

# 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 8:30am Mass

Divine Mercy: Friday after 8:30am 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.*

## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2023



This is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Matthew first introduces us to Galilee, characteristically quoting the scriptures to show that they are being fulfilled, and in what way. Galilee is called 'Galilee of the gentiles' only in this passage, and it was not a particularly notable feature of Galilee. Archaeology shows that Jewish observance was strong in the region. Contemporary literature shows that there was a lively tradition of prayerful charismatic rabbis with a warm devotion to the Lord. Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming the imminence of the Kingdom of God, which will be the subject of all his activity. Then he begins to form the new Israel by calling his team together. The Christian imagination tends to combine this scene with the scene with the Baptist in the Jordan Valley in the gospel of John, which gives at least Peter and Andrew some knowledge of Jesus. But today's narrative must be heard on its own, and the staggering factor is that this is the first time at any rate the sons of Zebedee have set eyes on Jesus. As he passes by he calls them, and such is the electrifying power of his charismatic personality that they simply drop everything and follow this total stranger – immediately, as the evangelist stresses each time.

Con la Lettera apostolica in forma di Motu proprio "Aperuit illis", Papa Francesco ha stabilito che "la III Domenica del Tempo ordinario sia dedicata alla celebrazione, riflessione e divulgazione della Parola di Dio".

L'evangelista Matteo, riprendendo un'immagine del libro di Isaia, ci dice quello che è Gesù per noi: la luce. Nella nostra vita, vediamo spesso tenebre, resistenze, difficoltà, compiti non risolti che si accumulano davanti a noi come un'enorme montagna, problemi con i figli, o gli amici, con la solitudine, il lavoro non gradito...

È tra tutte queste esperienze penose che ci raggiunge la buona parola: non vedete solo le tenebre, guardate anche la luce con cui Dio rischiara la vostra vita. Egli ha mandato Gesù per condividere con voi le vostre pene. Voi potete contare su di lui che è al vostro fianco, luce nell'oscurità.

Non siamo noi che diamo alla nostra vita il suo senso ultimo. È lui. Non è né il nostro lavoro, né il nostro sapere, né il nostro successo. È lui, e la luce che ci distribuisce. Perché il valore della nostra vita non si basa su quello che facciamo, né sulla considerazione o l'influenza che acquistiamo. Essa prende tutto il suo valore perché Dio ci guarda, si volta verso di noi, senza condizioni, e qualsiasi sia il nostro merito. La sua luce penetra nelle nostre tenebre più profonde, anche là dove ci sentiamo radicalmente rimessi in causa, essa penetra nel nostro errore. Possiamo fidarci proprio quando sentiamo i limiti della nostra vita, quando questa ci pesa e il suo senso sembra sfuggirci. Il popolo immenso nelle tenebre ha visto una luce luminosa; una luce è apparsa a coloro che erano nel buio regno della morte!

### Mass for the Intentions for the Week

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

5:00 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners

#### **SUNDAY JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> – DOMENICA**

8:30 A.M. + Zaldy Babasa

10:00 A.M. - Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia  
Tony Lamanna - Antonio Savella - Assunta Pagliaro  
Marino D'Attolico e defunti famiglia  
Antonino Tuccitto e defunti famiglia  
Vincenzo Pitino e defunti famiglia  
Totonno e Rosaria Francella  
Gino e Assunta Palleschi - Luigi e Restituta Rea  
Santina Simone - Rocco e Giuseppina Burdo  
Giuseppe Morra - Michelina Mosca - Costanza Morra  
Luca Caccamo - Carmela e Euplio Raffaele  
Salvatore Porzio - Maria D'Addario  
Maria e Giuseppe Doria - Angelina e Corrado Rabbito  
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

11:30 A.M. + Laura Delos Santos De Guia

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. - In Thanksgiving from Linda & Josephine

#### **MONDAY JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> – LUNEDI**

8:30 A.M. - Zelma Pereira

12:00 P.M. + Mark Dominguez

#### **TUESDAY JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. - Anthony & Celsa Lobo

12:00 P.M. - Otto Lam & Family

#### **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. + The Dorotic Family

+ Saverio Cucinotta

+ Silvio & Nino Fornaro

+ Vittorio & Mario Fornaro

+ Paola La Rosa

+ Misella & Ninetta Mezzatesta

- Bernadette Gamboa

- Stephanie Giuca

- Marcella La Rosa

12:00 P.M. - Clara Lavilla

#### **THURSDAY JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. - Mervyan Cacdac

8:30 A.M. + Norma Lopez-Palma

#### **FRIDAY JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. + Felice Tersigni & Family

7:00 P.M. + Alfonso Deriquito 3rd

#### **SATURDAY JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. - The Arulesan Family

10:00 A.M. - Cedric DeSouza



#### **Weekly Offertory**

Last Week's Collection: \$4,760.45

*thank you*

## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2023



Dear Friends in Christ, a word that is regularly used in our society today is the word “right.” The word is often intended to convey a number of ideas such as: access (e.g., “I have the right to look at public information”), entrance (e.g., “I have the right to go into this place), voice (“I have a right to speak my mind”) or priority (e.g., “I have the right to go before you”). Strictly speaking, however, a right is defined as “*an abstract idea of that which is due to a person or governmental body by law or tradition or nature*” (Oxford Dictionary). Our Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms clearly outlines the types of rights that all Canadians are entitled to including: democratic rights (e.g., right to vote in an election); the right to live and seek employment anywhere in Canada; legal rights such as life, liberty, and personal security; and equality rights for all, just to name a few.

