



## st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes

### Mass schedule

#### St. Lawrence

##### Saturday Vigil

5:30, 7:30 pm (Spanish)

##### Sunday

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

5:30 pm

##### Monday-Friday

8:30 am

##### Wednesday

7:00 pm

#### Sacred Heart

##### Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm

##### Sunday

10:30 am

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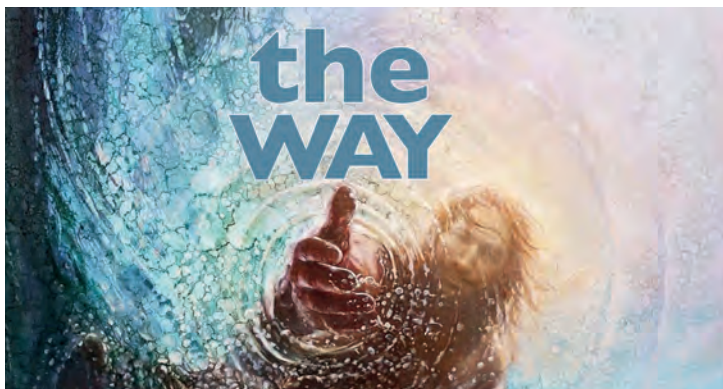
Donate part of your stimulus check to help our parishes.

With the arrival of this third stimulus check, some parishioners realize they don't really need it and some have given it away to do some good with it. If you're in that situation, here are a few suggestions for you to use that money well:

1. **ST. LAWRENCE:** Your donation will go toward debt reduction on the remaining \$525,000 for the *Centennial Renovation of the Church*. A payment is due at the end of this month.
2. **SACRED HEART:** We'll use your stimulus money for the *Parish Improvement Program*. Since we reached the goal we set, any new gifts will be put aside for resurfacing our parking lot, hopefully this year... if we have enough.
3. **BREWSTER CARES:** Your money will go directly to help the poor and homeless in our immediate area.



st lawrence o'toole  
sacred heart



LYNDA HOLLER  
DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP



## Passion — Unlikely Disciples

It is beautiful and encouraging to see in both Scripture and real life how some of the most unlikely people are transformed into Jesus' disciples.

Last week we discussed how Simon of Cyrene was in the "wrong place at the wrong time" which led to his conversion. In Luke's Passion narrative, we read about the Good Thief, who admitted he deserved crucifixion but turned his life over to Jesus with the immortal words: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus' response, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in

Paradise," reveals to us how this repentant sinner was one of our first saints.

In Mark's Passion account read on Palm Sunday, we are introduced to the Roman centurion at the foot of the cross, who declared after Jesus breathed his last, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" Catholic tradition tells us his name is St. Longinus, a Roman who left the army, studied under the apostles, defied Roman governors with his bold witness, and ultimately martyred for his faith.

A Jew, a thief, and a Roman, three men who converted within the last hours of Jesus' life. Three disciples who discovered the way of Jesus differently: Simon used his physical strength to serve. The Good Thief began his relationship with repentance. The centurion took his first step by proclaiming boldly that Jesus is God.

There is no standard profile; the Holy Spirit has a special plan to lead each one of us to *The Way of Jesus*. Disciples differ from others because they are willing to surrender their own will and follow God's, knowing it will lead them to the ultimate goal of eternity in heaven with Jesus.

**Scripture:** Read Luke 23:39-43. What's it saying to you?

**Call to Action:** St. Lawrence has a lot of ways to help guide you to Jesus: through service to the parish and Brewster Cares, through Confession, Faith Formation and Ministries. Need suggestions? Email me at [slotlynda@gmail.com](mailto:slotlynda@gmail.com).



April 4, 2021

## while we're at it

**our vision** Create a parish of missionary disciples whose personal relationship with Jesus Christ inspires others into a life-changing relationship with Him.

Dear Friends,

He is Risen!

We have to admit, though, thanks to COVID, Easter 2020 was a bit of a nightmare. I celebrated Mass to an empty church and a video camera, livestreaming it to all of you and beyond. I have to admit it was depressing – on the day we usually have the biggest crowds, spilling over into the gym. But it was just the deacons that day and me.

In the afternoon, we rigged up Deacon Mark's pickup with a harness, and we drove the Blessed Sacrament out to every neighborhood in the parish. A logistics team tipped off people in neighborhood after neighborhood, alerting them by text messages, as we drew near. Brewster Hill, North Brewster, Farm to Market, Foggintown, Enoch Crosby, Brewster Heights, Blackberry, Forest, Deans Corner, Allview, the Village, Milltown and Gage, Fieldstone Pond, Putnam Ridge, Haviland and the hillside in Putnam Lake. People under lockdowns were waiting on their lawns and streets with neighbors – wearing masks and socially distanced. People were on their knees as we passed with the Monstrance containing Jesus the Lord, blessing them and their families.



