

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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Rev. Fr. Thomas Lim

Pastor

Rev. Fr. Anish K. Antony C.F.I.C.

Associate Pastor

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

Novena to Our Lady of Miraculous Medal:

Every Monday, October— May

Novena to St. Anthony de Padua:

13 Tuesdays (March —June 13)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday - Friday: 9am -12pm

First Friday: 9am - 12pm / 3pm - 7pm

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.*

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



This story of Jesus comes only in Luke, another of those dreadful warnings of the danger of wealth, for Luke gives us always the Gospel to the poor: contrast the welcome given to Jesus by the shepherds and the fabulously wealthy King Herod! Luke shows us those who blithely turn down their invitation to the banquet of the Kingdom in order to try out their new holiday cottage, their latest Porsche or the re-fitted yacht. Through the Crafty Steward he reminds us that those who want to make money are often sharper than those who want to make the Kingdom. Through the Rich Fool he reminds us that well-stocked barns are no remedy against death. For me there are three particularly horrible features of today's parable: firstly, the flea-ridden dogs licking Lazarus' sores: there are no pets in Palestine; dogs are either bristling guard-dogs or mangy curs. Secondly, the Rich Man's continuing self-absorption: even after death he still does not recognise Lazarus' existence and thinks only of his own burning tongue; contrast Abraham's gentleness: it almost looks as though he would cross the chasm if he could. Thirdly, the obdurate brothers; they are just not willing to listen, even to the most startling event; nothing will distract them from their own selfish pre-occupations. .

Con questa parabola Gesù ci richiama l'irreparabile Eternità delle pene dell'inferno. È un discorso duro, ma viene dalle labbra di Gesù. Il ricco Epulone, che durante la vita terrena non ha praticato la carità, soffre irrimediabilmente nell'oltrevita. Egli, come i suoi fratelli, conosceva la legge e le profezie che specificano i modi della giustizia divina: forse riteneva che per lui si sarebbe fatta un'eccezione, e invece tutto si compie alla lettera. Siamo avvertiti anche noi: non possiamo edulcorare la legge di Cristo, affidarci a una "misericordia" che non trovi corrispettivo nella nostra carità. Finché siamo quaggiù abbiamo tempo per compiere il bene, e in tal modo guadagnarci la felicità eterna: poi sarà troppo tardi. Gesù dà un senso anche alle sofferenze di Lazzaro: le ingiustizie terrene saranno largamente compensate nell'altra vita, l'unica che conta. Abbiamo il dovere di far conoscere a tutti, cominciando dalle persone che amiamo, la logica della giustizia divina: e questa è la forma più squisita della carità.



FATHER, YOU called Saint Lawrence to serve you by Love, and Crowned his life with Glorious Martyrdom. Help us to be like him in loving YOU and doing YOUR work. Amen. St. Lawrence pray to God for us.



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. - + Noel Cordeiro

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - Reg & Georgette Bedard

10:00 A.M. - Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Tony Lamanna

Antonio Savella

Marino D'Attolico e defunti famiglia

Salvatore Porzio

Totonno e Rosaria Francella

Leonello Pecorari

Antonino Tuccitto

Vincenza Di Tacchio

Rudy Montaniel

Carmelo Colangelo

11:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Nazar Da Silva

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH – LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Leticia Dela Cruz

11:00 A.M. + Luisa Saguing

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH – MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Hannah Porawa

11:00 A.M. + Mateo Amando

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH – MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Jasper Angelo

11:00 A.M. + Vincent Pereira

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH – GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. - Pro Populo

8:30 A.M. + Giovanni Di Fonzo

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH – VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Joseph Lovrek

7:00 P.M. + Miguel Ortiz-Sosa

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1ST – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

10:00 P.M. + Sydney, Irene & Anne De Souza

Weekly Offertory



Last Week's Collection: \$4,382.70

Thank You For Your Generosity

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Dear Friends in Christ,

At various times within my priestly ministry, I have had to address a number of erroneous ideas or opinions concerning the Church. These misunderstandings or misconceptions often concern one of the key teachings and/or tenets of our Catholic Faith.

Another widely held misconception is the belief that the Church is extremely wealthy; that parishes are flushed with great sums of money. While I cannot deny that a few parishes might be blessed with a large amount of cash in their respective bank account(s), the reality for most parishes is the opposite. If you ask pastors to assess their situation, a good number will tell you that their parish is either barely keeping their head above the water, or that they are struggling and experiencing hardship. Many of them will also concede that although the cost to run a parish has remained constant, or has recently become more expensive due to a rise in inflationary pressures, *parish donations and funds have in many instances sharply declined*. Why? Because fewer parishioners are coming or returning to church due to the pandemic. As a result, pastors are always trying to ensure that they have enough money to cover their expenses and balance their books.

