



St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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The Parish Office is open Tues-Fri 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (closed for 30 minutes at lunch)

April 14, 2024 - The Third Sunday in Easter

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

"Thus it is written, that the Christ is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

One of the striking aspects of today's passage of the Gospel is the transformation that occurs within the disciples. Initially, they are filled with doubt and disbelief, unable to comprehend the miraculous events they have witnessed. Jesus appearing to them, invites them to touch His wounds, demonstrating the reality of His resurrection. This moment of tangible encounter with the risen Christ is pivotal for the disciples. It transforms their doubt into belief and fills them with a newfound sense of hope and purpose. Moreover, Jesus opens their minds to understand the Scriptures, showing how His death and resurrection were foretold in the Old Testament. Jesus not only confirms their role as witnesses to His resurrection but also empowers them to continue His mission of proclaiming repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations.



This Wednesday, April 17th, we observe the memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin and Protectress of Canada. St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband. Kateri was known as a skilled worker, who was diligent and patient. However, she refused to marry. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor to her, she refused to entertain the proposal. They punished her by giving her more work to do, but she did not give in. Instead, she remained quiet and diligent. Eventually they were

forced to relent and accept that she had no interest in marriage. At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and their neighbors. Some of her neighbors started rumors of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community south of Montreal. According to legend, Kateri was very devout and would put thorns on her sleeping mat. She often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. According to the Jesuit missionaries that served the community where Kateri lived, she often fasted and when she would eat, she would taint her food to diminish its flavor. On at least one occasion, she burned herself. Such self-mortification was common among the Mohawk. Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. She was also very sickly. Her practices of self-mortification and denial may not have helped her health. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680. Her name, Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from (cont...)

Mass Schedule

Sunday, April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

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

~No Mass on Monday~

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 p.m. – Mass offered for the repose of
the Soul of Mike Agro
by Patrick Sullivan and Anna Kocmarek

Wednesday, April 17

Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

12:00 noon – Mass offered for the deceased members of
the McGowan Family

Thursday, April 18

7:00 p.m. – Mass offered for the repose of
the souls of James and Josephine Campanella

Friday, April 19

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

Saturday, April 20

9:30 a.m. – Confession

10:00 a.m. – Mass offered for Maica and Nabeel
by Arcadio and Sarita Glipo

Sunday, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

(...cont) St. Catherine of Siena. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans. St. Kateri Tekakwitha – pray for us!

God bless,
Father Peter

The famed **St. Michael's Choir School** will visit the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Wednesday, April 24 they will provide music for the 12:00 Noon Mass with Bishop Crosby. Following Mass the Junior and Senior choirs will offer a 30 minute concert. There are no tickets or admission fee for the event.

Sunday Collection April 7

\$ 943.25

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.

Registration for First Communion and Confirmation is now open! -visit www.stlawrencehamilton.ca and click on the registration link in the main menu. Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated on the following dates:



First Communion

Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.



Confirmation

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Parish Events:

May Crowning - Sunday May 5th, Presentation of CWL Service Pins after Communion, Community Social in the Parish Hall following Mass

St. Vincent dePaul Lottery - Last year, St. Vincent dePaul raised over \$12,000 through this lottery which went directly to food vouchers. There are 6 cash prizes to be won; the grand prize is \$2000. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 and are available from the parish office. The St. Vincent dePaul Dinner Dance is also coming up on May 31st. Tickets are \$80 each. If you're interested please contact the parish office.