

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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Rev. Fr. Russell Asch

**Chaplain to the Faithful participating in
the Extraordinary Rite of the Latin Mass**

Julia Di Paolo - **Secretary**

PARISH OFFICE AND HOURS:

Mon to Thurs: 9:15 AM — 12:00 PM

1:00 PM — 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:15 AM — 2:00 PM

Sunday: 9:15 AM — 1:00 PM

Closed on Saturday and Holidays

DEVOTIONS:

Holy Rosary: before Mass

Divine Mercy: Friday after Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesday

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday - Friday: 9 am -12pm

First Friday of the Month

9am - 2 pm / 4 pm - 7 pm

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

For assistance call 416-410-3589

PARISH SCHOOL:

St. Lawrence Catholic School 416-393-5264

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday Mass : 8:30 am (English)

10:00 am (Italian)

11:30 am (English)

1:00 pm (Latin)

5:00 pm (English)

DAILY MASSES:

English: 8:30 am Monday to Saturday

Latin: 11:00 am Monday to Wednesday

7:00 am Thursday

7:00 pm Friday

10:00 am Saturday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays following the 8:30 am Mass

Saturdays 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm

(or by appointment)

BAPTISM:

Visit our website or call the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the Pastor ONE YEAR in advance. Marriage Preparation Course is required. Visit our website for more information.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

If one of your loved ones would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK:

Visitation and/or Holy Communion for the sick upon request.

A warm Welcome to New Parishioners!

*Please fill out a parish registration form found in the foyer of the Church,
and kindly introduce yourself to the Pastor.*



Jesus does not pull his punches, and here delivers a series of devastating body-blows to anyone who is looking for easy discipleship. All through this journey up to Jesus' own death at Jerusalem the cost of discipleship has been a recurrent theme: 'Let the dead bury their dead', the Parable of the Rich Fool, 'From one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded', 'Father against son, son against father', and now 'Hate father and mother' and 'Give up all your possessions'. A certain amount of the vigour of these demands may be attributed to a Semitic mode of expression, ease of superlatives and lack of comparatives, but there is no doubt about the absolute demands made on the disciple. When Jesus made these demands he knew what lay ahead of him, and was only asking his disciples to follow his own course. We must count the cost before beginning to build the tower. Most of us have, of course, already started to build the tower. There is no turning back from the plough, only prayer for a courage and loyalty which exceed our own powers.

Voler essere discepoli del Cristo significa avere scelto e deciso di seguirlo, significa avere scelto Cristo come unico punto di riferimento della e nella nostra vita. Lo seguiamo perché lo amiamo e perché abbiamo fondato su di lui, e solo su di lui, il nostro progetto di vita.

Vivremo, nonostante tutto, infedeltà ed errori quotidiani, ma non saranno questi a troncare la nostra sequela se sapremo accettarli e viverli come limite e quindi come parte della croce che ogni giorno ci è chiesto di portare. Una croce fatta di grandi e piccole sofferenze e miserie, ma è proprio l'adesione alla "nostra" croce la via per divenire e rimanere suoi discepoli.

La Chiesa, oggi e sempre, è costruita da chi ha il coraggio di affidarsi soltanto a Dio e seguire Gesù con totale abbandono e senza nessun compromesso.



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD – SABATO

5:00 P.M. - + Manuel Dungca

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Patrick Hogan

10:00 A.M. - Susanna e Gianni Onisto

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Vito Sciuto e defunti famiglia

Pietro Pagliaro

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e defunti famiglia

Vito De Nardo e defunti famiglia

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Angelo Lamanna e defunti famiglia

Antonio e Rosaria Lisciandro

Vincenza Di Tacchio

11:30 A.M. + Pat Mancuso

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Holy Souls In Purgatory

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH – LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Elizabeth Ramsbotham

11:00 A.M. + Paul & Pauline Lam

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH – MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Tamburro & Caccavella Families

11:00 A.M. - Oto Lam & Family

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH – MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Maria & Nine Palumbo

11:00 A.M. - Maria Georgina Jose

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH – GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. - Pro Populo

8:30 A.M. + Pablo.Florencia.Virgilio Palomares.Rolando Lozano

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH – VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Fr. Roy Farrell

7:00 P.M. + Cardinal Velasio De Paolis C.S.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Julita & Rufino Gapuz

10:00 P.M. - Noelle Torres

12:00 P.M. - WEDDING

Raffaele Trentadue & Anna Carmela Mele



Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was ordained to the ministerial priesthood in 2009 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, one of the themes Thomas Cardinal Collins touched upon during his homily concerned priestly obedience. The Cardinal remarked that although the promise of obedience, which a priest makes on his ordination day, is an easy concept to understand, nevertheless, it is often a very difficult reality to live. Every priest is called to undertake different ministries throughout his priesthood. Cardinal Collins reminded us that each priest should always be ready to pack his bags and move because he is simply "*a feather in the breath of God.*"

As I write these words, I cannot help but think how actively the "*breath of God*" has been blowing within my own priestly life. When I assumed my role as your new Pastor on June 30th, it was my ninth ministry in fourteen years as a priest. Truthfully, the ministries that I have been assigned have not been easy ones. Yet, the Lord in his great love has always provided me with the necessary graces and strength to carry them out.

