

# August 10th: St. Lawrence, martyr

**Gospel text (Jn 12,24-26): Jesus said, «Whoever wants to serve me, let him follow me and wherever I am, there shall my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him».**



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Today we admire the serenity with which St. Lawrence faced his martyrdom, in the year 257. Those were times of persecution. Pope St. Sixtus was martyred. Lawrence was one of the deacons attending the Pope. He was concerned with helping the poor in Rome. The authorities granted him three days gather the riches of the Church and hand them over to the Emperor. But, oh surprise! St. Lawrence appeared with a long line of poor, crippled, blind and who were suffering... those which he attended, and declared that these were the true treasures of the Church!

-21 centuries later, the treasures of Christ have not changed ... We are the ones who should change!