Within our Catholic Church’s Code of Canon Law, it should come as no surprise that there also exists an entire section, which highlights the rights and freedoms of all the Christian Faithful. These include, for example: the right to a Catholic education; the right to evangelize nations; the right to receive the Word of God and the Sacraments from one’s pastors, etc., (cf. canons 208-231). What is interesting to note is that the “right to marriage” is not found in this section of the Code but is situated among the introductory canons on Marriage.

The canon on the “right to marriage” states that “*All persons who are not prohibited by law can contract marriage* (c. 1058). Throughout the Church’s history, various ecclesiastical documents have defended the fundamental right to contract marriage. Leo XIII in *Rerum Novarum* (1891), for example, wrote that marriage is a natural right that cannot be in any way denied by human laws. It is a fundamental right of the human person and corresponds to the right of each person to choose their state of life (c. 219).

As it true with all human rights, the right to marry can sometimes be denied, limited, or delayed as a result of various impediments. A person such as myself having been ordained to Holy Orders does not have a right to marriage due to my promise of celibacy. A marriage is prohibited between a parent and child, and likewise between all persons related in any degree in the direct line (e.g., grandparent and grandchild). An indispensable impediment deriving from divine and natural law concerns the unfortunate issue of impotence. A person who does not have the capacity for sexual intercourse (an issue that must be present before the marriage celebration) is prohibited from contracting marriage. A thirteen-year-old adolescent boy cannot contract marriage since the minimum age for men to marry is sixteen years of age. These are just a few examples of the various impediments that might restrict a person’s right to marriage.

Given today’s complicated and confusing world, where so many people hold a mistaken idea of what truly makes a marriage, the right to marriage can also be denied if the person desiring to contract marriage does not do so according to the mind and heart of the Church’s teachings. Pope Benedict XVI made this point very clear, when during his allocution to the Roman Rota in 2011 noted: “*The right to marry, ius connubii, must be seen in this perspective. In other words, it is not a subjective claim that pastors must fulfil through a merely formal recognition independent of the effective content of the union. **The right to contract marriage presupposes that the person can and intends to celebrate it truly, that is, in the truth of its essence as the Church teaches it.** No one can claim the right to a nuptial ceremony. Indeed, **the ius connubii refers to the right to celebrate an authentic marriage.** The ius connubii would not, therefore, be denied where it was evident that the fundamental requirements for its exercise were lacking, namely, if the required capacity for marriage were patently lacking or the person intended to choose something which was incompatible with the natural reality of marriage.*” In other words, those who wish to contract marriage that is contrary to what the Lord has taught and which the Church continues to teach cannot exercise their right to marriage.

Finally, it is also important to address another misconception that many people have (both inside and outside the Church) - that somehow the Church impedes the rights of people to marry after a civil divorce. This train of thinking, however, is erroneous since the right of marriage only exists up until the moment that the individual has exchanged his/her consent. The husband/wife ceases to possess the right to marry since he/she is now already married. Once marriage is celebrated, the Church ceases to protect the right to marry, but instead begins to protect the stability and validity of the marriage. A divorced person thus is impeded to contract another marriage because of the prior bond that arose from the previously contracted valid marriage.

The institution of marriage is of divine origin. While the right to marriage is a fundamental right of the human person, our brief reflection shows that exceptions can (and do) arise that limit the exercise of the right for a small group of people.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



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### Vocations Corner ...

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, 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) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### Stewardship Reflection...

Just as He called His apostles, Jesus says to us, “come, follow me.” Jesus calls us to accept the mission of being true stewards of Christ for His glory and the good of the Church. Let us imitate the apostles and follow the call of Christ immediately, being resolved to commit to a stewardship way of life for our parishes.



**PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.

## Dear Padre

January 22, 2023

**Could you explain “lead us not into temptation” from the Lord’s Prayer? That doesn’t seem like something God would do.**

Part of the problem lies in the translation of the Greek verb. *Lead* is the word used, but it means a request that we not enter into or yield to temptation (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2846). As we read in the Letter of James, “No one experiencing temptation should say, ‘I am being tempted by God’; for God is not subject to temptation to evil, and he himself tempts no one” (James 1:13).

Pope Francis agrees with you that this translation is confusing. He has approved changing this one line of the Lord’s Prayer from “lead us not into temptation” to “do not let us fall into temptation.” This wording places the focus on us and our activity, as the original Greek implies. It is a plea that we do nothing to put ourselves in the way of temptation or give in to temptation.

This change will appear in the latest edition of the Italian *Roman Missal*, but there are no plans now to change the wording in English-speaking countries. If you would like to read more about the Lord’s Prayer, the *Catechism* includes an article that goes into a lot of detail (CCC 2777–2865). ●

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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.



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

*Thank you for your support!*

*“Grant me, O Lord my God,  
a mind to know You,  
a heart to seek You,  
wisdom to find You,  
conduct pleasing to You,  
faithful perseverance in waiting for You,  
and a hope of finally embracing You.  
Amen.”*

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

## 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

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**SAINT LAWRENCE  
TO SERVE YOU BY LOVE  
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WITH GLORIOUS  
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HELP US TO BE LIKE HIM  
IN LOVING YOU  
AND DOING YOUR WORK.

**AMEN**