

# 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.*

## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2023



### I SHALL ASK THE FATHER AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER ADVOCATE

Only in John is the Spirit whom the Father will send called 'the Advocate' or 'the Paraclete'. Both names have the same derivation and the same meaning, but the former is from the Latin words, the latter from the Greek. It means someone 'called to one's side' as a helper, principally as a defender in a lawsuit. The word 'Paraclete' also suggests comfort and strength, as implied in the quality *paraclesis* or perseverance. In the discourse after the Last Supper, when Jesus is preparing his disciples for their future task, there are four separate sayings about the Paraclete. The Paraclete is sent both by Jesus and by the Father, but always from the Father's side. The Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, will teach the disciples everything and lead them into all truth, witnessing to the Father. The Paraclete is 'another Paraclete', that is, other than Jesus, who will make Jesus present when Jesus is no longer physically with them. The close link and interplay between these three figures gives us not only the beginnings of the theology of the Trinity, but also a lasting confidence that Jesus is never absent from his Church. With the guidance and patronage of the Paraclete the Church enters more and more deeply into the understanding of the divine mystery.

L'uomo vive d'amore dal suo primo respiro fino all'ultimo. Amato, si sente protetto ed accettato. Amando, sente di appartenere e trova un senso ad offrirsi. Poiché l'amore non può restare chiuso nel suo cuore; esso pervade il quotidiano. L'amore che si porta all'uomo spinge ad impegnarsi. L'amore che si porta a Dio si manifesta nella considerazione che si ha dei suoi comandamenti. Si manifesta anche nella giustizia, nel rispetto della vita, nell'azione per la riconciliazione dei popoli e per la pace. Le conseguenze dell'amore che si porta a Dio possono prendere l'aspetto di un lavoro, perfino di una lotta.

Lavoro e lotta sembrano spesso esigere troppo dall'uomo e superare le sue forze. Egli vede le sue debolezze ed ha voglia di rinunciare, ma quando lavoro e lotta sono le conseguenze dell'amore, conferiscono all'esistenza un respiro profondo, mettono la vita in un contesto più vasto e la rendono importante tanto sulla terra quanto in cielo.

Cose apparentemente infime acquistano un significato quando sono il risultato dell'amore per Dio. Ogni buona azione, anche quella che facciamo senza pensare a Dio, è in relazione all'amore che gli portiamo.

Ogni atto di amore, anche quando sembra minimo - come quando si porge un bicchiere d'acqua a qualcuno che ha sete - assume un significato per l'eternità.

Noi ci chiediamo spesso: che cosa rimarrà del nostro mondo?

È vero che crediamo di poter vivere e risuscitare grazie all'amore di Dio, con tutto ciò che è esistito grazie a questo amore che non si è accontentato di restare sentimento: contatti, relazioni, avvenimenti, cose. Quando risusciteremo, tutto un mondo risusciterà con noi, un mondo fatto di amore responsabile. Sarà magnifico: una "terra nuova", che abbiamo il diritto di chiamare anche un "cielo nuovo".

### 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 MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Deceased f LaFrance&Richard  
+ Beverly Joan LaFrance

#### SUNDAY MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Martina D'Souza & Family  
10:00 A.M. - L'Anime del Purgatorio  
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia  
Francesco Ferrante - Teresa e Felice Vitro  
RaffelinaeCaterinaVitro-TotonnoeRosariaFrancella  
Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e famiglia  
Vito De Nardo e famiglia - Lucia Cuoppolo  
MariaCicetto -MarioPagliaro-Annarosa eFilomena  
Volpe - Carmela Cuoppolo - Maddalena Volpe  
Ani Paladian-Maria Barone-Agata Lopresti-Costantino  
Maria Rigillo - Clementina Colangelo  
Crescenzo e Angela Intocchia  
Angelo e Giuseppina Morra  
Marco, Eddaedefunti famiglie CarlevariseNevodini  
11:30 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners  
1:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo  
5:00 P.M. + Dr. Milagros D. Ibe

#### MONDAY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Belen & Eugenio Solitario  
12:00 P.M. + Sr. Germain Anton O.S.B.

#### TUESDAY MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Claramma Mariyanayagam  
12:00 P.M. + Louisa Dominguez

#### WEDNESDAY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Avelina & Jose Tumaliuan  
+ Remedios DiPasupil  
+ Maria DalGado  
+ Aquilino & Andrea Ibarra  
- Ellen Mariano  
- Bella Tolentino  
- Enid Reid  
12:00 P.M. + Ossie & Swarna Amesekere

#### THURSDAY MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Pro Popolo  
8:30 A.M. + Charles & Doris Clayburn

#### FRIDAY MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Hartley & Elizabeth Nigli  
7:00 P.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### SATURDAY MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Vivienne Riseborough  
10:00 A.M. - Rafael Vincent Peralta Zepeda

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Dear Friends in Christ, the other day I watched (on YouTube) a commencement speech given by Harrison Butker to the graduating students at the Georgia Institute of Technology. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the man, Butker is a two-time Super Bowl champion kicker, who plays for the National Football League's Kansas City Chiefs. While he has often been praised for his ability to make many game-winning kicks (including this year's Super Bowl game), what has often been overlooked is how outspoken Butker is about his Catholic faith.

