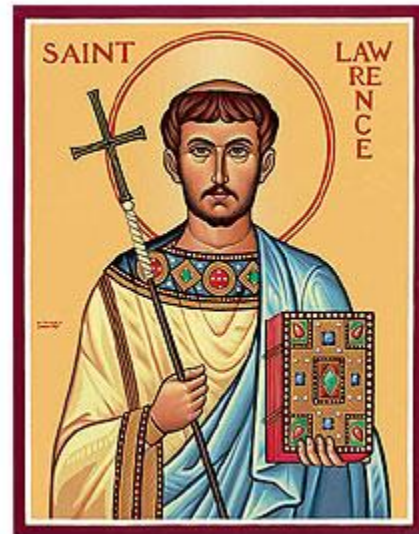


St Lawrence Deacon, Rome

Born in 225 AD, Lawrence of Rome served as a deacon under Pope Sixtus II. He managed the church's assets and tended to the poor and needy, a task he performed with immense dedication and compassion. But his life was not all roses. It was during the era of Roman Emperor Valerian when Christianity was met with persecution, and this was when our beloved saint's faith was put to test.



The miracles of St Lawrence

1. There was a church named after St. Lawrence that was burnt down and he was rebuilding it. He hired workmen to fix it. But one day he found out that he had no food to feed the workmen. He prayed to St. Lawrence for help. He then looked into his basket and found a loaf of bread. The size of the loaf of bread was too small to feed all of the workmen, but Fr. Sanctulus noticed that whenever he broke the bread, it multiplied. It multiplied so much that it fed his workmen for ten days. That was the beatified miracle that canonized St. Lawrence.
2. There was also an account of a miracle during a drought in Italy, where locals prayed to Saint Lawrence. It is believed that the saint appeared in a dream to a bishop and instructed him to dig in a certain spot. Upon doing so, they uncovered a freshwater spring, thereby saving the town from the drought.