

# St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. Fr. Thomas Lim  
*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.*

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2023



### THEY RECOGNIZED HIM AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD

This attractive and delicate story is the story of the journey to faith in the Risen Christ: it occurs in any Christian instruction, and especially in the Eucharist, formed from instruction based on the scriptures, and then brought to its fulfilment in the sacrament. The two disciples (are they man and woman, as so often in Luke, perhaps Cleopas and his wife?) start off deep in depression and disappointment. But they are open-minded and willing to learn as the Stranger explains to them from scripture, the meaning of events. Their hearts burn within them at the Stranger's words, but their eyes remain closed. It is only in the sacramental meal that they recognize the Risen Christ.

The Eucharist is a sacrament of initiation, bringing us to the intimate, personal encounter with Christ. Once they have been enlightened and have learnt the profound meaning of the events, the truth of the scriptures and the resurrection, then the disciples return to the Holy City and carry on their own Christian apostolate by spreading the news of the resurrection. This is the shape of the Christian vocation which we all receive, to assimilate and pass on the meaning of Christ's resurrection. .

La scena di Emmaus è un capolavoro di catechesi liturgica e missionaria. Vi è descritto l'itinerario di due discepoli che lasciano Gerusalemme illusi e delusi e vi ritornano per ripartire gioiosi e fiduciosi verso la testimonianza, perché sono stati incontrati dal Crocifisso-Risorto, spiegazione di tutta la Scrittura e presenza perenne tra i suoi nel sacramento del "pane spezzato".

L'inizio del cammino è un allontanarsi dal Crocifisso. La crisi della croce sembra aver seppellito ogni speranza. Colui che l'ha fatta nascere, l'ha portata con sé nella tomba. Non bastano voci di donne per farla rinascere. Gesù raggiunge i due subito a questo inizio e chiede di spartire con loro domande e scandalo. Ecco la prima tappa, quella del problema posto ad ogni persona dall'evento Gesù, il Crocifisso.

L'appello di Cristo ci raggiunge sulla strada della nostra fede incompiuta e della sua domanda.

Gesù non arriva di faccia, ma da dietro, come dice il testo greco, e cammina a fianco, da forestiero.

Il passaggio al riconoscimento ha bisogno della spiegazione delle Scritture. Solo il Risorto ne è l'interprete adeguato.

Il cuore riscaldato e riaperto dal segno della Parola spiegata implora il viatico di un segno più intimo, quello del pane spezzato. Gesù, però, sparisce.

La Chiesa non può trattenere Gesù nella visibilità storica di prima. Deve sapere e credere che egli è vivo con essa e la vivifica nell'Eucaristia. I discepoli capiscono e tornano a Gerusalemme per condividere con gli apostoli la testimonianza.

Emmaus è un capolavoro di dialogo confortante. Emmaus assicura tutti che, quando ascoltano la Scrittura nella liturgia della Parola e partecipano allo spezzare del pane nella liturgia eucaristica, sono realmente incontrati da Cristo e ritrovano fede e speranza.

### Eucharistic 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 APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> – SABATO

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

#### SUNDAY APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Benedict & Carmine D'Souza

10:00 A.M. - Antonio Savella

Intenzioni di Agostino e Nellina Battaglia e famiglia  
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia-Marino D'Attolico e famiglia  
Felice e Raffaele Vitro - Rosa e Vito Totino  
Antonino Tuccitto e famiglia-Vincenzo Pitino e famiglia  
Michele, Antonietta e Carmela Lamanna  
Totonno e Rosaria Francella - Salvatore Porzio  
Maria D'Addario - Vito e Mike Cuoppolo  
Angelo Infantino - Vincenzo Di Tacchio  
Annarosa e Pasquale Volpe - Dora Cuoppolo

11:30 A.M. + Frances Natale

1:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

5:00 P.M. + Maria Catubig

#### MONDAY APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Bishop Deo Gupillai

12:00 P.M. - Etheline Komoseng & Family

#### TUESDAY APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. - Greta Gomes

12:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

#### WEDNESDAY APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Silverio Miguel

+ Maria Dal Gado

12:00 P.M. - Merinda Dominguez

#### THURSDAY APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + S&L Dominguez & L Saguling

8:30 A.M. + Longo & Tamburro Families

#### FRIDAY APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. - Benedicta Hiler

7:00 P.M. + Manuel & Delores Fulgado

#### SATURDAY APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Eden & Mita Mariano

10:00 A.M. - Raphael & Ricardo Peralta

### Weekly Offertory

Last Week's Collection: \$5,867.85

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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Dear Friends in Christ, last weekend I announced that Fr. Anish was given a new assignment in India by the superiors of his religious community. While his departure was not totally unexpected (since changes in pastoral assignments are a regular part of a priest's life), nevertheless, I must confess that the two weeks' notice that the parish received was quite a surprise, given that most priest personnel changes usually takes place in the final weeks of June annually. In the face of this new reality, a number of questions naturally arises: What will happen now? Will the parish get someone to replace Father? If so, who will be the new priest? Suppose there is no replacement, what will this mean for the parish community? There are undoubtedly other questions that some of you might also be asking yourselves in light of the parish's new situation.