How are we doing at SLM? The good news is that the parish is “in the black.” What this means is that the parish has no debt and that it has a few dollars in its bank account at the moment; approximately \$70,000 or so. The bad news, however, is that the parish will have a number of large outstanding expenses that will come due within the next few months. These large big-ticket items include, for example: \$15k for Shepherd’s Trust (funds contributed to the priests’ retirement plan); \$25k for our recently fixed air-conditioning (outstanding amount due in installments); \$25k for the Diocesan assessment (the variable taxation every parish must pay to the Archdiocese); \$12k for Catholic Mutual (the parish’s annual insurance cost). If you do the math, you will notice that in a very short time (probably before year-end), SLM’s financial cupboards will become empty,

You might be thinking as you read this: why is the Pastor speaking about money? The truth is that a majority of pastors do not like to talk about parish finance or speak about dollars and cents. Despite spending my entire professional life dealing and talking about financial or money-related issues, I must confess that I also have a great distaste for it. Nevertheless, a pastor’s role is not limited only to preaching, teaching, and administering the sacraments to the faithful. The pastor is also called to be a good steward or administrator of the parish’s funds/assets. And part of good stewardship always involves truth and transparency. I pray that I was able to accomplish that with my words this weekend; that at least you can say: “Now I know the true financial state of my parish at SLM.”

I humbly ask, if your situation permits, please remember your parish and provide her with any forms of assistance you can. Let us all pray to the Lord – that His providence may shine upon us – as we navigate the choppy waters of these uncertain and difficult times.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

First Reconciliation and Communion - Sacramental Preparation



The First Reconciliation and Communion Program is designed for and received by children in Grade 2 or



older. Registration is now open for young people who wish to receive these Sacraments.

Parents **MUST** attend **ONE** of our ‘Registration and Information’ dates:

Thursday, October 20th at 7PM
Saturday, October 22nd at 10AM

Confirmation - Sacramental Preparation



The Confirmation Program is designed for and received by children in Grade 7 or older. Registration is now open for young people who wish to receive the Sacrament.

Parents **MUST** attend **ONE** of our ‘Registration and Information’ dates:

Thursday, October 27th at 7PM
Saturday, October 29th at 10AM

When will I receive the registration package?

Children in Grades 2 and 7 attending **St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic School**: registration packages will be distributed this week and will be sent home with your child(ren).

Children in Grades 2 and 7 attending **a public, private or a Catholic School outside the parish boundary** are invited to pick-up a registration package in the church foyer.

Parents of older children who have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and First Communion and are entering Grades 3 - 8, are asked to contact the parish office at 416-759-9359 or email: stlawrencemartyr@archtoronto.org.

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Installation Mass for Fr. Thomas Lim

Most Reverend Vincent H. Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto - Eastern Pastoral Region, will celebrate the Eucharist and install Fr. Thomas Lim as Pastor of St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish on Sunday, October 16th, 2022 at the 11:30 Mass.

A small reception will be held in the parish hall following the conclusion of the Mass. All are welcome to attend.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Sep 30, 2022



This year's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will take place on Friday, September 30, 2022. Cardinal Collins will preside at the 7:30 a.m. Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica with participation from Indigenous members of the community. All are welcome in person or via livestream at: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/.

Oct 1/2, 2022 Special Collection - Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

Our country continues to undergo an examination of our relationships with Indigenous Peoples. The Catholic Church in Canada has been deeply engaged in the journey of healing and reconciliation, most notably through the visit of Pope Francis this past summer.



As part of our ongoing efforts, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a firm commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country.

The Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation fund is part of a national effort announced by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Bishops of Canada have made a \$30-million collective financial commitment to support healing and reconciliation initiatives among Indigenous Peoples. The archdiocese will contribute six million dollars towards the national pledge. The collection on October 1/2 provides an opportunity for the faithful to contribute to this important initiative. For more information or to donate online please visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation - thank you for your generosity!



Vocations Corner

But if only someone would go to them. Pray for those who are called to 'run the race' as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters? If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org Web www.vocationstoronto.ca

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, Alicia Alvares, Charlie Abreu, Domingo Catolos, Eileen and Mary Nicol, Betty Byrne, Verna Quinn, Jack Muir, Danielle Davies, Margaret & Paul O'Connor, Roula Constantine.

Special Prayers
For Those In Need



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:

This year's RCIA program will begin in late September.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please ask them to contact the parish office or visit our website for more information.

YOUTH CORNER

Office of Catholic Youth

RENEW Toronto Young Adult Conference 2022

From: Fr. Joshua Roldan,

Director of Office of Catholic Youth

We are very excited to be bringing young adults together again for RENEW Toronto.

RENEW Toronto is a conference for all young adults aged 19-39 with keynotes, workshops, worship music, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and

fellowship. This conference will offer unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, and young couples. We invite young adults to unite with one another to collectively renew their hearts, renew their call and renew their community.

Saturday, Nov 5, 2022 – 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Canada Christian College
(300 Water St, Whitby, ON)

Doors open at 9 a.m. Social ends at 11 p.m.

Registration is now open! Please invite young adults you encounter to register online through our website.

Deadline to register is October 19, 2022.

WEBSITE: www.renewtoronto.org

CONTACT: youngadult@ocytoronto.org