

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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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.*

PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 28TH, 2023



AS THE FATHER SENT ME, SO AM I SENDING YOU: RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

At first sight this is a surprising gospel reading for Pentecost, but of course the event of Pentecost came too late to be a subject for the gospels, and we read the account of another incident where the Risen Christ gave the Spirit to his disciples. There are two emphases in the account. The first is peace. Christ brings peace to his disciples with the double greeting of peace, and peace is a Christian watchword. Peace was the song of the angels at Jesus' birth. Each of Paul's letters opens with a greeting of peace. The letter to the Ephesians proclaims that Christ is our peace, the reversal of all worry, strife, envy, jealousy, self-seeking ambition. 'Go in peace' is Jesus' dismissal of those he cures, and also the dismissal at the end of Mass. Peace was Jesus' bequest to his disciples after the Last Supper. The second watchword is forgiveness, for God was always known as a God of mercy and forgiveness, as Jesus came to show by his constant approach to sinners. But the Lord's Prayer shows that if we do not ourselves forgive, we block God's forgiveness of ourselves too.

Lo Spirito Santo è lo Spirito di Cristo ed è la Persona divina che diffonde nel mondo la possibilità di imitare Cristo, dando Cristo al mondo e facendolo vivere in noi.

Nell'insegnamento e nell'opera di Cristo, nulla è più essenziale del perdono. Egli ha proclamato il regno futuro del Padre come regno dell'amore misericordioso. Sulla croce, col suo sacrificio perfetto, ha espiato i nostri peccati, facendo così trionfare la misericordia e l'amore mediante - e non contro - la giustizia e l'ordine. Nella sua vittoria pasquale, egli ha portato a compimento ogni cosa. Per questo il Padre si compiace di effondere, per mezzo del Figlio, lo Spirito di perdono. Nella Chiesa degli apostoli il perdono viene offerto attraverso i sacramenti del battesimo e della riconciliazione e nei gesti della vita cristiana.

Dio ha conferito al suo popolo una grande autorità stabilendo che la salvezza fosse concessa agli uomini per mezzo della Chiesa!

Ma questa autorità, per essere conforme al senso della Pentecoste, deve sempre essere esercitata con misericordia e con gioia, che sono le caratteristiche di Cristo, che ha sofferto ed è risorto, e che esulta eternamente nello Spirito Santo.

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

SATURDAY MAY 27TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. - Thanksgiving Noranho Family

SUNDAY MAY 28TH – DOMENICA

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

10:00 A.M. + L'Anime del Purgatorio

Intenzioni di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Tony Lamanna

Antonio Savella

Carmelo Savella

Colomba Morra

Leonello Pecorari

Marino D'Attolico e famiglia

Angelo Infantino

11:30 A.M. - Beth Maravilla Ibe & Family

1:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

5:00 P.M. + J Nowakowska & A Kowaskowski

MONDAY MAY 29TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Marielle Skinnarland

12:00 P.M. - Connie Chiu

TUESDAY MAY 30TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Marielle Skinnarland

12:00 P.M. - For the Priests of St. Lawrence

WEDNESDAY MAY 31ST – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Marie Therese Furtado

- Yuen-Han Lee

12:00 P.M. - Special Intention

THURSDAY JUNE 1ST – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Sepali Ratnayake

8:30 A.M. + Muriel Penny Conlin

FRIDAY JUNE 2ND – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

7:00 P.M. - Mirasol De Souza

SATURDAY JUNE 3RD – SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Corinne Lobo

10:00 A.M. + Anne De Souza

“You ask me whether I am in good spirits. How could I not be so? As long as faith gives me strength, I will always be joyful.”

~ Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati ~

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Dear Friends in Christ, every year during the month of May, the priests of the Archdiocese go to the Nottawasaga Inn Resort in Alliston for our annual priestly retreat. The retreat is a wonderful opportunity for us to pray and celebrate Masses together, rekindle fraternity and friendship, and to take some time away from ministry in order to find rest and relaxation. In the past, it was customary for Emeritus Cardinal

Collins to address all the clergy present at the retreat on a number of pertinent topics or issues. This year, Archbishop Leo, continued this practice and offered us a few thoughts that were “close to his heart.” While his thoughts were intended to help us live our priestly vocation more intensely and faithfully, nevertheless, I believe that the laity could also benefit from them in living their own respective vocation.

Allow me to elaborate on three thoughts that particularly resonated with me that day. The first point Leo made was that we should always strive to **“seek greater intimacy with the Lord.”** His key point was that priests should continually strive to remain very close to the Master, who called us to be His friends. In other words, priests should try to develop a greater and more profound relationship with the Lord, by spending time with Him in prayer and recollection. And yet, is this only exclusively for priests? Are not all people of faith called to also have a deeper communion with the Lord, who once told his apostles, *“No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you”* (Jn. 15:15)? Sadly, many seldom develop any kind of relationship with the Lord, because they rarely offer Him the necessary time and space required to make it possible. Living the faith becomes nothing more than spending one hour in church fulfilling their Sunday obligation! Yet, if every individual only sets aside a few moments each day so that the Lord can be part of his/her life, I am sure that the intimacy that the Archbishop speaks of will not only germinate but flourish in the life of each faithful.

