



St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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January 20th - Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Desk



Today we celebrate the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Each liturgical year is split in seasons of: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time. The highest number of weeks is within Ordinary Time. This season is split in two parts. A shorter one begins on Monday after the Feast of the

Baptism of the Lord and ends on Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The longer part runs from the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, which falls on Monday after Pentecost Sunday, to Saturday before the 1st Sunday of Advent. During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus Christ emphasizing the first day of the week (Sunday) as the day dedicated to the Lord. Sunday, the Lord's Day, is the original Christian Feast Day, that has been observing since the apostolic times as the day of the Resurrection of the Lord. Sunday is the oldest feast day in the Church.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church (2177). Sunday is also a day of grace and rest from work. The Catechism teaches that on Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body. Family needs or important social service can legitimately excuse from the obligation of Sunday rest. The faithful should see to it that legitimate excuses do not lead to habits prejudicial to religion, family life, and health (2185).

We are truly blessed and privileged that we have this opportunity to have the Eucharist every Sunday. Due to a shortage of priests and other serious circumstances in many regions of the world, even in Canada, the faithful cannot praise the Lord with the Sunday Eucharist on weekly basis.

This Sunday we also observe a World Day of Migrants and Refugees instituted by Pope St. Pius X in 1914.

The annual week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be concluded with the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle, which falls this Friday.

God bless,
Father Peter

Fr. Peter Jurzyk

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905-529-3921

In case of after hours
emergency please call
289-246-9877

Sunday Mass: 11:00am

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday

7:00pm

Wednesday

8:00am

Thursday

Confession 6:15pm

Mass 7:00pm

Friday

8:00am

Parish Office Hours:

9am-1pm Mon & Fri

9am-3pm Tues, Wed & Thurs
(office closes for a half hour at 12 noon)

**Sacraments of Marriage
or Baptism:**

Please contact the Parish Office to
make an appointment to meet
with Father Peter.

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Parish Staff

Keith Jolie - Secretary
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**Mass Schedule & Intentions for
the week of January 21, 2019**

TUESDAY, January 22

7:00 p.m. – All Souls in Purgatory especially
members of the Defreitas family by Theresa
Defreitas

WEDNESDAY, January 23

8:00 a.m. – John Roque
by John Roque Family

THURSDAY, January 24

Memorial of St. Francis De Sales

7:00 p.m. - Leonel Canao
by Isabel Canao

FRIDAY, January 25

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:00 a.m. – Evangelina Mota
by the Mota Family

SUNDAY, January 27

11:00 a.m. – The Parishioners of St. Lawrence

Please pray for the religious of our diocese
Especially this week we pray for:

- Jan 21 Rev. Felix Nwatu
- Jan 22 Rev. Czeslaw Kolasa, S.A.C.
- Jan 23 Deceased Carmelite Fathers, O.C.D.
- Jan 24 Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
- Jan 25 Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
- Jan 26 Rev. Alessandro Tirelli, C.R.S.P.

Important Dates and Events

January

26th Movie Night @ 7:30 p.m.



Giuseppe Cavigliano
Hollier- Heddle & Greco Families.
Gilberto Pavao and Families.
Jackson, Joyce & Moorcroft Families
The Grace, Dunn, Kennedy,
& Nespal Families.



Jan 13, Sunday Collection
\$ 912.35

Envelopes - there are still a few families who have not picked up their envelopes for 2019. They are available for pick up at the back of the church. Please remember yours.

2018 Tax Receipts - Soon we will be preparing charitable donation tax receipts. If you have moved or your family information has changed, please ensure that you update your address with the parish. Forms to update your information are available at the back of the church.

Movie Night - Join us on January 26th at 7:30 p.m. for a Movie night. The film will be "St. Paul The Apostle". Popcorn and refreshments will be provided.

In the Diocese:

Our second Annual Bible Sunday will take place on Sunday, February 3, 2019. Father Michael Patella, O.S.B, a monk of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville will be the guest speaker on February 3rd at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton at 7:00 p.m.

Father Patella will be speaking on the Gospel of Luke and in particular, Father Patella will be inviting participants to consider what to listen for as the Gospel of Luke is proclaimed at Sunday Mass during the coming year.

The Gospel and Acts Volume of the Saint John's Bible will be available for viewing at each presentation. Mark your calendars now! All are welcome.

Seeking the Sacred: The Soul's Slow Ripening. A Senior Adult Workshop Series. 7 Tuesday afternoons, starting January 29, 2019 from 1:30- 3:30pm at the Chancery Office - Hamilton. This course offers participants the opportunity to explore 12 unique Celtic-Christian spiritual practices. These 12 practices are intended to give practical ways for us to deepen our relationship with God and all of creation. The text for this course is *The Soul's Slow Ripening: 12 Celtic Practices for Seeking the Sacred*, by the Catholic author, Christine Valters Paintner. - Cost: \$35.00 (including text) Please register by January 25, 2019

Contact Monica Verin via e-mail or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2238