

# 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.*

## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2022



Dear Friends in Christ,

I had the opportunity this past Wednesday to have lunch with a seminarian in the refectory of St. Augustine Seminary. During the course of our conversation, Marco told me about a recent Sunday visit that he made to some family friends, where he witnessed them “watching” and “attending” Mass of a local parish via livestream. Later in the evening, when Marco told his friends that they needed to attend Mass in-person in order to fulfil their Sunday obligations (as it has been the case throughout the ages), they seemed genuinely surprised and somewhat confused by his comments.

The perplexed response that Marco’s friends made that day is not uncommon. The pandemic has played an important factor in contributing to it. Many Catholics today erroneously equate “watching” Mass via livestream with “attending” it. While a person undoubtedly might be able to derive some spiritual benefits from “watching” Mass, the simple fact is that “watching” Mass (regardless where it is done), does not fulfil one’s Sunday obligation to attend Mass in-person.

During the early days of the pandemic, Cardinal Collins (in a communication to all the faithful of the archdiocese dated 13 March 2020) made the pastoral decision to grant all the faithful a dispensation from their Sunday obligations. This was, of course, in response to the need to cancel public celebrations of the Eucharist at that time. Given that the faithful are once again able to attend the celebration of the Eucharist (with all the health and safety restrictions having been removed), the basis for the dispensation from the Sunday obligation has dissipated and is no longer in effect.

What this effectively means is that everyone is required to fulfil their Sunday obligations by attending Mass in-person, with a few exceptions. Who are those exempted? Fr. Edward Curtis (Vicar General of the archdiocese) in a memo to all clergy, parishes and chancery clarified those exempted from this norm: “The Church does not obligate people to do the impossible. If individuals, based on their conscience, cannot attend Mass for a grave reason, including a great vulnerability to COVID-19 or because they are self-isolating to limit the spread of illness, then they are excused from their Sunday obligation, as the law of the Church allows.” It is clear then that those who are exempted are in the minority.

What this means for the majority of the faithful is that he/she can only fulfil his/her Sunday obligations by attending Mass in-person. It is incumbent that those who know this norm also correct others who might remain in a state of ignorance or error with regards to their Sunday obligations. Marco did the right thing by correcting his friends’ erroneous ideas.

I also encourage you not to be afraid to remind your family, friends, co-workers, etc., - who might also hold similar erroneous ideas - of their need to go back to church and attend Mass. The Lord is patiently waiting for those who have not yet returned. He does so because He wishes to bless and shower them with His Eucharist love, a love that is best experienced by attending Mass in-person.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



### **SATURDAY OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

5:00 P.M. + Nicholas & Maria Da Gado & Family

### **SUNDAY OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA**

8:30 A.M. + Maria Emljak

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

Intenzioni Di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri

Rosario Vella

Leonardo Cornacchia

Francesco Ferrante

Annarosa e Pasquale Volpe

Salvatore Simone

Maria D’Addario

Marisa Grasso

Maria e Angelo Baroni

Gaetano, Agata e Filippo Lopresti-Costantino

11:30 A.M. + Alvin Marshall

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Pietro Paolo De Lio

### **MONDAY OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDÌ**

8:30 A.M. + Ping Kuang Chen & Chu Ying Chen

11:00 A.M. - Maria Georgina Jose

### **TUESDAY OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDÌ**

8:30 A.M. + Ceejay Capistrano

11:00 A.M. - Alice Ho

### **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDÌ**

8:30 A.M. + William A. Matthews

11:00 A.M. + Dennis Joyce

### **THURSDAY OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDÌ**

7:00 A.M. - Fr. Russell Asch

8:30 A.M. - Connie Ibe

### **FRIDAY OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> – VENERDÌ**

8:30 A.M. + Joseph Kim Hong

7:00 P.M. - Carmen Jose

### **SATURDAY OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. - Kayla Bagasan

10:00 P.M. - Maria Georgina Jose



#### **Weekly Offertory**

Last Week's Collection: \$6,203.75

Building Fund: \$4,753.00

Indigenous Healing: \$130.00

Needs of CAD Church: \$25.00



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### Vocations Corner ...

God will answer the prayers of those who cry out. Ask for men and women to respond to the call to service as priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters.

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) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### 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**

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.



## St. Lawrence Martyr Parish ~ Ministry Harvest 2022



Join us for our *Ministry Fair* on **November 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>** 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.

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## *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.

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## *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.