



# St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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## September 24, 2023 - Twenty-Fifth 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 12:00 noon.

#### Thursday

Confession and Adoration

6:00 p.m.

Mass 7:00 p.m.

#### Friday

Mass 12:00 noon

#### 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

*"Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?"*



These words of the landowner from today's Gospel parable convey several powerful messages. They challenge our human understanding of fairness and highlight the boundless grace and generosity of the Lord.

This Gospel account is also a reminder that in God's kingdom there is no room for envy or comparison. Furthermore, the parable speaks to the importance of our attitude and motivation in serving the Lord. The grumbling workers focused on their personal gain and entitlement rather than on gratitude for the opportunity to work.

This Tuesday, September 26th we observe the Feast of St. John de Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues and Companions. They worked with the Huron in the 17th century. When the Iroquois took over the Huron village they were captured and ritually tortured, and killed (six Jesuits and two lay persons). In Midland, Ontario there is a shrine dedicated to them as the Canadian Martyrs.

On Friday, September 29th we celebrate a feast of St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels. In Catholic writings and traditions St. Michael acts as the defender of the Church, the chief opponent of the devil and assists souls at the hour of death. There is a well-known and powerful prayer to St. Michael, which Pope Leo XIII brought into official use. In Italy, in the province of Foggia, there is the oldest shrine dedicated to St. Michael in Western Europe. Its beginnings are connected with legendary stories about the first apparitions of St. Michael in the 5th century. According to them, St. Michael appeared with a flaming sword and led the people of Sipontum (Manfredonia) and Benevento to victory over the Neapolitan invaders.

St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels - pray for us!

God bless,  
Fr. Peter

## Mass Schedule

~ No Mass Monday ~

Tuesday, September 26

*Feast of St. Jean De Brebeuf and*

*St. Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions Martyrs*

6:30 p.m. – Confession

7:00 p.m. – Mass offered for Bishop Emeritus Anthony Tonos in recognition of the 40th Anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination

Wednesday, September 27

12:00 noon – Mass offered for All Souls by Maria Diogo

Thursday, September 28

6:00 p.m. – Confession and Adoration

7:00 p.m. – Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Anthony Griglak by Patrick Sullivan

Friday, September 29

*Feast of St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, Archangels*

12:00 noon – Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Dervilla Patrice Dunn by Laura Grint and Kathy Imperatore

Saturday, September 30

9:30 a.m. – Confession

10:00 a.m. – Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Manuel Bragues by Idalina Bragues

Sunday, October 1

*Twenty-Sixth 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



**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Petra** - Are you interested in learning more about the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Petra? Information flyers can be found at the entrance of the church. If you are interested in the pilgrimage, please speak to Fr. Peter at your earliest convenience.

## Sunday Collection Sunday, September 17 - \$ 780

St. Vincent de Paul Collection every 3rd Sunday

### In the Parish

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

Deb Falcao, Tony Frisina, Debra Tydd, Kyle Ransome, Jaime Galego, Dennis Eustace, Giovanna Frisina, Gord Laviolette, Cathy LaBelle, 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 on October 29. If you would like to schedule your child's baptism, please call the Parish Office.

**RCIA** - Are you an adult interested in becoming a Catholic. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the name of the process that an adult (or youth) who wants to become Catholic follows to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic. This year's RCIA program begins soon. Please contact the parish office before the end of September if you would like to be included.

**Parish Registration and Updates** - Parish registration forms on the table at the back of the Church.

### Save the Dates!

Nibbles & Bids Loonie/Toonie Live Auction  
Friday November 3, 2023

CWL Fall Penny Sale  
Saturday November 25, 2023

Christmas Turkey Roll  
Friday December 1, 2023