



St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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June 25, 2023 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor

Fr. Peter Jurzyk

Sunday Mass

11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

(please see inside for weekly updates)

~ No Mass Monday ~

Tuesday

Confession 6:30 p.m.

Mass 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Mass 12:15 p.m.

Thursday

Confession and Adoration

6:00 p.m.

Mass 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Mass 9:00 a.m.

Saturday

Confession 9:30 a.m.

Mass 10:00 a.m.

Sacraments of Marriage or Baptism:

Please contact the parish office to make an appointment to meet with Father Peter.

Parish Staff

Keith Jolie - Secretary

From the Pastor's Desk



"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before humans, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before humans, I also will deny before my Father in heaven."

Jesus calls upon his disciples to give an authentic witness to Him. In fact, this is not a matter of something optional or additional but of something that decides our identity as Jesus' followers here below and for eternity as well. Perhaps, now this call is even more urgent when people throughout the world, including Christians, choose to live their life as if God did not exist.

This Tuesday, June 27th, many Catholics throughout the world celebrate the Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help who is known for miracles and answers to prayer, associated with a 15th-century Byzantine icon of the Madonna and the Child. The tradition of Our Mother of Perpetual Help dates back to 1495. Stolen from a Cretan monastery the icon was brought to the church of St. Matthew in Rome. For 300 years, it resided at that church, and even survived the church's destruction by Napoleon's army in 1798. 88 years later, Pope Pius IX gave the icon to the Redemptorist Congregation at the Church of Saint Alphonsus, where it remains today.

On Wednesday, June 28th, we observe the memorial of Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr. Irenaeus (c. 130 - c. 202) was a Greek bishop noted for his role in guiding and expanding Christian communities in the southern regions of present-day France and, more widely, for the development of Christian theology by combating heresy and defining orthodoxy.

On Thursday, June 29th, we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there. Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petros in Greek and Petrus in Latin), which means 'rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Jesus would build His Church. St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb. St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. Before receiving the name Paul, he was called Saul and he was a Jewish Pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Paul spent his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome where the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls was built. St. Augustine of Hippo in 395 in one of his many sermons (cont...)

Mass Schedule

~No Mass Monday~

Tuesday, June 27

7:00 p.m. – Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Manuel Bragues by Idalina Bragues

Wednesday, June 28

12:15 p.m. – Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Dervilla Patrice Dunn by Darlene Sullivan

Thursday, June 29

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

6:00 p.m. – Confession and Adoration

7:00 p.m. – Mass offered for Fr. Peter

Friday, June 30

9:00 a.m. – Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Gilberto Pavao by Lina Pavao

Saturday, July 1

First Saturday – Canada Day

9:30 a.m. – Confession

10:00 a.m. – Mass offered for Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, June 25

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m. – Mass offered for the parishioners of St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish and Our Lady of Mercy Parish

(...cont), gave a remarkable witness to St. Peter and St. Paul saying: “Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.”

This week we observe the first Saturday of the month with the devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is also Canada Day when Canada's birthday is celebrated. We pray to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and in the world, and continue working to influence those in authority to act from Christian principles and attitudes.

Next Sunday, we will welcome to our parish community Sister Nancy Kamau from the Religious Community of African Sisters Education Collaborative who is coming to us with a mission appeal.

St. Peter and St. Paul – pray for us!

God bless,
Fr. Peter

Sunday Collection

June 18 \$1,105.35

St. Vincent de Paul Collection every 3rd Sunday

In the Parish

Mission Appeal Next Sunday

Next Sunday, is our annual Missionary Co-op Collection date. We will have a visit from Sister Nancy Kamau of the African Sisters education Collaborative. The yellow Missionary Co-Op envelope can be found at the back of your box of envelopes. After several years of not being able to welcome the missionaries to our church, we encourage you to be generous.

Parish Prayer List - Please keep all members of our parish in your prayers, especially we ask that you pray for:

Tony Frisina, Kyle Ransome, Jaime Galego,
Dennis Eustace, Giovanna Frisina, Gord Lavolette, Cathy LaBelle, and Apryl Andrade

To update our prayer list, please contact the parish office or put a note in the collection basket.

