

# 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.*

## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2023



### DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THOSE WHO KILL THE BODY

This whole chapter of Matthew brings together and sums up what Jesus has to say to his apostles about declaring his teaching in the face of hostility and persecution. Jesus himself was fearless in proclaiming his message. He 'taught with authority', as the gospel constantly tells us. His disciples are sent out to do the same. We do not often meet with real persecution, though it may yet happen. The martyrs of communist Russia or Vietnam lived many years of peaceful Christianity before unexpectedly facing martyrdom. The monk martyrs of Algeria did not reckon on martyrdom when they went to Algeria. The only preparation for martyrdom can be fidelity and prayer. More often we face mockery for holding to Christian principles, and that too can be difficult to bear. We can be accused of narrow-mindedness, lack of appreciation of human values, blind obedience, sentimentality, naivety, and a host of other hurtful slurs. Jesus did not promise that the Father would prevent the sparrows falling to the ground! Nor is it always easy to respond to such slurs with the patience and generosity as well as the truthfulness which Jesus would have shown. 'A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar', said St Francis de Sales.

Tutto quello che Gesù ha detto all'orecchio, di nascosto e privatamente, sarà predicato pubblicamente sui tetti dei paesi e delle città del mondo intero. Dopo la discesa dello Spirito Santo, gli apostoli hanno cominciato ad annunciare il Vangelo, chiaramente e coraggiosamente, quando hanno aperto le porte del cenacolo e sono andati verso i quattro punti cardinali dell'universo. Nonostante l'opposizione incontrata, il Vangelo è stato fatto conoscere sempre di più e sempre meglio e, quando la fine del mondo sarà ormai prossima, l'umanità tutta ne sarà a conoscenza. Gesù dice anche: "Non preoccuparti troppo della sorte del Vangelo, e non avere paura della gente. Non temere nessuno se non Dio. Non è la morte la più grande sventura, ma la dannazione". Noi dobbiamo superare la paura della morte, così come le persecuzioni e le difficoltà di ogni giorno, mediante la fede nella divina Provvidenza, che protegge anche il più insignificante fra gli uccelli: il passero. La cosa più bella che l'uomo possa fare sulla terra, in mezzo a persecuzioni e sofferenze, è di essere testimone di Gesù. Anche se il martirio non è il destino di tutti i suoi discepoli, ognuno deve sempre e dovunque riconoscere la sua appartenenza a Cristo, con le parole e le azioni, la vita e il comportamento. E noi lo facciamo in special modo durante la messa, nella quale, in comunione con l'intera Chiesa, annunciamo le grandi opere di Dio. per annunciare: "È vicino a voi il regno di Dio.

### 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!



### SATURDAY JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

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

### SUNDAY JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - Nestor Beltran & Family

10:00 A.M. - Intenzioni di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Tony Lamanna - Antonio Savella

Leonello Pecorari

Marino D'Attolico e famiglia

Salvatore Porzio - Maria D'Addario

Angelo Infantino

Rosa Volpe

Concetta Sica

Maddalena e Raffaele Bruno

Carlo e Vincenzo Bruno

Antonio e Giovanna Longo

Biase Menna - Carmelo Colangelo

11:30 A.M. - Living & Deceased 11:30 Choir

1:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

5:00 P.M. - Holy Souls In Purgatory

### MONDAY JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Georgie Ng

12:00 P.M. + Zbigniew Pytel

### TUESDAY JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Maria DalGado

12:00 P.M. + Holy Souls In Purgatory

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Giuseppe Esposito

+ Pasquale & Mattea Colangelo

+ Alfredo Bahingawan

12:00 P.M. - Agnes Leung & Family

### THURSDAY JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Pro Popolo

8:30 A.M. - Sonia Martinez & family

### FRIDAY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Maria Abreu

7:00 P.M. - Priests of St. Lawrence Martyr

### SATURDAY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Adalphas & Veronica Rodrigues

10:00 A.M. - Pro Popolo

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Dear Friends in Christ, please note that this parish bulletin and this Pastor's Corner will be the last one that we produce until our parish programs resume once again later in September of this year. As I write these final few thoughts, it is hard to believe how quickly time has flown since my arrival at the parish in July of last year. Where has all these months gone?