It was an awesome display of faith in hard times on the part of all our people. And despite the months of lockdowns and quarantines we never stopped having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel. Jesus is the one who got us through it all.

This Easter we feel the plague is slowly passing away as vaccinations increase and more people have immunity. It has taken a huge toll with deaths, illness, loss of jobs and businesses, closed schools, and even on our mental health.

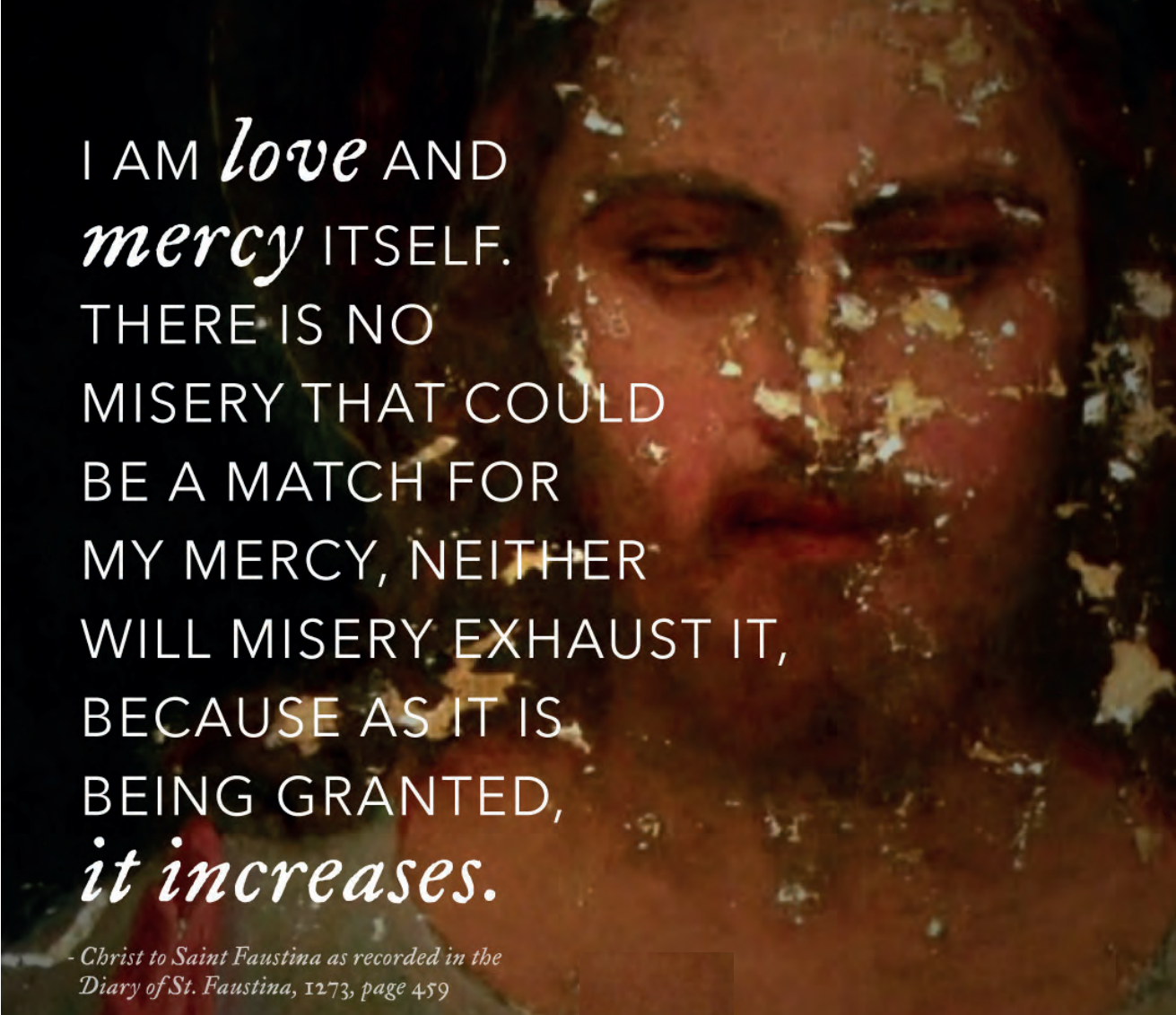
Now our people are coming back to worship with confidence and thanksgiving that God has led us through the hard times. If you're nervous about crowds, try out our 5:30 pm Sunday or 7:00 pm Wednesday night Masses – they are less crowded.