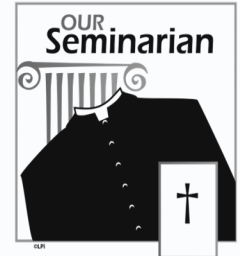
The second thought Archbishop Leo gave was **“to be docile to the Holy Spirit.”** The word docility is defined as *“the trait of being agreeably submissive and manageable”* – a trait that many priests struggle with given our natural propensity to want to be in control and dictate the rhythm of our ministries. Yet, it is precisely when we step aside and permit the Holy Spirit to take control of the reigns – in essence, when we let him be our Advocate, counsellor, teacher and guide – that we are able to navigate through the ups and downs of our ministries. What I believe is true for priests is also true for the lay faithful. Too often I hear parishioners struggling because they want to control every facets of their life. Nonetheless, the laity can also immensely benefit from being docile to the Holy Spirit, given that the Spirit of God wants nothing more than to help guide each person along the path that leads to true happiness and fulfilment.

His Grace’s third thought involves the Blessed Virgin Mary, which should not come as a surprise given that the Marian logo is prominently featured on both his miter and his crozier. He said that **“Mary is not the center; but she is central to our life.”** The Archbishop’s simple words contain correct theological truths. While Mary has an important role in God’s plan of salvation, it is Jesus Christ, her Son, who is the key to our faith. It is Jesus, through His Incarnation, who reveals the divine mysteries of God and His love for us. Mary, however, is central to our spiritual life because of her close proximity to the Holy Trinity. Mary can teach us how to draw closer to God just as she pondered everything in her heart (cf. Lk. 2:19), when she reflected upon Jesus’ words and actions, and memorized them so that she could relive them later. Mary is central to our life because she is perhaps the best way to grow closer to Jesus, or as St. Louis de Montfort simply put it, “To Jesus through Mary.”

So much more can be said concerning the Archbishop’s three thoughts that he spoke to us priests that day. And while they are important to each of the ordained, his words are also very relevant to the laity. In the end, anyone, regardless of their state of life, who tries to incorporate them into their respective spiritual life will undoubtedly be walking along the right path – one that I believe will lead to the Kingdom of God.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

**Welcome
Seminarist Justin
Dominic to
St. Lawrence
Parish:**



I would like to extend a warm welcome to Justin Dominic, who is a seminarist with the Archdiocese of Toronto studying at St. Augustine’s seminary. Justin just completed his Spiritual year and will be moving into Philosophy this fall. He will be with us until mid-August.

Prior to the seminary, Justin worked as a digital marketing specialist in the e-commerce industry as well as the legal industry. He also completed his graduate studies in Marketing Management from Sheridan College.

Justin told me that he is excited to be part of our parish community during this summer, and he looks forward to sharing his love for the Lord with us as he continues to discern his call to the priesthood.

Fr. Thomas

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Vocation Reflection . . .

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.” Send forth workers into your vineyard. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca email vocations@archtoronto.org

Stewardship Reflection . . .

In today’s second reading from Corinthians, St. Paul says that “there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit ... [and] to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” Each of us as stewards have particular gifts and talents from the Spirit that are not to be hoarded but generously used for the “common good” of the Church. We should all take time to reflect on what those gifts are and in what particular way is God calling us to serve Him and the Church.



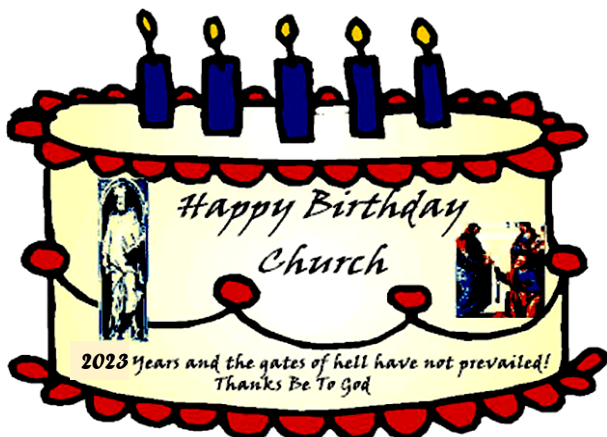
PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

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

Congratulations!

To those students who made their First Holy Communion.

Thank you parents, teachers, as well as our catechists for journeying with them.



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: \$4,925.90
Building Fund: \$2,695.40



Dear Padre

May 28, 2023

I am a practicing Catholic and I don't remember being confirmed. Is it too late for me to be confirmed?

The sacrament of confirmation usually happens when a person is older, and therefore you would likely remember the occasion. It could be that you were not confirmed. You can check with the parish you lived in during your school years to be sure. They keep records of confirmations done in the parish.

Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation. Baptism ushers us into our life with God by giving us new life. Confirmation seals us with the spirit so we can follow Jesus and live out our particular vocation. And the Eucharist gives us strength for the journey and keeps us in union with God.

If you discover you have not been confirmed or if you can't find out for certain, talk with your pastor. You would not be the first adult seeking confirmation. Your pastor can tell you how your diocese handles confirmation for adults. There might be a program of adult instruction for confirmation to ensure you understand the sacrament and the teachings of the Church.

Today is Pentecost, the day when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of the apostles. The Spirit gave them strength for what they had to do. The Spirit can do the same for you. ●

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**BETHLEHEM
WAS GOD
WITH US,
CALGARY
WAS GOD
FOR US,
PENTECOST
IS GOD
IN US.**

ROBERT BAER



**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