



ST. LAWRENCE COMMUNITY SERVICES



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In the year 258, by decree of Emperor Valerian, Pope Saint Sixtus II and six deacons were beheaded, leaving Lawrence as the ranking Church official in Rome.

The deceased Pope Saint Sixtus appeared to Lawrence and reassured him that he was not being left behind; they would be reunited in four days. Four days later Lawrence was commanded to appear for his execution, and to bring along the treasure with which he had been entrusted by the Pope. When he arrived, he was accompanied by a multitude of Rome's crippled, blind, sick, and indigent. He announced, with his well known wit, that "these are the true treasures of the Church."

For this act of fidelity to Christ and the Church, St. Lawrence was martyred by being roasted on a gridiron. Before his death, he is said to have used that same courageous wit to tell his executioners, "turn me over, I am done on this side."

St. Lawrence, generous patron of the Church's poor, pray for us to the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that all those in need may feel the effect of the love of their brothers and sisters who seek to help them!

Saint Lawrence, Pray For Us!



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