

# 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:

Mon - Thurs: 9am-12pm (Church)

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: 12:00 pm 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.

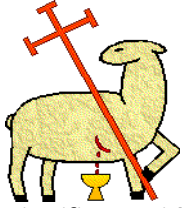
## COMMUNION OF THE SICK:

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.*

## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023



In contrast to the other gospels, where the reader observes the disciples discovering gradually who Jesus is, John gives us a week between the baptism and the marriage-feast of Cana, during which Jesus is given increasingly significant titles by those who meet him: Rabbi, the Messiah, Son of God, King of Israel. Perhaps the most significant of all are those given by the Baptist himself, Lamb of God and Chosen One of God. Lamb of God overarches the gospel, for it comes again at the Crucifixion. According to John Jesus dies at the moment the paschal lambs were being slaughtered in the Temple, and John alone refers to Jesus the scriptural saying 'Not one bone of his will be broken' (John 19.36), originally part of the instructions for the sacrificing of the lamb at the Festival of Passover (Exodus 12.46). In the Book of Revelation Jesus is represented standing 'as a Lamb that seemed to have been sacrificed'. It is therefore an image both of his suffering and of his triumph. It links up with the picture of Jesus as the Suffering Servant of the Lord who moves through suffering and humiliation to vindication and to the triumph of God.

Il Dio che viene ad incontrarci nella Bibbia non regna, indifferente alla sofferenza umana, in una lontananza beata. E' un Dio che, al contrario, si prende a cuore tutta questa sofferenza. Lui la conosce (Es 3,7). La notizia di Dio che si fa uomo in Gesù non ci lascia di sasso: Dio viene nel cuore della nostra vita, si lascia toccare dalla nostra sofferenza umana, si pone con noi le nostre domande, si compenetra della nostra disperazione: "Mio Dio, perché mi hai abbandonato?" (Mc 15,34). Giovanni Battista dice di Gesù: "Ecco l'Agnello di Dio, che toglie il peccato del mondo". Ecco questo Dio che si lascia ferire dalla cattiveria dell'uomo, che si lascia commuovere dalla sofferenza di questa terra.

Egli ha voluto avvicinarsi il più possibile a noi, è nel seno della nostra vita, con i suoi dolori e le sue contraddizioni, le sue falle e i suoi abissi.

È in questo che la nostra fede cristiana si distingue da qualsiasi altra religione. Gesù sulla croce - Dio nel mezzo della sofferenza umana: questa notizia è per noi un'incredibile consolazione. È vicino al mio dolore, egli mi capisce, sa come mi sento. Questa notizia implica allo stesso tempo un'esistenza scomoda: impegnati per coloro che, nel nostro mondo, stanno affondando, che naufragano nell'anonimato, che sono torturati, che vengono assassinati, che muoiono di fame o deperiscono... Sono tutti tuoi fratelli e tue sorelle! .



### Eucharistic Adoration

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)\*

Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)\*

\*Chapel, when there is a funeral

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



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### SATURDAY JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

5:00 P.M. - Juliette Otero

#### SUNDAY JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

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

Rosario Vella

Teresa Pagliaro

Francesco Ferrance

Maria Piccolo

Maria e Vito Vitro

Maria e Angelo Baroni e defunti famiglia

Nancy Spada

Giuseppe Canini e defunti famiglia

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e defunti famiglia

Vito De Nardo e defunti famiglia

Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie

Carlevaris e Nevodini

L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

1:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

5:00 P.M. + Loretto Di Pasupil

#### MONDAY JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Maria e Vito Vitro

12:00 P.M. - The Leung Family

#### TUESDAY JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. - Mary Rose Cacdac

12:00 P.M. + The Butcher Family

#### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Praxedes Valdez-Atanacio

12:00 P.M. + Lumina Dominguez

#### THURSDAY JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Luisa Saguingil

8:30 A.M. + Pushpam Thomas

#### FRIDAY JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Filomena Gaerlan

7:00 P.M. + Paul & Pauline Lam

#### SATURDAY JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Zita D'Cruz

10:00 A.M. + Leo Lobo

### Weekly Offertory

Last Week's Collection: \$4,877.45

Building Fund: \$2,323.00



Thank you



## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023



Dear Friends in Christ, last week when I began my reflection on marriage I asked the question, “What makes marriage?” I noted that fundamentally it was the consent of the parties that makes marriage. The consent must not only be legitimately manifested between persons qualified by law, but no human power is able to supply this consent. In other words, it is through an act of the will that a man and a woman mutually give and accept each other through an irrevocable covenant, which establishes marriage (cf. can 1057). Through this covenant, the man and woman establish between themselves a partnership for the whole life; a partnership ordered to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children (cf. can 1055).

The world today is filled with myriad types of relationships or partnerships that exist between two persons. One can think of same sex unions, cohabitating couples, or “trial marriages” just to name a few. Why is the marital covenant encouraged and advocated by the Church any different from these partnerships or “unions”? Alternatively, one may ask, “Are there specific essential properties that distinguishes Christian marital covenant from these other types of relationship? It should come as no surprise to find the response in the affirmative.

