

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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Happy Thanksgiving



*Give thanks to the Lord for His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving*

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 9TH, 2022



Dear Friends in Christ,

A few years ago, while I was having dinner with my late mother, Theresa, she shared a few stories with me about how it was like growing up and living under Communist rule in China. My mother told me that life was very tough for her, her parents and younger brother, Claudio. Her family, who was extremely poor, often went days without eating, and they faced great uncertainties in their daily life.

My mother's childhood experience (not surprisingly) had a profound impact on how she would live her life. On a human level, she avoided wasting or throwing out food at all cost. I can still remember how as we (my brothers and sisters) were eating the newly prepared food placed on our kitchen table, mom would be eating the leftovers, quietly and without any fuss. More importantly, however, her experience shaped the way she lived her spiritual life. Mom regularly lived with a spirit of gratitude, in that she was always grateful for everything that the Lord gave her and the family, no matter how big or small.

For those of us who live in the Western world, we can easily fail to see how abundantly blessed we truly are. The temptation is to grumble and complain about the things that we might be lacking/perceive to lack, rather than being thankful for the things that we actually have. We can, for example, complain about the job we dislike, instead of being thankful that we are not unemployed or seeking meaningful work. We can lament about our home or space of living as being too small, instead of being thankful that we are not homeless or living on the streets. There are undoubtedly many more examples but the point is that too often people have the tendency of seeing their glasses as being $\frac{1}{2}$ empty instead of $\frac{1}{2}$ full; $\frac{3}{4}$ empty instead of $\frac{1}{4}$ full; 9/10th empty instead of 1/10th full.

How can one cultivate the spirit of gratitude in one's life? Simple! Before going to bed, a person can make an examination of conscience by spending a few minutes and seeking the many ways that God has blessed his/her life with His Presence, love, providence and grace. These things can take many forms: an encounter with a person, an inspired word or thought; a sacramental encounter, etc., Anyone who faithfully undertakes this practice each day will begin to see just how blessed he/she truly is; and, by making daily acts of thanksgiving, will cultivate a spirit of gratitude in his/her life. Make this a part of your spiritual life, if you have not done so already!

This evening, when I examine my conscience, I will thank the Lord for two things that He has blessed me in life. First, I will thank Him for giving me the great privilege of being called to Holy Orders and, at this time, for being your Pastor at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish. And, secondly, I will thank Him for giving me my wonderful mother, Theresa; a woman, who not only provided me with the basic necessities of life, but more importantly, who by her faithful example showed me how to live my life with a spirit of gratitude.

Happy Thanksgiving and Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. - + Carlotta & Peter Ramos & Family

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - Denise Amizola

10:00 A.M. - Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Maria, Vincenzo e Vito Ciraco
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo
Leonardo Gatto
Sr. Carmelina Tarantino
Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie
Carlevaris e Nevodini
L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. - S/L Dominguez & L Saguing

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. - Fr. Roy Farrell

MONDAY OCTOBER 10TH – LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Long & Russo Families

11:00 A.M. + Sarah Perera

TUESDAY OCTOBER 11TH – MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + John Liao

11:00 A.M. - Beverly Corriero

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12TH – MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Geoffrey Siddell

11:00 A.M. + Johnny & Chrissie Ameresekere

THURSDAY OCTOBER 13TH – GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. - Pilar

8:30 A.M. + Hanna Porawa

FRIDAY OCTOBER 14TH – VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Jasper Ibe

7:00 P.M. - Perry Althea & Isabel De Leon

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Hanna Porawa

10:00 P.M. Alec Leung

Weekly Offertory

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4,262.50

Indigenous Collection: \$ 444.00



Thank you For Your Generosity.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 9TH, 2022

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.

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

St. Lawrence Martyr Parish ~ Ministry Harvest 2022



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.

Parish Life and Service Ministries

Parish Events Ministry (New)

Please consider being part of this team that organizes receptions and parish functions throughout the year to build community. Meetings will take place when required.

