ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

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Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. The person who loves their life loses it, and the person who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.



"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from beaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An Angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

MARCH 21, 2021 – 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

GOSPEL SUMMARY:



In today's Gospel, Jesus announces, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." But this glorification will take place only after his suffering and Death on the Cross. Jesus uses the example of a grain of wheat that only produces fruit when it falls to the ground and dies. He promises that those who die to themselves by serving him will know the reward of eternal life.

REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:

Draw a timeline of your life in five- or ten-year increments (from birth to age ten, from age ten to age twenty, from age twenty to age thirty, and so forth). Leave room on the timeline to note any experiences of suffering, pain, and sorrow that you recall. Perhaps one of your parents died at a young age, a favorite pet died, your childhood friend moved away, or you lost your job.



After you complete your timeline, review it again and note the good that came after the times of suffering. Consider that two of the most important and most valuable lessons you can teach your children are to let go and to trust that good will come after or as a result of what may seem too difficult to bear.

MASSES - MESSE

SATURDAY MARCH 20TH – SABATO 5:00 P.M. – + Felice & Maria Tersigni

SUNDAY MARCH 21ST - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - + John Earl Singleton 10:00 A.M. – L'Intenzioni di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri, di Agostino e Nellina Battatlia e Joe Lamanna Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia Rosario Vella - Salvatore Porzio Mike e Vito Cuoppolo Rocco e Giuseppina Burdo Giuseppe Morra - Michelina Mosca Luca Caccamo - Carmela e Euplio Raffaele Giuseppe Canini e defunti famiglia Angelo Lamanna - Francesco Falsetti Antonietta Lamanna - L'Anime del Purgatorio 11:30 A.M. - + Peter & Jean Lockyer 1:30 P.M. - Pro Populo 5:00 P.M. - + John Ulich

MONDAY MARCH 22ND – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Tony Tersigni 11:00 A.M. – Michael Torres

TUESDAY MARCH 23RD – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Manuel Dungca 11:00 A.M. – Emelina Torres

WEDNESDAY MARCH 24TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Holy Souls In Purgatory 11:00 A.M. – Allyson Loo

THURSDAY MARCH 25TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. – + Deceased of Maria Georgina Jose 8:30 A.M. – + Sylvia Braganza

FRIDAY MARCH 26TH - VENERDI

8:30 A.M. – + Holy Souls In Purgatory 7:00 P.M. – + Deceased members Legion of Mary

SATURDAY MARCH 27TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M. – + Clarence Christiampillai 10:00 A.M. – Family of Agnes Leung





I'm a non-Catholic church secretary who receives questions about a Purgatorial Society. What is it?

'Those who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1054). This process of purification is known as purgatory. Saint Gregory the Great (540-604) wrote "certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come" (see Dialogues 4, 39). This forgiveness of sins granted after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

Because Catholics believe we're in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers and sacrifices benefit the deceased (see 2 Maccabees 12:38-46). Thus, a Purgatorial Society is a formal association of Catholics who offer prayers, Masses, and other works of charity to benefit the souls in purgatory. Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers to benefit the living. This mutual assistance affirms our belief in an earthly and heavenly Church forming one body in Christ.

Purgatorial societies were especially prevalent from the Middle Ages through the previous century, but they're currently seeing a revival in some church parishes and religious communities. Societies generally maintain a registry to enroll names of the deceased so that Masses are regularly offered for the holy souls in purgatory especially during the month of November.

-- Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR --

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Talk about recent or well-known news stories highlighting those who gave their lives so that others might live. Older family members will recall 9/11, and younger children may remember special collections they took part in for victims of hurricanes, fires, floods, and other natural disasters.

Go to organdonor.gov to find facts, inspiring reallife stories, and educational tools useful for talking with your family about the ways organ donors give of their lives so that others might live. Encourage family members age eighteen and older to register to be organ donors.

Pray for all who have given their lives so that others might live.



DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. A time of suffering, pain, and sorrow in my life was when...

2. As I look back on that time today, I feel...

3. A time in my life when something good came out of something awful was...

4. When I think of those who give their lives for others, I think of... because...

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FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Please remember in your prayers: those who are sick and for those who love and minister to them –John Miceli, Gianna Ramzi, Francisco William, Stephanie Solomon,



Antonio Sorbera, Bill Mattews, Vanessa Melone, Rosemarie Sorbera, Amelia Barroso, Joey Bagnato, Alicia Alvares, Charlie Abreu, Bill Cook.

