

# St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM:

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 - Thursday: 9am-12pm (Chapel)

Every Friday: 9am - 7pm (Church)

## 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.*

## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2022



The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

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È un male molto diffuso tra i credenti quello di considerare la fede come un atteggiamento puramente intellettuale, come la semplice accettazione di alcune verità. Cioè una fede che si traduce in una presa di posizione teorica, senza una vera incidenza sulla vita. Questo squilibrio ha come conseguenza lo scandalo della croce: l'esitazione davanti alle difficoltà che incontriamo ogni giorno e che sono sovente insormontabili se noi non siamo abbastanza radicati in Dio. Allora ci rivoltiamo con la stessa reazione insolente e insultante che scopriamo nelle parole del libro di Abacuc.

Le due brevi parabole del testo evangelico ricordano due proprietà della fede: l'intensità e la gratuità. Per mettere in rilievo il valore di una fede minima, ma solida, Cristo insiste sugli effetti che può produrre: cambiare di posto anche all'albero più profondamente radicato. Per insistere sulla fede come dono di Dio, porta l'esempio del servitore che pone il servizio del suo amore prima di provvedere ai suoi propri bisogni. È l'esigenza del servizio del Vangelo che ci ricorda san Paolo (1Tm 1,1), ma questo stesso apostolo ci avverte che "i lavori penosi" trovano sempre l'appoggio della grazia di Dio.

### Weekly Offertory

Last Week's Collection: \$4,179.60  
Needs of the CAD Church: \$1,819.85  
ShareLife: \$2,120.00  
Church Repairs: \$725.00



Mass Intentions  
FOR THE WEEK



### SATURDAY OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> – SABATO

5:00 P.M. - + Joseph Paul Dal Gado

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Michael Laconte

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

Concetta, Giulia e Filippo Lembo

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Vito Sciuto e defunti famiglia

Teresa Pagliaro - Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e defunt famiglia

Vito De Nardo e defunti famiglia

Angelo Lamanna e defunti famiglia

Antonio e Rosaria Lisciandro

Antonino Tuccitto - Vincenzo Pittino

Paolo Modica - Carmelo Colangelo

11:30 A.M. - Elizabeth Jayendran

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

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

### MONDAY OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> – LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Stella Pereira & Family

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

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Stephanie Bagasan

11:00 A.M. - Maria Georgina Jose

### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Sacha Bagasan

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

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:30 A.M. + P/F/V Palomare & Rolando Lozano

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. - In Thanksgiving

7:00 P.M. - Family of Agnes Leung

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Eulogia & Rolando Balutan

10:00 P.M. - Fr. Russell Asch & Family

**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.





Dear Friends in Christ,

Saint Francis of Assisi once remarked: “Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature. What you are in his sight is what you are and nothing more. Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received...but only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage.”

Francis's words serve as a wonderful antidote to the erroneous teachings of the “gospel of the world” - a gospel that encourages its followers to find happiness by indulging in the things of this world, such as money, power, pleasure and status. Many who have lived this false gospel know this not to be true!

On another level, his words are also a poignant reminder to the ephemeral reality of our human existence. Every life, in the end, is merely a passage by which we hopefully reach our ultimate destination; our eternal union with God. This union is not merely assured by our simple existence, but attained by the manner by which we live our life, through our actions and deeds.

Francis speaks about “a heart enriched by honest service”. The word service is usually associated with the Church's corporal works of mercy, such as clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, and giving alms to the poor. However, service can also be found in those ministries often overlooked within our parish communities. At SLM, we have a diversity of ministries that includes: The Worship and Liturgical Ministries, The Parish Life and Service Ministries, Spiritual Life and Faith Formation, and Witness and Outreach Ministries.

It should come as no surprise to say that the pandemic has profoundly impacted parish life in so many different ways. Not only have the numbers of parishioners failed to return to their pre-pandemic numbers, there has also been a drastic reduction in the number of volunteers who are willing to serve in parish ministries. Today, I want to acknowledge that we are in need of new volunteers who are willing to serve our community.

In the bulletins for the next two weekends, you will find a brief description for the various ministries at SLM. As you read these descriptions, please consider the words of Saint Peter's exhortation to the members of the early Christian community: “As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received” (1 Peter 4:10). Then ask yourself: “How can I help to serve this parish community?”

SLM will have a Parish Ministry Fair on the weekend of November 5th/6th weekend. During that weekend, you will have an opportunity to sign up for various ministries after every Mass, so that you can put your gifts, time and talent at the service our parish community.

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 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 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 or download from our website.

**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](mailto:stlawrencemartyr@archtoronto.org).





### 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 (potluck) reception will be held in the parish hall following the conclusion of the Mass.

All are welcome to attend.



### *SLM—Ministry Harvest 2022*

*"As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received."*

- 1 Peter 4:10

Join us for our **Ministry Fair** on **November 5th/6th** after all Masses.

Discover the ways you can share your *time* and *talent* in our community.



### Vocations Corner

"Increase our faith." Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon or religious brother or sister? If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) Web [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### Stewardship Reflection

It is often difficult in our own secular society to believe all of the increasingly counter-cultural teachings of the Church. This is why we too need to earnestly implore the Lord for more faith. Let us set aside time each day to pray to the Father the same words found in the Gospel today, "increase our faith!"



### Eucharistic Adoration

Monday - Thursday (9am-12 pm) in the Chapel

Every Friday (9am-7pm) in the Church

Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?

# Dear Padre

October 2, 2022

## **Why should we be married in the Church?**

At baptism, every Christian is called to be not just Jesus' disciple, but an apostle. While it's easy to see how priests and religious sisters and brothers serve as missionaries, a man and woman joined in the sacrament of matrimony are also missionaries. Saint Paul noted the way a husband and wife love each other reflects how Christ loves his bride, the Church: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church" (Ephesians 5:25).

The first beneficiaries of the missionary vocation of marriage are the husband and wife. Through their exclusive love, they support each other. Their relationship is open to sexual expression, allowing the body and soul of two to become one. And, if God wills, children will benefit from the Christian bond of their parents. They bring their children to baptism, then teach them about their faith at home through example and instruction.

Those who encounter a couple throughout their lives—relatives, friends, coworkers, parishioners, and even strangers—benefit from their Christian marriage. How often have we been touched by the sight of an older couple walking hand in hand? God will reveal to them only in eternity how many lives have been impacted by their love.

Jesus praised matrimony as part of the initial vocation given to humanity (see Mark 10:6-9). Without reproduction, there would have been no human race. But humans, created in God's image, lead lives reflecting God's love. In the couple who says, "I do," God's love shines brightly as a light to the world.

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