

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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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.

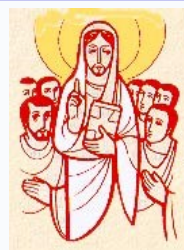
COMMUNION OF THE SICK:

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.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 12TH, 2023



Jesus is the completion of the Law of God given to Israel through Moses. He has come not to sweep it away but to perfect it. In this part of the Sermon on the Mount Matthew has gathered together some instances of the ways in which Jesus brings the Law to perfection. The first factor to notice, however, is that Jesus does not hesitate to adjust the divine Law on his own authority, for he too has divine authority. Each correction begins with a statement of the old Law and boldly goes on, 'But I say this to you...'

Each of the corrections has its own character. The first is about enmity, the sixth about love. About enmity, it is not enough merely to forego violent injury; we must even expel enmity from our hearts, positively seeking reconciliation, whether the offence is our fault or not. About lust, it is similarly not enough to forego acts of lust; we must not even harbour such thoughts in our hearts. About divorce, the easy toleration of divorce in the Jewish Law is swept away, and Jesus uncompromisingly calls it fornication. About truth, it is not enough to keep a legal oath; we must be people whose every word can be relied upon. These are Jesus' demanding standards...

L'ideale religioso degli Ebrei devoti consisteva nell'osservare la legge, attraverso la quale si realizzava la volontà di Dio. Meditare, adempiere la legge, era per l'Israelita la sua "eredità", "una lampada per i suoi passi", suo "rifugio", la sua "pace" (cf. Sal 119). Gesù è la pienezza della legge perché egli è la parola definitiva del Padre (Eb 1,1). Paolo ci dice che "chi ama il suo simile ha adempiuto la legge... Pieno compimento della legge è l'amore" (Rm 13,8-10).

Ed è anche in questo senso che Gesù è la pienezza di ogni parola che esce dalla bocca di Dio: "Perché Dio ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il suo Figlio unigenito... perché il mondo si salvi per mezzo di lui" (Gv 3,16-17). Il cristiano è prima di tutto il discepolo di Gesù, non colui che adempie la legge. I farisei erano ossessionati dalla realizzazione letterale e minuziosa della legge; ma ne avevano completamente perso lo spirito. Di qui la parola di Gesù: "Se la vostra giustizia non supera quella degli scribi e dei farisei...".

L'amore non è prima di tutto un sentimento diffuso per fare sempre quello di cui abbiamo voglia, ma al contrario il motore del servizio del prossimo, secondo i disegni divini. Ed è per questo che Gesù enumera sei casi della vita quotidiana - noi vedremo oggi i primi tre - in cui si manifesta questo amore concreto: la riconciliazione con il prossimo, non adirarsi, non insultare nessuno, non commettere adulterio neanche nel desiderio, evitare il peccato anche se vi si è affezionati come al proprio occhio o alla propria mano destra, non divorziare da un matrimonio valido...

Il contrasto con i criteri che reggono il mondo attuale non potrebbe essere maggiore. Per quali valori i cristiani scommetterebbero? Ancora una volta siamo confortati dalla affermazione di Cristo: "Il cielo e la terra passeranno, ma le mie parole non passeranno" (Mt 24,35).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)*

*In the Chapel, when there is a funeral

Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11TH – SABATO

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

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Herbert & Emily Lobo

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

Rosario Vella

Maria e Domenico Barbieri

Maria e Saverio Vitro

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e defunti famiglia

Vito De Nardo e defunti famiglia

Antonio e Maria Ciciretto

Vito e Raffaele Addorisio

Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie

Carlevaris e Nevodini

L'Anime Del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. + Roger Ibe

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Leila Jones

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Deceased of the Filipec Family

12:00 P.M. + Kenneth Griffith

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. - Raymonde How

12:00 P.M. - Kristina Yap

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. - Benjamina Obiso

12:00 P.M. + Joe, Clara & Anthony De Mello

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Lydia & Merinda Dominguez

8:30 A.M. - Arthur & Erika Hare

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. - Zelma Pereira

7:00 P.M. - The Leung Family

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

10:00 A.M. + Joe De Mello

"The things that we love tell us what we are."

St. Thomas Aquinas



Weekly Offertory

Last Week's Collection: \$5,608.45

Building Fund: \$2,452.15

thank you

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Dear Friends in Christ, last Sunday when Fr. Anish was celebrating the 8:30am Mass, I was sitting in my office reciting the Rosary. As I was looking out the window, I saw a number of parents bringing their small children to the hockey arena that is located directly across the street from me. I observed how both parent and child usually made their way into the arena in a leisurely fashion. There did not seem to be any sense of hurriedness on the part of both individuals; in other words, there was not a case where either parent or child was running into the arena. It appears that the parents had made the necessary provisions to ensure that their children would not be late, and even to arrive early enough to give them an opportunity to get ready and warm up before playing the game.

Parents are not the only ones who make a great effort to ensure that their children get to their sporting or extra-curricular activities on time. We all, at one time or another, do the same for those activities or events that we consider important, or that interest us. How many of us, for example, would arrive at a movie fifteen or twenty minutes after it has begun? Or enter the musical hall after the first or second acts of the play has been completed? Or attend a concert when half the songs have been sung? Or come to watch a game in a stadium when it is half-time? I'm sure that those who are reading these words would likely respond in the negative. The fact is that many of us probably would make every effort to arrive at our seats for these various events many minutes, if not hours, before their scheduled start time, or at the very least before its commencement. We do so because we do not want to miss any part of the event. If this is true when it comes to such secular events, why is the same not true for religious events? Why is it that so many Catholics often come late for church related activities such as baptisms, funerals, weddings, and especially the Holy Mass?