It feels like the time for spring, doesn't it? Let's all get back to worshipping our God together. We need it more than ever. So does our whole country.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill





I AM *love* AND  
*mercy* ITSELF.  
THERE IS NO  
MISERY THAT COULD  
BE A MATCH FOR  
MY MERCY, NEITHER  
WILL MISERY EXHAUST IT,  
BECAUSE AS IT IS  
BEING GRANTED,  
*it increases.*

- Christ to Saint Faustina as recorded in the  
*Diary of St. Faustina*, 1273, page 459

## hearts afire are clean hearts

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A heart on fire with the love of God is a heart in the state of grace. And what's the best way to be cleansed of all sin and punishment? Taking advantage of the extraordinary graces of Divine Mercy Sunday, which the Church marks as a universal feast day on the Second Sunday after Easter, also known as the Octave of Easter. This year, Divine Mercy Sunday falls on April 12.

### **Jesus told St. Faustina:**

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces

flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy (Diary, 699).

So set your hearts on fire with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Go to Confession on or before Divine Mercy Sunday; receive Holy Communion either on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday or on Divine Mercy Sunday itself; and receive some of the most extraordinary graces God has ever promised us.

To learn more about the Divine Mercy message and devotion, visit [marian.org/whatwedo/divinemercy.php](http://marian.org/whatwedo/divinemercy.php).

**Come to the Divine Mercy Holy Hour on April 11  
at 3pm at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church**



## prayer & pizza

CECILIA BRITZ

Little ones and big ones, moms, dads, and grandparents, we all came together to work with our hands, and pray with our hearts. We gathered, shared time together, stayed safe, laughed, learned about Jesus and his eternal love for us. Most importantly, we all took something special home with us. Families learned about the different wounds in the body of Jesus. They also imagined how Jesus must have felt when he met his mother on his way to the cross and could not give her consolation, or receive a hug from her.

After, we prayed all the **Stations of the Cross** and learned a bit more about the suffering of our Savior for our salvation, we went all hands-on to prepare our Stations of the Cross. Between fabric and scissors, glue and glitter, Jesus was present with us. We

asked for His presence, and we believe in His promise to be among us, because two or three were gathered in His Holy Name. And not only did families leave with a beautiful banner of the Stations, their hearts full of gratitude for our Savior, but they also picked up a free pizza on their way out!

I am sure you know somebody who could greatly benefit from joining a community where children and their parents learn and practice our beautiful Catholic faith in a welcoming, safe and fun environment.

Lastly, I want to encourage you to get your **Mega Raffle** ticket. All profits from this fundraiser go to benefit our amazing **Family Program at St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart**.

Thank you for your prayers and support.