Before I can answer these questions, it is important for me to provide a brief snapshot of how parishes operate within the Archdiocese of Toronto. According to our Archdiocesan website, *"The Archdiocese covers a geographic region of the Great Lakes area, which stretches from the shores of Lake Ontario north to Georgian Bay. In total, the area covers some 13,000 square kilometres... is divided into four pastoral regions comprising 14 pastoral zones. The four pastoral regions which divide the Archdiocese are the Central, Northern, Eastern and Western Regions. The zones are made up of parishes within a geographical boundary."*

There are a total of 226 parishes and quasi-parishes found within the Archdiocese, with **SLM being part of the Eastern Region**. Despite the vast number of parishes and quasi-parishes, each parish usually operates as a stand-alone entity with a priest being appointed as its Pastor. The Pastor has a two-fold role: firstly, to dispense the Church's spiritual goods in the form of the sacraments, by teaching, by preaching, etc., a task that in some parishes is often accomplished with the help of an Associate Pastor; and, secondly, to administer the parish's temporal goods. As an administrator, the Pastor is responsible to ensure that the parish's finances are properly and prudently managed. He does this by either reducing unnecessary expenses (usually an easy fix) and/or by generating more funds and revenues for the parish (usually a harder task to achieve). Balancing these two opposing forces, and taking into consideration a number of other variables, will determine the financial viability of a given parish.

Within the Archdiocese, there are many parishes who have a surplus of cash (sometimes in the millions of dollars) in their respective parish accounts. However, there are also many parishes who are often struggling just to cover their expenses. These parishes usually have very little money in their accounts, or worse, are in a state of deficit or debt. Pastors who find themselves in these parishes have the unenviable task of trying to come up with creative ways to address the problems. Which brings us to our parish situation....

It must be noted that SLM is not in a really good financial state. Although the parish has approximately seventy thousand dollars in the bank account, these funds will be depleted very soon as we undertake a number of major parish works in the foreseeable future (e.g., renovation of church bell towers, restoration of interior church walls in the baptismal alcove and church choir loft, modernizing the external lighting systems, etc.) On the positive side, the parish currently receives sufficient donations/funds to cover its usual monthly expenses. But, SLM is (in many ways) like a household that is literally living "paycheck to paycheck." Given our financial situation, the challenging question remains: How can the parish eliminate any unnecessary expenses and/or reduce costs? The simplest way...is to reduce salary expenses!

One of the biggest costs found under the General Payment section in our 2022 Annual Report to Parishioners involves the priests' salary and stipends. Last year, it cost the parish more than \$118,000.00 to have two priests on its payroll (e.g., the Pastor and Associate Pastor). This means that the parish paid roughly \$59,000.00 per priest. Incidentally, Fr. Russell Asch (who is The Chaplain of the Traditional Latin Mass) is not included in this figure since his salary is paid directly by the Archdiocese of Toronto. Given the parish's tenuous financial situation, after having prayed about the best course of action for the parish, and having consulted the Parish Finance Committee about it, **I have decided not to ask for a replacement priest for Fr. Anish**. What this decision means is that the majority of the pastoral work will now fall upon my shoulders. Nevertheless, this task will be made more manageable with the help of a number of priests, including Fr. Russell, who will come and assist me from time to time. In the end, I believe that this is the best decision - one that will substantially benefit the parish community in the long run.

Please pray for us - for Fr. Russell, myself and all the other priests who will come in the future to help - that we might faithfully manifest the face and love of the Risen Christ, as we carry our ministry of attending to your pastoral and spiritual needs. Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

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Save  
the  
Date!

### LITURGICAL WORKSHOPS:

The parish invites parishioners who signed up for the Liturgical Ministries to attend the workshop:

Ushers Workshop  
- Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

*"May Christ be heard in our language,  
may Christ be seen in our life,  
may He be perceived in our hearts"*

-St Peter Damian-

Pray  
for  
Vocations

### Vocation Reflection . . .

Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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

email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### Stewardship Reflection . . .

Just like the disciples from the Gospel, our hearts should burn within us from the presence and love of God that we experience in Mass. The disciples rushed back to the others in Jerusalem "that same hour" and proclaimed that the Lord is risen. Likewise, after being strengthened at Mass we should support the believers in our parish community by giving of our time and talent.



# Dear Padre

April 23, 2023

***Our planet's condition is now a serious problem. Why is climate change hardly mentioned in homilies?***

Many people view climate change as a political issue more than a religious one. As such, some homilists avoid controversial, politicized topics altogether; others are selective in preaching about them; still others tend to use the pulpit as a soapbox for a single political issue or a variety of them. Moreover, preachers themselves are not apolitical, nor are they all centrist in their ideologies. Like those in the pews, homilists have biases, too.

So how did climate change become so politicized? Despite decades of substantial evidence from many respected scientific experts, confusion exists about climate change because the issue's scope is massive and hard to digest, international cooperation is mandatory, and polar-opposite opinions of politicians and their followers are often intransigent. Nevertheless, Pope Francis convened an international conference in 2019 to look at how religions can help the world reach sustainable ecological goals by 2030 to, he said, repair "the damage we have done. No branch of science or form of wisdom should be overlooked, and this includes religions and the languages particular to them."

Thus, according to the Pope, "religious voices" play a crucial role in addressing the serious condition of our planet. Inasmuch as religion has a fundamental responsibility to offer people faith and hope in a better world—and homilies help believers find meaning and purpose—taking action and speaking out about humanity's well-being are becoming less optional. ●

— Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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](http://StLawrenceMartyrWebsite)

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

Thank you for all you do to support our mission!

We  our volunteers!

Fr. Thomas

In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers

PRAYER FOR THE  
SICK:

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