I cannot tell you how often it saddens me that each Sunday, when I proceed out of the sacristy and enter the church to begin the celebration of the Mass, I find the church literally empty. And yet once Mass has begun, slowly more and more parishioners begin to enter the church and take their seats. Some arrive as the Penitential Act is being said; others trickle in while the various parts of the Liturgy of the Word is read or when the homily is being preached. While a few even arrive just as the altar is being prepared for the celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is by this time that the church is "full" with all those parishioners, who had intended to come to Mass that Sunday.

As I observe all these movements of people entering the church at various times of the Mass from the presider's chair or the altar, I cannot help but wonder at times why it has to be this way Sunday after Sunday, week after week, month after month! I know that there may be circumstances that might cause a person or a family to be late - maybe it took a bit longer getting the little ones ready for church that day, or there was an instance of bad weather, just to name a few - nevertheless, these should be exceptional circumstances rather than the norm. The question then arises: Why is it that very few people are willing or able to arrive to church on time, or even come a bit earlier and spend a few precious minutes preparing themselves for the Eucharist? My guess? Many Catholics have forgotten Who it is they are encountering and what it is they are participating in - the Holy Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. And as a result, they don't take the necessary steps to ensure that they come to church on time!

My prayer is that all Catholics, especially the parishioners of SLM, will make every effort to be punctual in fulfilling their Sunday obligations. If the hockey moms and dads, whom I observed last weekend, are willing to ensure that their children arrive at the arena a few minutes before the start of the game, can not the faithful also do the same for an encounter with the Lord that is far more superior than any secular events that one may choose to participate in?

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



Children born in 2019 are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2023.

Registration began in January 2023. Parents/Guardians must complete the application online at <https://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>

All required documents can be uploaded to the application electronically prior to meeting with the school. Pre-registration begins in March. Appointments to complete the registration will be confirmed by the school.

Vocations Corner ...

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.
email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca



Stewardship Reflection ...

In today's Gospel Jesus boldly says "You have heard what was said to those of ancient times ... but I say to you..." He challenges his followers to go above and beyond their limits of charity and to not settle for their old previous notions of what it meant to love. As stewards we should not just offer our gifts of our time and talents to our parish community in a mediocre way, but strive to do so as generously as possible.



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HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS TO HELP VICTIMS OF THE TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

The [Archdiocese of Toronto](#) will accept donations and channel funds through Catholic partners (including Caritas Canada, Aid to the Church in Need, CNEWA, and Jesuits International) to support relief efforts underway.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website. [Click here to make a donation.](#)
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Turkey and Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced because of this tragic disaster in both Turkey and Syria.

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



Archdiocese Upcoming Events

Lenten Retreat in Daily Life
Wednesday, February 22 – 6:30 p.m.

Mary Ward Centre 70 St. Mary St.,
Toronto CENTRAL REGION

Open to young adults (ages 18-39) interested in going deeper in their prayer life through spiritual direction this Lent. Each participant will be paired with a spiritual director and will be encouraged to commit to praying daily.

The retreat begins with Ash Wednesday Mass presided by Fr. Santo Arrigo, CsSR and concludes on April 11 with a dinner and group reflection. Deadline to register is February 8. CONTACT: Sr. Sarah, IBVM

POSTER: <https://bit.ly/3HdXPsr>

REGISTER: info.marywardcentre@gmail.com

St. Augustine's Seminary Lay Formation Program: Topic: Lenten Retreat:

A Spirituality for Catholic Teachers

Saturday, March 4 – 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

COST: In-person - \$50; Online - \$20 (+ HST)

CONTACT: Chere MacLean/416-269-

3445 /chere.macleam@utoronto.ca

REGISTER: [https://staugustines.on.ca/](https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/)

[events listing/](#)
[layformationlentenretreat2023](#)

POSTER: [https://bit.ly/](https://bit.ly/SpiritualityForCatholicTeachersPoster)
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Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2023

Saturday March 4 – 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
North Building, 255 Front St W Toronto

A grace-filled day celebrating God's love with: Thomas Cardinal Collins, AOT

Ralph Martin

Chris Stefanic

FOR TICKETS/INFO: www.ljhr.ca

CONTACT: Sadie, 905-270-2510



Dear Padre

February 12, 2023

My wife and I are in our mid-fifties; we have a comfortable life, go to church regularly, pray, and generally consider ourselves good Christians. So what's wrong? We feel empty, hollow, and strangely unfulfilled. What can we do?

Barring any other unnamed problem, you and your wife seem to be at a spiritual crossroads. You've come to the disturbing but provocative realization that St. Augustine voiced, saying, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, O Lord." Feelings of emptiness are a gift, a message that God is calling you to something more. It's time for careful discernment.

At stake here is: What is life really about? Up to this point, like many people, it sounds like you have enjoyed a comfortable and productive life filled with many of the good things the world has to offer. But when these prove unable to give lasting happiness, you are finding that true meaning must be sought elsewhere: in a more profound relationship with God. It is no longer a matter of knowing about God but of connecting with God in a close, personal, intimate relationship.

Lent begins in less than two weeks. Perhaps you and your wife can decide how to spend this Lent seeking a deeper relationship with God and God's people. You could join a prayer group or work at a soup kitchen. You could learn about meditation practices or help your parish in projects for the poor. You could spend one hour a week before the Blessed Sacrament. Whatever you decide, welcome this new stage in life to which God is calling you. ●

—The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

RETREAT

Friday March 3- Sunday March 5
Father Ron Rolheiser

*Theme - Wrestling with God and
with Love – Resistance and
Surrender Within Our Spiritual Journey*

For more information, contact:

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre 905-278-5229, or, office@goa.ca



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
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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