John. When Mary Magdalene witnessed the painful crucifixion and death of her beloved master, Jesus Christ, she was undoubtedly overwhelmed with a profound sense of sorrow. Compelled by her great love for Jesus, Mary went to the tomb that Easter morning and found it empty. She wept outside, then saw two angels who asked her why she was crying. When Mary turned and saw Jesus, she did not recognize Him at first and mistook Him for the gardener. She was incapable of recognizing Jesus standing before her because she was blinded by her loss. It was only, when Jesus called her by name, that Mary realized that it was the Lord and then she exclaimed, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus told her not to cling to Him, because He had not yet ascended to the Father, and He instructed her to go and tell the disciples of His resurrection.

This historical event which took place two thousand years ago is instructive for us as we gather to mourn the death of our brother, Poe. Jesus calls each of us by name and invites us to not become too focus on the tree of sorrow that stands before us, but to see the forest of God's love and mercy that lays beyond it; a forest that can only be seen through the eyes of faith!

It is through the eyes of faith that enables us to mourn as people with hope. In our Creed, we profess Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, born of the Virgin Mary, crucified, died, buried, risen, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. It is precisely through Our Lord's Paschal mystery - his death and resurrection - that we can confidently pray for Poe and commend the repose of his soul to the mercy of God.

It is through the eyes of faith that we can give thanks to God for the countless blessings that he bestowed upon Poe throughout his life. Although he was initially raised a Buddhist, Poe was received into the Catholic Church in this parish of Prince of Peace. We thank the Lord for nourishing him with His Body and Blood in the Eucharist, and for his countless acts of mercy in the confessional. We thank the Lord for the sacramental grace of marriage to Maria, my sister; a marriage almost 40 years long had Poe lived to July 6th of this year.

Someone once told me that one day Poe came to see my mom to ask for permission to marry Maria. My mom asked if he was sure she was the one. She said, "You know, Maria can be feisty right? And once you take her, you cannot return her back to me, right?" Well, Poe remained true to his words because he never returned Maria to mom.

Over the years, faith became an essential part of Poe's life, especially in light of the many health issues and crosses that he was forced to endure. Poe became particularly devoted to St. Joseph and began to make an annual pilgrimage to the oratory in Montreal in order to seek his intercession. It was on what would be his final pilgrimage to the oratory last September that Poe began to experience signs of discomfort. When he returned to Toronto a few days later, Poe suffered bleeding in the brain and was hospitalized on his birthday September 26th. He died exactly six months later on March 26th. Throughout these last six months of his life, Poe patiently embraced his cross and remained steadfast in his faith.

Through the eyes of faith, we look to the forest of God's love and mercy as we pray for the one we love and admire, whose absence pains us today. We thank the Lord for His atoning life, death, and life-giving resurrection. While Jesus died and rose for each of us, today we thank Our Lord especially that He died and rose for Poe.

Although Poe practiced his Catholic faith, Christ had not yet been perfected in him. Our faith tells us that only those, who have been cleansed of all imperfections and sins, can see the face of God. And so we pray that God will continue to perform his final work of perfecting Poe by freeing him from all encumbrance of sin.

The invitation to look beyond the tree of sorrow means that we need to also look at our place in eternity, that is, our own place in God's forest of love! As we pray for Poe's quick entrance into the Father's eternal home, we need to be mindful of our own state of life.

The funeral liturgy reminds us how thin the veil is between this world and the next, between time and eternity, between the need of quickly embracing the call to conversion and the moment of our judgment. Poe's sudden death is a reminder that our own death can come at any moment! And so we need to allow ourselves to be touched and change by the grace of God. While we should still ask God to be merciful and good to Poe, let us also be attentive of those realities for our own lives. May this brief encounter with eternity change us, help us to turn away from sin and turn towards the Lord!

As we continue the celebration of the Eucharist, let us then brothers and sisters look beyond the tree of sorrow that stands before us. Armed with the gift of our faith, may we look at the forest of God's immense love that lays beyond it; a love that the Lord offered not only to our brother Poe, for whom we pray this morning, but also for each one of us!"

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



THE CROSS OF CHRIST
ORIGINAL ORATORIO BY ROMULO DELGADO

TICKETS @ <https://bit.ly/CrossOfChrist2025>



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ APRIL 6, 2025



Needs of the Holy Land Special
Collection on Good Friday,
April 18, 2025

These funds are used for the upkeep of the sanctuaries and to help with pastoral work, Catholic schools and social assistance in the Holy Land.

Thank you for your generosity;



MEN & WOMEN
SILENT IGNATIAN
RETREAT WEEKEND



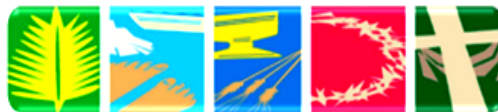
April 25 - 27, 2025

**Openness to Christ' words:
A Path of encounter and conversion.**

Facilitated by Fr. Jean-Francky Guerrier, SJ

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PARISH DAY OF CONFESSION
FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH 9AM - 12PM & 2:00PM - 6:30PM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH 1PM - 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
1:00 pm - Italian	8:00 pm - Latin

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (English)

Holy Saturday

April 19th

No Saturday 5 pm Mass

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass (English)

Easter Sunday

April 20th

8:30 am - English	11:30 am - English
10:00 am - Italian	1:00 pm - Latin

No Sunday 5 pm Mass



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



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

Dear Padre,

A friend of mine told me he was looking forward to celebrating the Triduum. What does that word mean?

The word *triduum* is a Latin word meaning "three days." In this context, it refers to the paschal Triduum: the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when we celebrate Christianity's most sacred events—the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The official beginning of the paschal Triduum takes place the evening of Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. This day is also referred to as Maundy Thursday, because Jesus gives a command (*mandatum*) to his followers to be an example of love and service to others. The Mass of the Lord's Supper ends in stillness as the tabernacle is emptied, and the altar is stripped bare. The priests, ministers, and congregation then exit in silence. Good Friday is a day of somber quiet as we relive the passion and death of Jesus. The service centers on the solemn veneration of the cross. Holy Saturday is characterized by a spirit of waiting and quiet anticipation until the festive Easter Vigil, celebrated in the evening, when the Church comes alive with the new Light of Christ and catechumens are joyfully received into the eucharistic community. These are the Christian high holy days. ●



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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 ~