St. Augustine (354-430), the great bishop of Hippo, who lived during the declining years of the Roman Empire, provides us with much needed guidance through his writings and teachings. According to Augustine, there are three goods (or “*bona*”) that help differentiate the marital covenant from all other types of relationships. The three essential properties are: 1) the exclusive fidelity of the marital relationship that exists between a man and a woman (the *bonum fidei*); 2) the permanence or unbreakable nature/indissolubility of the marital bond (the “*bonum sacramenti*”); and 3) the procreativity or openness to having children in the union (the *bonum prolis*).

Fewer people are willing to commit themselves to an exclusive relationship today, with many often consigning themselves to perpetual isolation and loneliness. Yet, there is buried deep within each of us an inherent desire to become “special” or “unique” in the eyes of another. Our desire finds its genesis from the Lord who loving and individually addresses each of us through the prophet Isaiah: “...*I have formed you...I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine*” (Is. 43:1) We all want to be someone’s and thus the value or good of a man and a woman committing themselves to a faithful and exclusive marital relationship is that each will become “special” and “unique” to the other since there is no other.

More and more individuals are unwilling to make a long-term commitment; they are apprehensive of binding themselves forever. The “hook-up” phenomena practiced by so many today is indicative of such fear. Yet as the Catechism remarks: “*By its very nature conjugal love requires the inviolable fidelity of the spouses. This is the consequence of the gift of themselves which they make to each other. Love seeks to be definitive; it cannot be an arrangement ‘until further notice’...*” (CCC 1646). The value or good a permanent bond of love enables the individual to know that he/she is entering a stable home or haven and that he/she belongs to another.

Many are unwilling to welcome the gift of life for fear of the burden that the gift might impose upon them. Yet having children embodies the natural desire for individual self-preservation found within our human race. As the Catechism notes: “*Fecundity is a gift, an end of marriage, for conjugal love naturally tends to be fruitful. A child does not come from outside as something added on to the mutual love of the spouses, but springs from the very heart of that mutual giving, as its fruit and fulfillment. So the Church, which is ‘on the side of life,’ teaches that ‘it is necessary that each and every marriage act remain ordered per se to the procreation of human life’*” (CCC 2366).

A theologian once remarked that “No normal person wants to be *just one* of the wives of husbands of the other. No normal person wants to be accepted as spouse on trial or *just for a time*. No normal person marries positively *excluding children*.” In the end, the three goods of marriage - fidelity, permanence and openness to children - all correspond to the inherent desire of true conjugal love between man and woman, one that can only be found in the marital covenant established by a mutual exchange of consent.

Pax Christi, Fr. Thomas

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The tax filing deadline for your 2022 tax return is May 1, 2023. Parishioners who donated more than \$25.00 to the parish will receive their tax receipt by mail on or before January 23rd. If for any reason, you do not receive your receipt by this time, please contact the parish office so we can resolve the issue for you.

# Dear Padre

January 15, 2023

***I am African American. When I go to church, I feel disconnected from the rest of my life. How does the Church fit with my culture?***

Church documents lift up different cultures as treasures to be preserved and incorporated into the life of the Church. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, "[The gospel] must be proclaimed, celebrated, and lived in all cultures in such a way that they themselves are not abolished by it, but redeemed and fulfilled: It is with and through their own human culture, assumed and transfigured by Christ, that the multitude of God's children has access to the Father, in order to glorify him in the one Spirit" (CCC 1204).

Many think "catholic" means homogeneous, that the Mass should be exactly the same everywhere. On the contrary, it is "catholic" because it takes in everything. It is, or at least it should be, a cross-cultural experience, for we all are the children of God. All cultures should find their expression in the Catholic Mass.

The difficulty is putting this into practice, especially in communities with members from more than one culture. Receptivity on the part of the pastor is important, too. As he learns about another culture, he'll be more open to using the best of it in worship. Perhaps you, along with other concerned parishioners, might discuss this with your pastor. There are resources and institutes available to assist you in making your worship truly reflect who you are individually and communally. ●

— Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org



**2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK-UP at the back of the Church!**

**Thank you for your support!**



### Vocations Corner ...

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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)

### Stewardship Reflection...

St. John the Baptist used his gifts of prophecy and preaching to help make Christ known. Likewise, Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship says that our time, talent and treasure "are the gifts that each of us has freely received, and which we need to use responsibly in a spirit of gratitude." Let us strive to be intentional and tangible in our resolve to be stewards by offering our gifts back to God and our parish community.



## Programs at SLM

### 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 generosity!**

### Join our Pastor

**Fr. Thomas Lim**

**PILGRIMAGE TO  
TURKEY & GREECE  
In the Footsteps of  
St. Paul**



June 02-15, 2023,  
14 days

Flyers/registration forms are found at the lobby of the Church or visit

[St Lawrence Martyr Website](#)

To book call Sisca  
4167318252



**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**