

## St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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### October 22, 2023 - Twenty-Ninth 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

"The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said."



Today's passage of the Gospel recounts a pivotal moment when the Pharisees along with Herodians, in a calculated attempt to trap Jesus, asked whether it was lawful to pay taxes to the emperor. Their question aimed to put Jesus in a precarious position, forcing Him to either endorse taxation to a foreign and oppressive ruler or risk being seen as subversive to the Roman authority. Jesus' response reminds us

of our higher calling and ultimate allegiance to God since we are not only citizens of a country but we are first and foremost children of God. Our lives, actions, and hearts should reflect this truth. In our contemporary context, this Gospel account encourages us to be responsible citizens, contributing positively to society while remaining steadfast in our faith and values. It challenges us to strike a balance between fulfilling our civic duties and upholding our spiritual obligations, ultimately recognizing God's sovereignty over all aspects of our lives.

Pope Pius XI in 1926 decreed that a World Mission Sunday would be held on the second last Sunday of October. The faithful throughout the world are invited to pray for and give to the missions.

This Tuesday, October 24th we hold an optional memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Claret. He was an archbishop, missionary and founder of the Congregation of Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, commonly called the Claretians. He was born in 1807 in Catalonia, Spain. As a priest, Anthony was sent as Apostolic Missionary throughout Catalonia, which had suffered from French invasions. He travelled from one mission to the next on foot. He was an eloquent preacher fluent in the Catalan language, so people came from miles around to hear him. After a lengthy time of preaching the word of God, he spent long hours hearing confessions. He was said to have had the gift of discernment of consciences. In 1849 he founded the Congregation of Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Pope Pius IX appointed him archbishop of Santiago, Cuba. Anthony served 7 years in Cuba as archbishop. He reorganized the priest seminary, erected a hospital and numerous schools, visited jails and hospital, defended the oppressed and denounced racism. His work stirred up opposition and his cheek was stabbed by a would-be assassin. He returned to Spain as the queen's confessor and accompanied her in her exile to France. He went to Rome to participate in the First Vatican Council. He died in 1870 in France. Anthony endured multifarious trials, performed many miracles and wrote 144 books. (cont...)

### Mass Schedule

### ~No Mass Monday~

Tuesday, October 24 7:00 p.m. - Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Joseph Gallizzi by Michael Gallizzi

Wednesday, October 25 12:00 noon – Mass offered for All Souls by Maria Diogo

> Thursday, October 26 6:00 p.m. - Confession and Adoration 7:00 p.m. - Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Rose Fazari by Patrick Sullivan

Friday, October 27 12:00 noon – Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Jose Cordeiro by Maria Cordiero

Saturday, October 28

Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude the Apostles
9:30 a.m. - Confession
10:00 a.m. - Mass offered for the repose of
the Soul of Docey Marine by Helen and the Pavao Family

Sunday, October 29
Thirtieth 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) On Saturday, October 28th, we observe the feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles. Jude is so named by St. Luke. St. Matthew and St. Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." According to tradition, they both preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia and Persia and died for their faith on the same day in Beirut. Saint Jude became a patron saint of hopeless causes and desperate situations.

Saints Simon and Jude – pray for us! God bless, Fr. Peter

### **Sunday Collection** Sunday, October 15 - \$ 990

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:

Jean Sweeney, 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 Baptisms are on October 29 and November 26. 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 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 posibility of becoming Catholic. This years' RCIA program begins soon. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible 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