During his speech, Butker offered his young audience some "hard truths" about family, faith and the cancel culture. He told them that despite all the financial successes that they may attain, in the end "none of it will matter if you are alone and devoid of purpose." Butker notes that the world is filled with countless examples of people, who despite having achieved spectacular financial windfalls, nevertheless, remain wholly unfulfilled and unhappy.

Butker gave the graduates a "controversial antidote," which he believes will have a lasting impact for generations to come. He told them to "Get married and start a family." His advice to put family at the center of their lives was based on his own personal experience: "All of this happiness", he noted, "is temporary and the truth is, none of these accomplishments mean anything compared to the happiness I have found in my marriage and in starting a family.... **We leave our mark on future generations by the children we bring into the world.... How much greater of a legacy can anyone leave than that?**" Butker ended his speech by telling the students that "no matter what happens from here on out, **remember your purpose, focus on meaningful relationships, and know that with or without the spotlight, your life has value and you are meant for more**" [my emphasis added].

As I reflect upon Butker's message during this Mother's Day weekend, I cannot help but think about my late mother, Theresa, and the lasting impact she had on me and my siblings. My mom was (by most standard) an uneducated woman, since she only had a grade five education. Yet, she left a lasting legacy to us by the way she lived her life.

Mom was a simple woman, who liked to remain in obscurity and out of the limelight. She had a simple faith and a profound trust in God's providence for her family regardless of what difficulties, pains, sufferings, or overwhelming odds our family might have experienced or faced. She would always remind us to "Give everything to God!" – words that continue to resonate with me today and serve as a reminder to "*Surrender to God, and he will do everything for you*" (Tuesday, Week II, Antiphon 2). My mom's greatest heritage for me was to show what sacrificial love looks like, as evidenced by the countless acts of love that she made for her children, without once asking anything in return from us. It is her example that I try to emulate today, when carrying out my priestly ministries.

My reflection would not, however, be complete if I did not acknowledge the countless mothers within our parish community, and those throughout the world. I know that children often do not thank their mothers for their actions, because they are so accustomed to their selfless acts of love. Allow me to thank you dear mothers! Thank you for being wonderful models of sacrificial love, and for putting your children's needs before your own well-being. I pray that the Lord may continue to bless you with His grace and love, and that He will one day reward you for all your loving actions .

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



### Blessing of Mothers for Mother's Day

Loving God,  
As a mother gives life  
and nourishment to her  
children,  
so You watch over  
Your Church.  
+Bless our mothers.  
Let the example of  
their faith and love  
shine forth.  
Grant that we, their  
sons and daughters,  
may honor them  
always with a spirit of  
profound respect.  
We ask this through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Happy  
Mother's Day*



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### Vocation Reflection . . .

“The Lord said, “I will not leave you orphaned.” Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life? 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 . . .

In today's first reading we hear the biblical roots of Confirmation as some believers receive the Holy Spirit after Peter and John lay their hands on them. The Second Vatican Council says that Confirmation, and the receiving of the Holy Spirit, makes us obliged to spread the Gospel through “word and deed.” Let us strive to do this in our parish communities as a way of living out our call of Confirmation and let us do so by turning to the Holy Spirit to guide us .



### PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

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

### 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.



### Weekly Offertory

Last Week's Collection: \$5,943.20

*thank you*

## Dear Padre

May 14, 2023

### If the Catholic Church recognizes baptisms from other Christian denominations, why not confirmations?

Baptism signs us with an indelible mark. It defines our character and can never be repeated. A baptism is always held to be valid if a person is baptized with water using the Trinitarian formula (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1256). If a priest is unsure of the validity of a person's baptism, he would baptize the person conditionally, recognizing the earlier baptism if it happened and was valid. The minister of baptism is usually an ordained minister, but in necessity anyone can baptize, including a non-Christian, if the person intends what the Church intends.

Confirmation also leaves an indelible mark, as does holy orders, and they also cannot be repeated. What makes confirmation different from baptism is that the minister of confirmation is ordinarily the bishop because this expresses the apostolic unity of the Church (CCC 1312). If someone had been confirmed in a Church that has apostolic succession, their confirmation would be considered valid, and the person wouldn't be reconfirmed.

Most Christian churches have a common understanding of what the sacrament of baptism is, but while other churches might have communion, confirmation, and ordination, their celebration of those sacraments may not include all the requirements necessary for the Catholic Church to consider them valid. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

*“Faith is like a bright ray of sun light.*

*It enables us to see God in all things, as well as all things in God.”*

*St Francis de Sales*



**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**