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sunday, july 4



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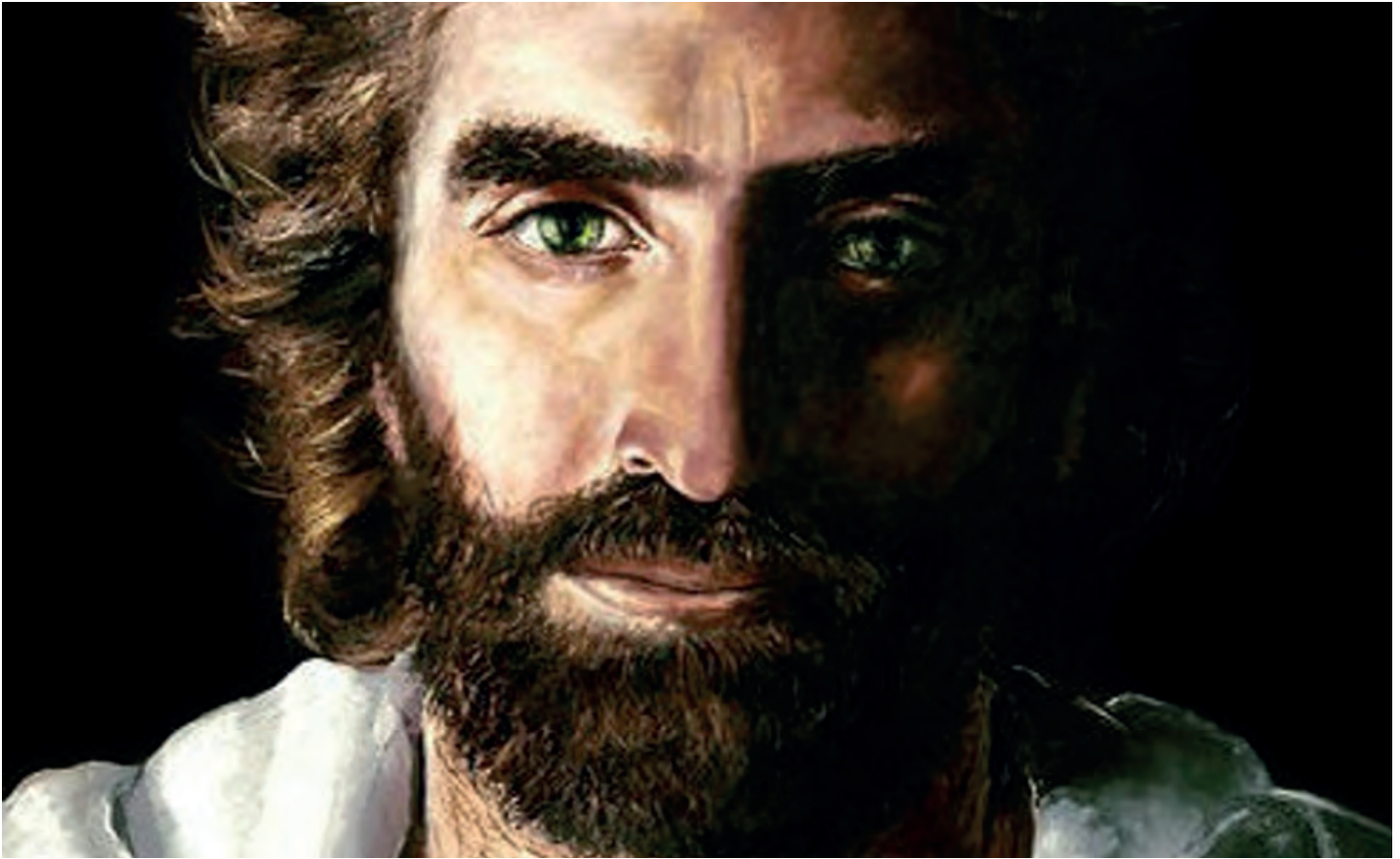
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## fascinating facts about Jesus' earthly life

PHILIP KOSLOSKI

**Which language did Jesus speak? What type of food did he eat?** While much is written about Jesus' miracles and revolutionary teaching, sometimes we forget the human element of Jesus' earthly life.

Jesus was born, grew up, and, as scripture succinctly explains, "Jesus wept." Jesus also spoke the language of the time and ate the foods that were common in the Middle-East. All of this reminds us that Jesus walked this earth, showing us the path to eternal life with him.

Here are some particularly fascinating facts about Jesus that give us an insight into the human side of his earthly life.

**Which language did Jesus speak?** We know what Jesus said during his lifetime thanks to the four gospels. But not everyone knows which language he used to communicate his message. Most historians agree in thinking that Jesus mostly spoke Aramaic, although he was also fluent in Hebrew and Greek. Aramaic was in fact the most spoken language in the Holy Land during Jesus' lifetime, which is why Mel Gibson chose it as the language for his movie *The Passion of Christ*.

**Healthy foods that Jesus ate** It's often best to remind ourselves that a simpler approach to nourishing our bodies can be

the best way. A perfect way to simplify might be following the classic Mediterranean diet Jesus himself was used to. Scriptures show Jesus' Mediterranean diet included figs, fish, lamb, wine, and olive oil.

**Were Jesus and Joseph really carpenters?** Most translations use the word "carpenter" to describe Jesus' and Joseph's trade. But the Greek word we read in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark can be read in many different ways. The word the Gospels use is *téktōn*, a common term used for artisans, craftsmen, and woodworkers (so, yes, it can translate as "carpenter"), but also, interestingly, it can refer to stonemasons, builders, construction workers, or even to those who excel in their trade and are able to teach others (as in the Italian *maestro*). The Latin translation we find in the Vulgate, *faber*, actually preserves the very different meanings the Greek *téktōn* has. A *faber* is a general term used for workers and craftsmen in general. A *faber* can surely work as a carpenter every now and then, but a *lignarius* is a carpenter by trade.