Moving to a new ministry has its own particular challenges. One is required to adjust to new surroundings, meet new people and cultivate new relationships. The move, however, also gives the priest a wonderful opportunity to grow in his life - both personally and spiritually - given that the new mission often forces him to stretch and come out of his comfort zone.

This reality, however, is not only limited to the priest. It can also be challenging for those people who have been entrusted to his spiritual care. Nevertheless, the arrival of a new priest can also be an occasion for the community of believers to grow, to be stretched, to see things in a new perspective, and to do things in a new way.

Let us be mindful that "*the breath of God*" has brought us together at this point in time. As the rhythm of our parish life begins to slowly pick up its pace, may we all be open to the wisdom and light of God so that we can faithfully walk our journey of faith together.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



VOCATION REFLECTION:

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact: Fr. Matt McCarthy, Dir of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

Jesus says "whoever of you does not give up all their possessions cannot be my disciple." The Lord doesn't mean to suggest that all of us should have no possessions but rather to live with a lens that gratefully views everything as gifts from God that are meant to be used for His glory and the good of the Church. As the new school year is beginning and many ministries in the parish are starting up, we should ask ourselves, how can we lend our time and gifts to serve others?



Special Prayers
For Those In Need



FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Please remember in your prayers: those who are sick and for those who love and minister to them – Francisco William, Stephanie Solomon, Antonio Sorbera, Vanessa Melone, Rosemarie Sorbera, Amelia Barroso, Alicia Alvares, Charlie Abreu, Domingo Catolos, Eileen and Mary Nicol, Betty Byrne, Verna Quinn, Alex Amizola, Jack Muir, Danielle Davies, and Margaret & Paul O'Connor.

Weekly Offertory



Last Week's Collection: \$4,458.90

Building Fund: \$2,433.10

Thank You For Your Generosity



Rite of Initiation for Adults

RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*) is a program in the Catholic Church for adults who wish to become Catholic:

It is a program geared towards three types of people:

- Those who have never been baptized and now want to enter the Catholic Church.
- Those who have been baptized but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (e.g. the Sacrament of First Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation).
- Those who have been validly baptized in another Christian denomination and now wish to be received into the Catholic Church.

Please contact the parish office or visit our website for more information. This year's RCIA program will begin in late September.

Programs at SLM



Eucharistic Adoration

Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel Monday - Friday from 9 am to 12 pm. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?

The Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries

Anniversary blessings are given to all celebrating couples after the Holy Communion at all Masses of the **last weekend of the month.**



How does the program work?

- Married couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries are asked to contact the office.
- Please provide your names, the number of years of marriage you are celebrating, and the weekend mass time which you usually attend.



Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Program

Our Parish offers the PAG Program. Those who wish to sign-up may do so by filling out a registration form found in our website or in the church foyer. Please submit forms with a void cheque to the office or place in the offertory basket at any time. PAG allows you to support your parish when you are away. For more information, please contact our church office.

Thank you for your continued support!

Dear Padre

September 4, 2022

It seems like the Church always asks for money. Why should I donate?

The Church is a global organization representing institutions with growing needs—parishes, schools, charities, and mission societies, for example. If it seems like they “always ask for money,” it’s because there is a constant need to maintain these services. Indeed, the Vatican donates substantial funds to many charities.

Financial support has always been part of Christian community life. Jesus instructed his apostles to rely on the generosity and hospitality of those to whom they preached (see Luke 10:7). Early Christians gave contributions to the apostles to be distributed among widows and orphans. In fact, the early Church’s charitable activities were so extensive, it led to the formation of the diaconate, with deacons focusing on charitable work while the apostles preached (see Acts 6:1–6).

Some observe that the Church owns splendid churches and artwork. “Why doesn’t the Church sell these assets to fund their operations?” they ask. Indeed, as worshipers leave inner-city parishes for the suburbs, dioceses have tried to sell decommissioned churches. They have discovered that few people can or want to buy a church. As for art treasures, they are part of the Church’s patrimony from previous generations that continues to inspire Catholics today and into the future.

Ultimately, we give in charity, recognizing that it’s Christ to whom we give when we give to the needy. Almsgiving is part of Christian life because of what it does for the recipient and for what giving does for the giver (see Acts 20:35).

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