



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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## February 3rd - Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Today we observe the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. From the first reading we can hear the account of the Prophet Jeremiah's vocation. The Lord wants him first to trust in God's Word and to be His ambassador to foreign nations. The Lord promises to be with him. There is only one condition: being faithful to the Lord and the calling from the Lord. When we examine Jeremiah's life it is clear that his adversities mirror our own. Rejection, misunderstanding, false accusations, unfounded opinions are all challenges we can relate to. Especially at the time of trial we should remember to remain faithful to the Lord who has loved us since the very beginning. This faithfulness

can make us *a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall* as the first reading declares.

Pope Francis encourages the faithful throughout the Universal Church to pray in the month of February for the following intention: *For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.*

This Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate a memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr. She lived in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century in Sicily and died probably in 251. She is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of Christian antiquity and her name is mentioned in the Roman Canon of the Mass (The First Eucharistic Prayer) along with the Blessed Virgin and 6 other women. According to tradition, she was tortured severely and suffered the removal of her breasts by the Roman prefect Quintianus, whose amorous advances Agatha rejected. It is said that St. Peter the Apostle appeared to her in the prison and healed her wounds. In early artwork, St. Agatha is often depicted carrying her excised breasts on a platter. Later these depictions were mistaken by some to be bread and led to the practice of blessing bread on St. Agatha's day. She is the patron saint of rape victims, breast cancer patients, wet nurses and bell makers. She is also considered to be a powerful intercessor when people suffer from fires. In some Churches on the day of St. Agatha loaves of bread are blessed and then people put pieces of them in various places in their houses to be protected from fire.

Recently we have exchanged the lights in our church. The new bulbs give more light and make our church much brighter especially during evening Masses. Upon some requests and due to the winter conditions, from this week our morning Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 am. I hope that this change will better serve the needs of our parishioners and visitors.

God bless,  
Father Peter

**Fr. Peter Jurzyk**

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905-529-3921

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emergency please call  
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**Sunday Mass: 11:00am**

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

**Tuesday**

7:00pm

**Wednesday**

9:00am

**Thursday**

Confession 6:15pm

Mass 7:00pm

**Friday**

9:00am

**Parish Office Hours:**

9:00 am-2pm Monday

9:00 am-3pm Tuesday

9:30 am-3pm Wednesday

9:00 am-3pm Thursday

9:30 am-3pm Friday

(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  
Pat Sullivan - Custodian

**Mass Schedule & Intentions for  
the week of February 4, 2019**

TUESDAY, February 5  
*Memorial of St. Agatha*

7:00 p.m. – Gilberto Pavao by Lina Pavao

WEDNESDAY, February 6  
*Memorial St. Paul Miki and Companions*

9:00 a.m. – Graciosa Canao by Isabel Canao

THURSDAY, February 7

6:15 Adoration and opportunity for  
Confession

7:00 p.m. - Mario Bessi by Lucia Bessi &  
Family

FRIDAY, February 8

9:00 a.m. – Nicola Giuliano by Patrick  
Sullivan & Anna Kocmarek

SUNDAY, February 10

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

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

Mon - Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma

Tues - Rev. James McSharry

Wed - Chaplains

Thurs - Rev. Toby Collins C.R.

Fri - Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.

Sat - Rev. Franjo Sprajc

**Upcoming Events**

“Let’s Talk About our Faith” : Baptism  
Feb 22nd @ 7:00 p.m.



Giuseppe Cavigliano

Hollier- Heddle & Greco Families.

Gilberto Pavao and Families.

Jackson, Joyce & Moorcroft Families

The Grace, Dunn, Kennedy,  
& Nespal Families.



Jan 27, Sunday Collection  
\$ 650

**In the Parish**

**Wednesday and Friday Mass Times:** Based on a number of requests and due to the winter conditions, starting this week and moving forward our morning (Wed & Fri) Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 am.

**Let's Talk About Our Faith** - The next workshop in our 'Let's Talk about Our Faith' series is on Friday, Feb 22nd, at 7pm - The topic of this talk will be Baptism - Everyone is welcome

**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.

**Wednesday's Senior's Bingo** - Vivere Sani welcomes any seniors from the parish to join them for a weekly Bingo social on Wednesdays from 1pm to 4pm.

**In the Diocese:**

**Share Lent Workshop** - this Lenten season Development and Peace and Pope Francis invite us to reach out and encounter migrants and refugees, to make a commitment to really go toward others, to stop, listen and really see them. If you would be interested in learning how to foster a culture of encounter in your parish you are invited to attend this year's SHARE LENT Tues. Feb. 19, at Annunciation Parish Hall, 280 Limeridge Rd. W, Hamilton. 7-9 p.m.



**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> -Reel Justice Film Series - After the Storm**, The transformational journey of 550 families in Tacloban Philippines in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Haiyan. Living in tents and facing eviction from the land where their homes once stood, the film documents how these families aided by Development and Peace and partners Urban Poor Associates (UPA), NASSA-Caritas Philippines, the Archdiocese of Palo and the Congregation of the Holy Redeemer,

formed a consortium to find land and manage an ambitious project that would become the Pope Francis Village. St. Raphael's Parish Hall, 4072 New St., Burlington, ON. 5:30 Potluck Meal, Movie at 7pm followed by discussion including a representative from the build site team in Tacloban.