**Was Jesus' name really Jesus?** The name *Yeshua* (the original form of the Hebrew name, itself being a derivation of the earlier *Yehoshua*) was relatively popular in Judea in Jesus' time. One finds in the works of Flavius Josephus, the 1st-century historian, at least 20 different persons called *Iesous*. Also, he is not the first character to be named *Yeshua* (*Joshua*) in the Bible (remember the Book of *Joshua* in the Old Testament?). The name, etymologically, means "God saves," "Yahweh is salvation," "Yah saves." This is indeed the name all the Gospels use to refer to Jesus.

## pray for

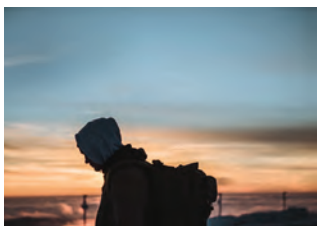
Please remember our brothers and sisters in the Lord who have asked for prayers:

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Names will remain on the Prayer List for 90 days and then will be transferred to the prayer list in the Adoration Chapel. To add names to or remove names from the Prayer List, please email: [SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com](mailto:SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com)

## charity victories!

### Brewster Cares



With the coming of spring, our Brewster Cares nonprofit has just finished up its winter emergency homeless shelter for the season. Thanks to the donations of our parishioners at St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart, we have served 20 homeless men and women throughout the winter offering

a warm, safe place to sleep at night and a daytime center out of the cold. Years ago when the shelter started, nearly all the guests were immigrants, but now more than half our guests are Americans facing various kinds of life struggles. Our shelter is a beautiful expression of our belief in Jesus's teaching, "when-ever you do this for the least of my brethren, you do this for me." Thank you for your ongoing support. And thank you to the dozens of volunteers that served, cooked, slept over and gave so generously of themselves!

### South Bronx/St. Anthony of Padua Parish



Thank you for your donations in our effort to help our sister parish, St. Anthony of Padua. We've reached our goal of \$14,000 to repair their roof. We've also collected tens of

thousands of dollars in good used clothing we will distribute to the homeless and the needy both here and in their area. We've also given St. Anthony's a donation to participate in a parish leadership training program to develop their own local leadership that will work with their pastor Fr. Joe Espallat to build up their parish in a tough area in the South Bronx.

## mass intentions

### Saturday, April 3

8:00PM Easter Vigil

### Sunday, April 4

8:00AM Kathy Civetta  
8:00AM GYM Intentions of Joseph Turturro  
9:00AM *Sacred Heart* Betty & Edward O'Brien  
9:30AM Caitlin Giamundo  
9:30AM GYM Joseph Gleason  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Edward Richardson  
11:00AM Daniel Madden  
11:00AM GYM Toni Akanewich  
12:30 PM Spanish

### Monday, April 5

8:30AM Fredrick Merkel

### Tuesday, April 6

8:30AM Maria & Pasquale Testani

### Wednesday, April 7

8:30AM Mary McGreevy  
7:00PM Joseph Gleason

### Thursday, April 8

8:30AM Miguel Jusino

### Friday, April 9

8:30AM Souls of St. Lawrence  
O'Toole Cemetery

### Saturday, April 10

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Kathleen Philip & Gladys O'Connor  
5:30PM Msgr. McCabe Scholarship Fund  
7:30PM Spanish

### Sunday, April 11

8:00AM Cathy Mannfolk  
9:30AM Josie & Al LaBanca  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Frank & Ester Gasper  
11:00AM Margaret Romano  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM Myles Tomblin

## dedications

### ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE

The **Tabernacle Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Joseph Gleason** at the request of the Gleason Family

The **Blessed Mother Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Ann & John Moran** at the request of the Dorothy Moran

The **Pascal Candle** at **St. Lawrence** is dedicated to **Elizabeta Novosel** at the request of the Gabe Novosel

### SACRED HEART

The **Sanctuary Candle** at **Sacred Heart** is dedicated to **John & Eily Gilsean** at the request of the their daughter Kelly





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SUNDAY

**APRIL 11**

3:00 PM- 4:00 PM

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# parish support

## st. lawrence parish support

**Weekend of March 28**

In Pew Collection	\$ 8,170.00
February WeShare weekly	\$ 5,502.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,672.15</b>

## sacred heart parish support

**Weekend of March 28**

In Pew Collection	\$ 2,017.00
February WeShare weekly	\$ 472.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,489.97</b>

**Note:** Regardless of whether you attend St. Lawrence or Sacred Heart, for convenience on a particular weekend, be assured your collection envelopes will be returned to the parish in which you are registered.



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