

The Story of St. Lawrence

When Sixtus became Pope in 257AD, Lawrence was ordained a deacon and was placed in charge of the administration of Church goods and care for the poor.



The Roman Emperor Valerian put several Christian leaders to death. Pope Sixtus was executed and the Emperor demanded that Lawrence give him the treasures of the Church.

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Lawrence gave away all the monies and goods, including the Holy Chalice, of the Church.

He gathered the poorer people together and presented them as the treasures of the Church.



As punishment Lawrence was put to death on a Grid Iron

During his torture Lawrence cried out

"This side's done, turn me over and have a bite."



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Because Lawrence died for his faith in Christ he was made a Saint.

He is the **patron saint** of Bankers because of his position as “keeper of the treasures of the church” and of **Fire** because of his **death by fire**.

So we have our connection to the **Fire Brigade**



Collect for St. Lawrence Day

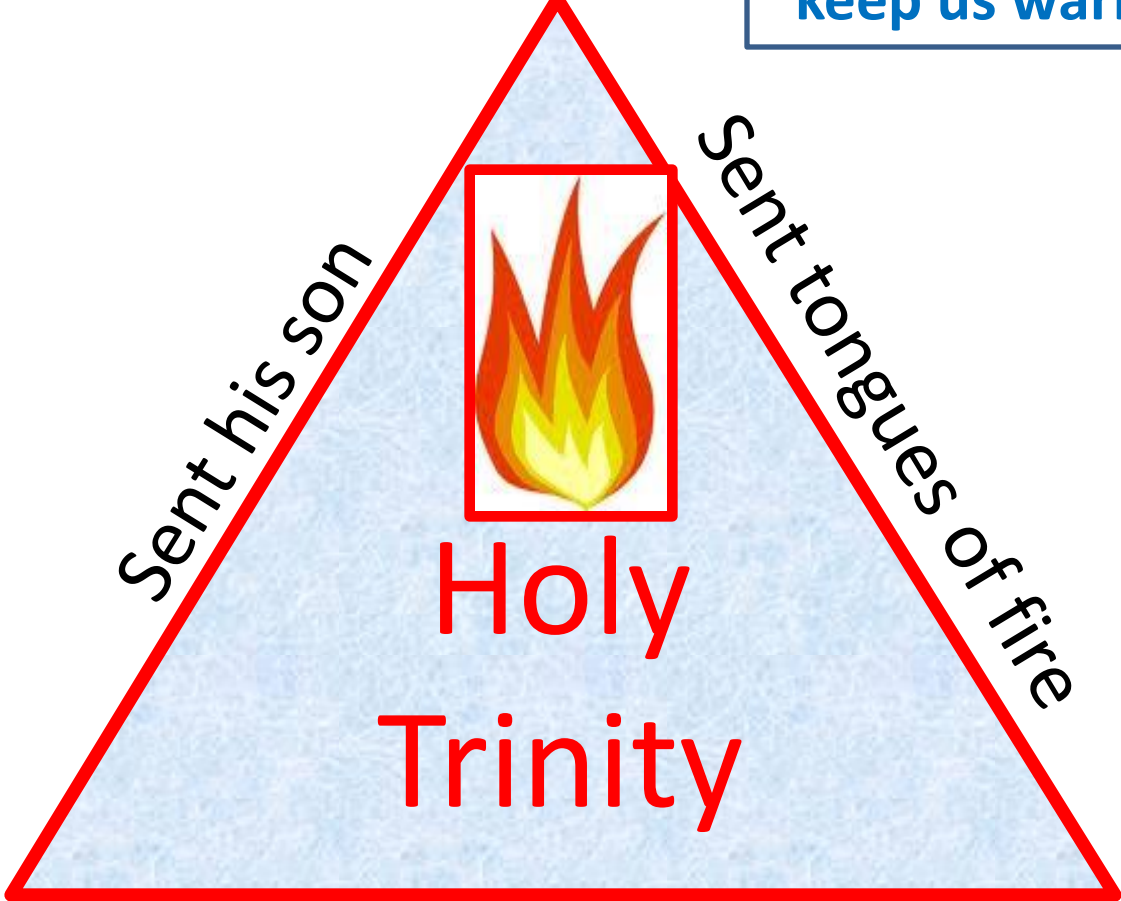
**Almighty God,
who made Lawrence a loving
servant of your people
and a wise steward of the
treasures of your Church:
fire us with his example to
love as he loved
and to walk in the way that
leads to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your
Son our Lord, who is alive
and reigns with you, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever.**

Amen.



GOD

Created **FIRE** to keep us warm



Sent his son

Sent tongues of fire

Holy Trinity

Jesus

To be the **Light of the World**

Holy Spirit

To **blaze** in our hearts with the fire of **God's love**