Baptisms at St. Lawrence - Our next scheduled Baptism is August 6. If you would like to schedule your child's baptism, please call the Parish Office.

Parish Registration and Updates - If you are new to our Parish, if you would like a box of envelopes or if your information has changed because you've moved or changed contact information, there are parish registration / update forms on the table at the back of the Church. You can submit them to the Parish office or just put them in the collection basket.

Last bulletin for the Summer - This will be the last bulletin for the Summer. We will print the weekly Mass Schedule and intentions over the summer months and other updates will be posted on the parish website and communicated through the Sunday announcements.



DIocese of HAMILTON

In The Diocese

FRASSATI Leadership Program - Young people entering grade 10 in September are invited to register for the Frassati leadership program. This year long program is designed for young Catholic leaders who want to expand their Catholic leadership skills and grow in their relationship with Christ and their communities. For registration and more information please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/youth-ministry/frassati>.

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre - Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre would like to welcome any groups or individuals looking to book a retreat experience. With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space Mount Mary is an ideal location for anyone seeking a space for a retreat. For more information and to book your retreat please visit www.mountmary.ca.

Diocesan Marian Days - The Diocesan Marian Days are scheduled on the first Saturday of the month from July to October 7, 2023, at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day starts with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Holy Mass at 10:00 and a Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. Guided Tours of the Basilica are available during lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis start at 1:00 p.m. followed by the closing Benediction at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to join! Please bring a lunch. Contact the Basilica for more information: (519) 824-3951.

Are you a student interested in pursuing medical school? The Dr. H. Patrick and Mrs. Gayle E. Cunningham Medical Scholarship has been established to provide grants for Catholics who want to pursue medical school. If you are interested or know anyone who is, please encourage them to apply. The application deadline is July 28, 2023. If you have any questions please contact Mary Claire Morgan at mcmorgan@hamiltondiocese.com

Young Adults Night - August 5th - Hespeler/Cambridge - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, August 5th at St. Mary of the Visitation (16 Cooper St, Cambridge, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Summer should be a time of relaxation, slowed schedules and time spent together as a family. All three of these are essential elements for good mental health for all family members, including children. So, together spend time outdoors, play games, cook or bake and pray because these are the moments that will strengthen your family bond. Take a holiday from social media and devices while doing so, which can help to prevent the negative mental health issues in children they are known to produce. Renew your commitment to in person, device free time together this summer and watch your children thrive. From: Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH -- When we say "I do" during our marriage vows we are really saying "I will". I will love this person even in moments when they may feel unlovable. I will not look for a 50/50 split in what we do, but will be a partner who will give more, and sometimes have to take more, depending on the circumstances of our lives. I will look to find a solution instead of winning. I will spend time with you so we stay connected and in love. I will remember the commitment I made to be faithful and seek to make you a better person and accept your attempts to do the same for me. Marriage, taken as an action word, continues to grow and thrive despite the challenges life may throw at you and it produces a love that strengthens as the years pass. From: Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

ReSTART: Moving Forward - Our 10 week program offers support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will run from Sept. 19-Nov. 28 and take place from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register on line at ReSTART Program: Support for Separated and Divorced - Diocese of Hamilton (hamiltondiocese.com).

Marriage Support - Your marriage doesn't have to feel like it is more trouble than joy, that it feels stagnant or disconnected and/or that it is causing you constant stress. The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is Oct. 20-22. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton has grief programs to help. Find out more on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. We will have programs running in both Waterloo and Hamilton this fall.

Struggling After an Abortion? Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.



Garden Volunteers Needed

Do you like gardening? Over the summer months we are looking for some volunteers to help us keep our garden beds looking beautiful. If you'd like to help, there will be a sign-up sheet on the back tables.



Save the Date!

Celebration of the Feast of St. Lawrence

Our annual celebration of the Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr will be on Sunday August 13

Please plan to attend!! Starting with Mass at 11:00 a.m. and community celebration to follow. More details will be posted in the church, on our website and on facebook.

Contribute to the church this summer

When you are on vacation, away for a weekend or just forgot to bring your envelope, we've got you covered. Just scan this qr code and in minutes you can make your donation. All online donations and tax receipts are handled through our online provider CanadaHelps.org