VOCATION REFLECTION:

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call **Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director of Vocations,** Archdiocese of Toronto.

Tel No. 416-968-0997 Email <u>vocations@archtoronto.org</u> Website <u>https://www.vocationstoronto.ca</u>

THE PRIESTHOOD



THE VOCATION OF FEW, THE SALVATION OF MANY



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

Heart Speaks to Heart. As we approach Holy Week, the readings begin to point towards Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. His sacrifice was a sacrifice of love done to reconcile us with God. It is through His sacrifice that we now live in the new covenant between God and humanity. In the first reading, God tells the prophet Jeremiah, "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Through Jesus, a new covenant is formed. One that is not ruled by strict adherence to laws and regulations, but rather one that is based on living in the love of God. The Lord says that He will write the covenant on our hearts. For the Lord to insist on writing it on our hearts, He implies that this covenant will be extremely personal and intimate.

As stewards, we are called into a deep relationship and friendship with God. St. John Henry Newman's motto was "Cor ad cor loquitur", or "Heart speaks unto heart." He fully understood the depths and importance of what it means to be in an intimate relationship with God. Do we likewise try to foster a personal relationship with Christ? Jesus' life, death and resurrection forever changed the way we go to God in prayer. Let us strive to go to Him and bear our heart to Him, that we may be able to grow deeper in relationship with Christ.

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EASTER FLOWERS IN THANKSGIVING OR MEMORY OF LOVED ONES:

We have ordered an assortment of hydrangeas and lilies for Easter. If you would like to purchase one of these the cost is \$20. The potted plants will adorn the altar at Easter and during the Easter season which lasts 50 days. For further information please call the parish office.





PREPARING OUR FAMILIES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:

The crux of the Christian's faith is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In just a few weeks we will gather on Easter Sunday to celebrate that life-changing event that occurred in the history of God's sovereign plan to rescue and redeem a people for His praise. The week preceding Easter Sunday is traditionally referred to as Holy Week. It marks the end of Lent and reflects upon the final week of our Lord in His journey to the cross. It begins with Palm Sunday, leads up to Maundy Thursday, Good

Friday and Holy Saturday, and finds it's culmination on Resurrection Sunday. Each of these days within Holy Week depict a crucial event that occurred during Jesus' final week of His earthly ministry. As we consider Holy Week and Easter Sunday, I submit that these times of reflection and celebration are made most meaningful and immensely sweeter when we prepare our hearts and minds together as families. Practically, it can be as simple as reading through the Gospel accounts of these events each day with our families beginning with Jesus' Triumphal entry into Jerusalem and ending with the empty tomb and the ascension back with the Father. I pray your family will experience the fullness of Christ as you prepare for Holy Week and Easter.



ST. JOHN VIANNEY, "Ask our Lord for the grace to think only of him and to desire only to please him in all you do during your whole life."

ST. JOHN VIANNEY, "If you invoke the Blessed Virgin Mary when you are tempted, she will come at once to your help, and Satan will leave you."

ST. JOSE ESCRIVA "Take a look now at Calvary. Jesus has died and there is as yet no sign of his glorious triumph. It is a good time to examine how much we really want to live as Christians, to be holy. Here is our chance to react against our weaknesses with an act of faith. We can trust in God and resolve to put love into the things we do each day. The experience of sin should lead us to sorrow. We should make a more mature and deeper decision to be faithful and truly identify ourselves with Christ, persevering, no matter what it costs, in the priestly mission that he has given every single one of his disciples. That mission should spur us on to be the salt and light of the world." Christ is Passing By, 96

For your ongoing support of our parish, (including those for the St. Vincent de Paul) may be dropped off in person when the church is open for private prayer or sent through the mail.



SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES:

A set of offering envelopes will be prepared for you to pick up at the parish office.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING:

This new way of supporting the church is now being offered in our parish and many of our parishioners may find this method practical and convenient.



PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE (416-759-9359) FOR THE WAY OF GIVING THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU.

