# **ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH**

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Mark 9.2-10 TRANSFIGURATION

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

And there appeared to them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Peter did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

FEBRUARY 28, 2021 – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



## **GOSPEL SUMMARY:**

In today's Gospel, Peter, James, and John—often described as the inner circle of disciples—went with Jesus to a high mountain. (In the Bible, mountains are often places of Divine Revelation.) The three are so overcome by what they see, hear, and experience that they do not know what to do or say. They simply know that they have witnessed something powerful. Jesus instructed them to tell no one of what they had seen, and they did indeed keep the matter to themselves. This is the opposite of what the leper in the Gospel just two Sundays ago did. He told everyone what happened to him!

## **REFLECTION FOR PARENTS:**

At the end of each episode of the television series "Blue Bloods," the family gathers around the table for Sunday dinner. No matter the difficulties or discouragements of the week, the ritual of the Sunday meal is honored. At the end of one particularly difficult week the grandfather encouraged the family by saying,

"I see the light of God in this family." Perhaps that is a description of the transfiguration, the glory of God, as it is revealed in daily family life. Today take time to think about where you have seen God's glory shine in your family, and in the lives of each of your family members.

# BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:

Take your family for a fifteen-minute walk through your neighborhood today. Enjoy the sun, the clouds, the breeze, the sights, and the sounds of the day. Afterward, gather at your kitchen or dining table for a special Sunday meal and talk about all the ways you saw the glory of God revealed in nature today.





# **DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

1-The most beautiful thing I have ever seen is ...
2-One way I can listen to God's voice this Lent is ...
3-Someone I know who needs to see the glory of God is ... 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, Tony Tersigni.





# VOCATION REFLECTION:

If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call **Fr. Matthew McCarthy** Vocation Director Archdiocese of Toronto. Tel No. 416-968-0997 Email vocations@archtoronto.org Website https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/

# **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:**

Conquering all through the Love of Christ



# Following Christ is hard.

This is a simple reality that anyone who has sought to be a disciple has quickly learned. In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel can lead to many trials. Even as stewards we can often face many difficulties and sufferings from striving to offer all of our gifts to God. These sufferings could come from setbacks or failures in ministry or mocking and persecutions from our peers.

All of these things can cause us to lose hope and tempt us to stop fighting for Christ. This is where St. Paul's beautiful letter to the Romans can help bring us tremendous consolation. St. Paul boldly proclaims, "If God is for us, who is against us?" He encourages us to place all our hope in God despite the challenges we face. He goes on to say "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

This is the lifeline that we must firmly hold onto if

# MASSES - MESSE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

5:00 P.M. – + Minette Panday

#### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28TH- DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. – + Joseph Grimaldi 10:00 A.M. – Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia Tony Lamanna Mike e Vito Cuoppolo L'Intenzioni Di Agostino e Nellina Battaglia 11:30 A.M. – + Virgil Joseph Vieira 5:00 P.M. – + Alvin Marshall

#### MONDAY MARCH 1ST- LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Gavino Manca 11:00 A.M. – Maria Georgina Jose

#### TUESDAY MARCH 2ND - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Dolly Zeagman 11:00 A.M. – Anna Miceli

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 3RD- MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. – + Frank Natale 11:00 A.M. – Stephanie Chong

#### THURSDAY MARCH 4TH- GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. – Agnes Leung 8:30 A.M. – + Florentine Pagulong

#### FRIDAY MARCH 5TH- VENERDI

8:30 A.M. – + Cathy Neagle 7:00 P.M. – + Alphonso Lamb

# SATURDAY MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO 8:30 A.M. – In Thanksgiving

10:00 A.M. - + Paul & Pauline Lam

we wish to keep our head above water in the midst of an ocean of suffering. To know that we will always remain in the love of Christ is to know that Christ will bring us through any problem we face. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: "I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me."

**Summary:** In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel and practicing stewardship can lead to many trials that may tempt us to give up our pursuit of holiness. In times like this we can find great consolation in the words of St. Paul who says that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.