Craft Group

Consider learning and sharing your talents within our craft group. All items; crafts, knits, crocheted will be sold and 100% proceeds goes to the Church Fund. Knitted toques and mitts are donated to Good Shepherd Refuge or SVDP or Rosalie Hall. Adults above 21 are invited.

Youth Ministry (New)

EDGE Youth Group is designed to meet the needs of students in grades 6, 7, and 8. The group meets 2nd Friday of the month from January to June. Adult volunteers assist in the running of the program. Training is provided.

SLM Young Adults (New)

Young Adults from 19 to 39 are invited to gather and connect for programs, events and fellowship.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic organization for men. SLM Knights Council concentrates its

efforts within the parish by sponsoring family activities, recreational events, charitable endeavors, and fundraising. All Catholic adult men, 18 years of age and older, are welcome to join.

Finance Council

This committee works closely with the pastor to provide advice on the financial concerns of the parish. Members must have some experience in finance, property, legal and personnel administration. This ministry is by invitation from the Pastor. If you are interested, please contact the parish office for more information.

Volunteer Screening Committee

Committee members help the pastor by screening all volunteers who serve in high risk ministries, according to the policies and procedures of the Ontario government and the Archdiocese of Toronto. Training is provided.

Collection Counter

Collection counters work in teams of four to assist in the accurate counting of weekly and special collections for the parish. Counters must be able to maintain confidentiality and show discretion. If you are interested, please contact the parish office for more information.

Worship and Liturgical Ministries

Music Ministry

Singing and music profoundly adds to the liturgical celebration. We are always welcoming new members and while musical experience is helpful, it is not necessary. If you are interested in sharing your voice, please approach the choir director of the 11:30 am English Mass.

Altar Servers

Altar servers assist the priest in the celebration of the Mass. Boys and men (grade 3 and up - who have received their First Holy Communion) are invited to serve in this ministry. Please speak to a priest to sign up for the role. Training is provided.

Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers assist the priest in serving Holy Communion during Mass. This Ministry is open to adults who are practicing Catholics. Training is provided. Volunteers must be 18 years of age and older.

Lectors/Commentators

Lectors serve the church community by reading Scripture and the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass and other liturgical celebrations. If you feel comfortable reading in front of others, this might be a wonderful way for you to be involved in the parish. This ministry is open to any practicing Catholics who has received Confirmation. Training is provided.

Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)

Men and women who welcome, provide assistance and seat parishioners, collect the offertory, and hand out bulletins. This ministry is open to all parishioners beginning with students in grade 9. Training is provided.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (New)

Two catechists share the Gospel with children ages 4 to 10 years at the 11:30 noon Mass. Catechists help the children engage in meaningful discussions at their level of comprehension. Training is provided.

Witness and Outreach

Funeral Mass Ministry (New)

Adult servers assist the priest at the funeral masses for the deceased members of our parish. It is an ideal ministry for any men and women who have free time during the weekday mornings. Training is provided.

Ministers of Care (New)

Communion to the Sick/Homebound ministers visit and bring the Eucharist weekly to those who are sick/homebound. Transportation is a necessity. Training is provided. Special dispensation for ministry to family members.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ by offering person-to-person service to families and individuals in need. Activities in support of SSVP include: food drives, clothing drives, and poor box collections.

Spiritual Life and Faith Formation

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration takes place from Monday - Thursday in the Chapel from 9am - 12pm and every Friday from 9am to 7pm in the Church. Sign-up sheets are found in the foyer of the Church. Come and spend time in prayer and adoration before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolate association of Catholics, who serve the church through prayer and spiritual works in union with the Virgin Mary. Our association meets Tuesdays at 7pm for prayer and discussion. All are invited to join.

RCIA Initiation Team (New)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a program in the Church for adults who wish to become Catholic. Team volunteers share their faith and lives with those who are seeking to become Catholic. Training is provided.

Sacramental Preparation (New)

Volunteer catechists provide instructions for children within our parish community, who are preparing for the Sacraments. Training is provided.

First Communion catechists welcome and lead children in grade 2 or older, in presentations and discussions about the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. The program consists of ten classes that run on Saturday mornings from January to April.