As I reflect upon this past year, I have nothing but a great sense of gratitude in my heart. While it was hard leaving my former parish of Our Lady of the Airways in Mississauga (on account of the many wonderful relationships and friendships that I developed there), I can honestly say that the reception, which I have received from my new parish community has been nothing short of amazing. It began with the wonderful interactions that I had with Daniel Lee and Fr. Anish. And it continues to this day with the fraternity that I have with Fr. Russell and the support I get from the members of my parish team. The greatest amount of love and support, however, have come from you, the parishioners of St. Lawrence Parish. Since my arrival here, I have been the beneficiary of so much warmth, love, kindness, prayers and support. In response to such outpouring, I can only humbly and sincerely say "Thank you!" Please be assured that I will continue to pray for all your intentions each day!

While a lot has been accomplished during these past few months (e.g., revamping of the children's catechetical programs, workshops and training for various ministries, etc.), there is still much more work that remains to be done. I ask that you will prayerfully consider offering your time, talents and treasures, the next time I seek help in carrying out the second phase of my pastoral plan for the parish. In the end, please remember that this is your parish and its vitality and success ultimately hinges not on the Pastor but on the members of the community and their collective involvement.

One final thought, well actually, it is a word of welcome. I wish to extend a warm welcome to Fr. Giuseppe Scollo, who will be living in residence at St. Lawrence Parish beginning in July. Fr. Scollo and I both studied at St. Augustine's seminary many years ago, and we had the fortune of once again spending a few years living in the Canadian College in Rome, while we completed our respective post-graduate studies.

Fr. Scollo was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2007. After completing his doctoral studies in biblical theology, he joined the academic and formation faculty of St. Augustine's in 2018. Once he concludes his role as Pastor of St. Clare's parish in Toronto this June, Fr. Scollo will assume a full-time teaching ministry at the seminary focusing in biblical theology, including Introductions to both NT and OT. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Fr. Scollo is actively involved in ongoing catechetical instruction and pastoral work for the Archdiocese of Toronto in a number of areas related to the Word of God and the New Evangelization, is a full member of several biblical associations (e.g., ABI, CSBS and CBA) as well as a much-admired and sought-after speaker for Lenten Missions, Retreats, Presentations, Workshops, and Keynote Addresses, throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. I look forward to his priestly fraternity.

I pray that the Lord will continue to keep you and all your loved ones in His loving embrace during these summer months. Keep safe and God bless!

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

*"Teach us to give  
and  
not count the  
cost."*



*This is the St.  
Ignatius prayer.*

*St. Ignatius of  
Loyola was born in  
Spain in 1491.  
Although his early  
life is notable for  
his gambling and  
violence, his  
conversion to  
Christianity left  
him a changed man.  
He often put his  
physical well-being  
on the line if it  
meant protecting  
someone else,  
embodying this  
famous quote.*

*You may be facing a  
situation right now  
where God is calling  
you to give  
something of  
yourself for someone  
else, whether it be a  
financial gift or  
otherwise.*

*Let this quote  
inspire you to give  
selflessly in all  
circumstances.*

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### Vocation Reflection . . .

“Have no Fear.” Considering a ministerial vocation is not popular, but it may be what God is calling you to. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, 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 . . .

Jesus in today’s Gospel, as well as St. John Paul II throughout his pontificate, encourages us to “be not afraid!” In our lives as followers of Christ and stewards many fears and worries may begin to take hold of us. Let us strive to fight these fears through the power of prayer and daily grow in greater trust in God.



*“I know many who fast, pray, sigh and demonstrate every manner of piety, as long as it costs them nothing, yet, would not part with a penny to help those in distress!”*

*~ St. Basil the Great ~*

### 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: \$4,595.75  
Building Fund: \$2,426.45



## Dear Padre

June 25, 2023

**A friend of mine wants to be cremated. Does the Church permit it?**

The Church permits cremation when extraordinary circumstances warrant it. There was never a direct canonical ban on cremation until 1886, simply because it was not widely practiced by the Christian Church; its members preferred inhumation—the traditional form of burial—in hopeful imitation of Christ, whose body was resurrected from the dead. The Church reacted to a proliferation of nineteenth-century cremation societies, primarily in Europe, with a decree that forbade Catholics from membership in these societies or from cremation (with obvious exceptions made in times of public crisis, plagues, wars, etc.). The Church restated the ban as late as 1926 out of concern that these groups were anti-religious in promoting cremation as an argument against belief in the resurrection.

The Vatican has allowed cremation as an acceptable alternative to burial since 1963, except in cases where irreligious motives are apparent (Canon 1176, No. 3). Nevertheless, “although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites” (No. 413, *Order of Christian Funerals*, “Appendix 2, Cremation,” 1997). Moreover, while the Church permits cremation, the scattering of ashes is forbidden. They are to be reserved with reverence in a sacred place. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK:



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



**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**