Dear Padre 🔥

February 28, 2021



# Was Lent always associated with sacrifice, sin, and penance? Did Lent have some other purpose in Church history?

A set period of Lent was not observed during the first centuries of Christianity. Rather, Christians prepared for the Easter celebration with an allnight vigil and a fast. This vigil concluded with a morning Eucharist. Gradually, Christians extended this celebration to include Jesus' own Passover (the supper on Holy Thursday and the death of Jesus on Friday). By the end of the second century, baptism became linked to the Easter Vigil, and the time leading to Easter became a period of intense preparation for baptism. At first, this preparation period lasted only three weeks. This baptismal preparation program eventually extended to forty days. The idea of forty days came out of Mark's Gospel (1:13), where we read about Jesus going into the desert for forty days to prepare for his ministry.

**7**oday the Lenten period serves a double purpose. It is still a time of intense preparation for the catechumens, as they anticipate celebrating the sacrament of baptism at the Easter Vigil. But Lent also has become a time for baptized Christians to reflect on their own baptism. During Lent, the baptized are challenged to turn away from sin and choose again the deepest meaning of their baptism: the fact that they have died and risen with Christ and are now alive anew in Jesus. This renewal is done through the traditional penitential practices of fasting, prayer, and works of charity.

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# OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY AND RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM

Re: Online Course, "Together Towards Unity. Being Church in a Fragmented World." From: Rev. Dr. Luis Melo, Director

Recommended by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and Religious Relations with Judaism.

Applications are now open for the new online course, "Together Towards Unity. Being Church in a Fragmented World." The deadline for application is Monday, March 1.

The course runs from Monday, April 5 to Saturday, June 12. Apply now: <u>http://bit.ly/TowardsUnityApply</u>

### **OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

Re: Virtual Ordinandi Dinner – Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

From: Fr. McCarthy, Vocations Director

Sponsored by the Serra Foundation of Canada and the six Serra clubs in the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will be holding a virtual Ordinandi Dinner on Tuesday, March 2 starting at 7 p.m. on the archdiocese's YouTube channel.

We encourage all parishes to promote this event as we gather together virtually to celebrate our new priestly vocations and our seminaries.

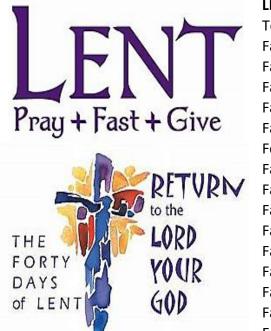
We hope you will join us as we meet and honour our ordinandi from St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary who, with God's grace, will be ordained to the priesthood in 2021.

Share this unique opportunity to meet these fine men and to hear about their unique faith journeys that led them to this most noble commitment.

There is no cost to view this event.

If you would like to make a donation to help cover the costs of this event or to support our two seminaries, the Office of Vocations and Serra House or to obtain further information about this event, please visit: <u>http://bit.ly/OrdinandiDinner</u>.





**LENT** is a time of fasting and feasting. To fast from judging others, feast on Christ present in others. Fast from differences with others; feast on the unity with all life. Fast from darkness; feast on light. Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God. Fast from hostility; feast on peacemaking. Fast from words that damage others. Feast on phrases that build up. Fast from anger; feast on understanding. Fast from worry; feast on trust in God's presence. Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness. Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation and thanksgiving. Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others. Fast from suspicion; feast on truth. Fast from discouragement; feast on hope. Fast from problems that overwhelm.

Feast on prayer that brings strength.

# **Lent** A Time to Renew

# **QUOTATIONS ON THE SEASON OF LENT:**

Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself." -St. Francis de Sales

"The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them." – St. John of the Cross

"You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you've already begun."—Saint Josemaría Escrivá

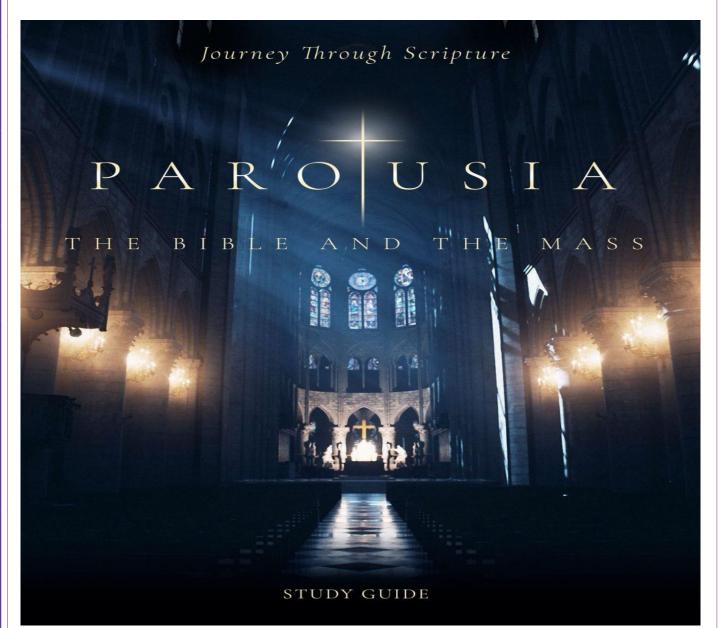
"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."-- Catherine Doherty

"Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."--Ven. Fulton Sheen

"Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt."--Pope Francis

"There are ways of being crucified that do not involve rough wood or heavy nails, but a love beyond our capacity to love, which means a love that has been given to us by God..."--Catherine Doherty

"And he said to all: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me". – Luke 9:23



### PAROUSIA: THE BIBLE AND THE MASS LENT 2021 (ONLINE) JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE STUDY Why return to Mass?

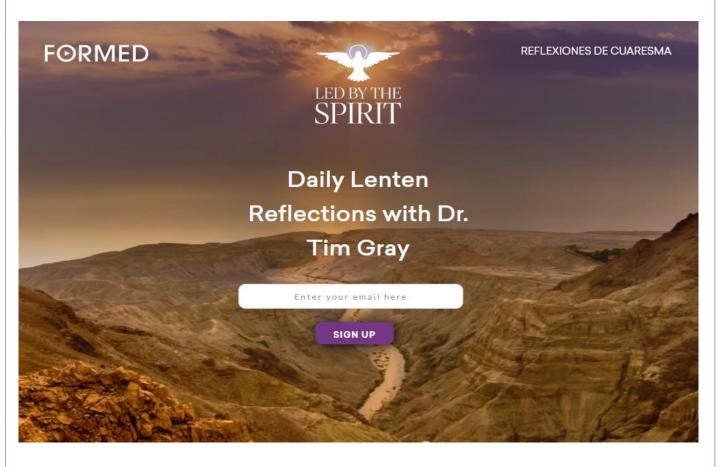
Our very lives depend on it. It's the summit of God's plan for our salvation.

It's time to wake Catholics up to the awesome power, the incredible gift, that is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The alternative is unthinkable.

Enter Parousia: The Bible and the Mass, coming Lent 2021.

In our latest Journey Through Scripture study, get ready to join host Scott Hahn to uncover how and why all of God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass. Details at this link:

https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass/



### **40 DAYS TO GRACE AND GLORY:**

This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for Daily Lenten Reflections. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life. Available for free on FORMED. Sign up to receive daily emails at <u>formed.org/lent.</u>

#### New Contents on FORMED (The Catholic Faith On Demand):

- Sanctuary Course for mental health awareness
- Revive Program 3 new categories to help your parish flourish in the areas of: Evangelization, Missionary Discipleship, and Helping the Poor
- FORMED NOW LIVE every Tuesday night at 7pm Eastern Time (log in to FORMED to attend)
- FORMED NOW starting this coming week, there will be a series of 4 sessions on "Living Lent as a Family"
- Starting the week of March 5 there will be 4 a series of 4 sessions on St. Joseph for the Year of St. Joseph
- YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH new row added to home page
- See more new things in the "Recently Added" row.

https://formed.org/

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>www.archtoronto.org</u> or at <u>stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org</u>.

### TO DONATE BY CREDIT CARD (Donate Now)

Go to St. Lawrence Website or <u>Click this link.</u> At the top right-hand of the page, find the hand (donate now) and click

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This will take you to the Archdiocese of Toronto page  $\rightarrow$  Click the button "click here to donate" Next page is Where is your Parish?  $\rightarrow$  select "Durham and Scarborough"

Next page is Donation page. Please complete the form.

For Parish  $\rightarrow$  click the arrow down, select "St. Lawrence Martyr Parish, Scarborough" After completing the form > click the button "Donate Now"

We will continue to update you as the situation evolves through our parish website. We pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy.

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)

(Inglese)

(Latino)

#### 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							
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English Latin		8:30 am 11:00 am			8:30 am 7:00 p.m.	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.

## Welcome New Parishioners!

We invite you to come and register your family at the parish office.

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- 3. Enter your name and email