DONATE NOW:

Alternately we ask you to consider your support of the parish by a single or monthly donation through the "Donate now" button at <u>Archdiocese of Toronto (archtoronto.org)</u>.

May God continue to bless you now and always!

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Sunday Masses (Messe Domenicali)

5:00 pm

8:30 am

10:00 am

11:30 am

1:00 pm

5:00 pm

English

English

Italian

English

English

Latin

(Inglese)

(Inglese)

(Italiano)

(Inglese)

(Latino)

(Inglese)

Parish Groups

We invite you to consider joining a parish group. For more information, please call 416-759-9359.

- Altar Servers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Lectors
- Choir 5:00 pm English Mass
- Choir 10:00 am Italian Mass
- Choir 11:30 am English Mass
- Ushers
- St. Lawrence Women's Group...1st Sunday of every month after 8:30 am Mass
- St. Vincent de Paul Society (Helpline 416-410-3589)
 2nd and 4th Monday of each month
- The Craft Group...every Tuesday after 8:30 am Mass
- Knights of Columbus...3rd Monday of every month at 7:30 pm
- Legion of Mary...every Tuesday at 7pm
- Marian Movement for Priests...every Wednesday following 8:30 am Mass
- Youth Group...2nd and last Saturday of the month at 2 pm
- Charismatic Prayer Meeting Friday Night at 7:00pm

Parish Office

Julia Di Paolo....Parish Secretary

Office Hours					
Mon to Thurs: 9:15 am -12:00	pm				
1:00 pm - 4:00	pm				
Friday9:15 am - 1:00	pm				
Sunday9:30 am - 1:00	pm				
Closed on Saturday and holid	lays				

Orario Di Ufficio

Dal Lun al Gio: 9:15 am-12:00pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Venerdi......9:15 am - 1:00pm Domenica......9:30 am - 1:00 pm Sabato e giorni di festa: Ufficio Chiuso



FAX: 416-759-6725

Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Roy Farrell	Pastor of St. Lawrence Martyr
Rev. Fr. Jimmy Joseph	Associate Pastor of St. Lawrence Martyr
Rev. Fr. Russell Asch	
	Extraordinary Rite of the Latin Mass

Sat. Vigil

(Sabato)

Sunday

(Domenica)

Confessions								
Saturdays following 8:30 am Mass								
Saturday4:15 to 4:45 pm								
Any time by request								
Confessioni								

Concession								
Sabato dopo la messa dale 8:30am								
Sabato 4:15 alle 4:45 pm								
Qualsiasi altro giorno a richiesta dei								
fedeli.								

Daily Mas (Giorni F	Mon (Lun)	Tues (Mar)	Wed (Mer)	Thur (Gio)	Fri (Ven)	Sat (Sab)
English Latin		8:30 am 11:00 am		8:30 am 7:00 am		8:30 am 10:00 am

* Weekday Latin Masses subject to change due to funeral or absence of priest. Latin Masses are of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, according to the 1962 Missal. * Messe nei giorni feriali latino sono soggetti a variazioni a causa di funerale o assenza del sacerdote. Messe latine sono della forma straordinaria del Rito Romano, secondo il Messale del 1962.

Eucharistic Holy Hours

- Sunday Evenings: 4:00 pm 5:00 pm
- First Fridays: 7:15 am 8:15 am, 9:15 am 6:30 pm, 8:00 pm 4:00 am
- For Baptism, Marriage and Sacrament of the Sick:
- Please contact the parish office at 416-759-9359
- Parish School: St. Lawrence Catholic School

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Devotions

- Rosary: 8:00 am Monday through Saturday
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 8:25 am Wednesdays
- Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Mon. after the 8:30am Mass (Oct-May)
- Novena to St. Anthony of Padua: For thirteen Tuesdays in preparation for the Feast of St. Anthony

BAPTISMS

Baptism takes place on the Second Sunday of each month. Pre-baptism instructions are provided to parents and sponsors who must be practicing Catholics. Contact parish office for details.

MARRIAGES

Contact the parish priest at least one year in advance of the marriage. Engaged couples must attend a marriage preparation course offered by the Archdiocese. Please contact the parish office for more details. FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS Please contact parish office for details

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Please contact parish office for details.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS Please contact parish office to arrange a visit.

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