

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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In Residence

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.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2023



IF YOUR BROTHER LISTENS TO YOU, YOU HAVE WON BACK YOUR BROTHER

Matthew is a realist. Despite the presence of Christ in the Christian community there are going to be disagreements and misunderstandings in every community and every family. The vital thing is to sort them out and not to let them fester. So here we are given a safe process. Interestingly, it is the same process as is laid down in the Community Rule of the Dead Sea Scrolls found at Qumran; did Matthew take it from them, or was it widespread at the time? One might complain that it is not very Christian of Matthew to abandon the offending brother or sister to be as a hated tax-collector, even after the failure of attempts at reconciliation. But note that just afterwards, this process of attempted reconciliation is supplemented by Jesus' teaching that we have to forgive not just seven times (the perfect number) but seventy-seven times. That means again and again and again, without limit – even if the attempts at reconciliation have failed.

We also get the reminder that Christ is present always in his community. The same promise is given at beginning (the name Emmanuel means 'God with us') and end of the gospel ('I am with you to the end of time'). Therefore the strength of the community both to reconcile grievances and to make further requests of the Father lies in the presence of Christ within it. It is especially striking that the same promise is here given to the Church as had earlier been given to Peter himself. There is the same assumption as within Judaism, that the Lord is present in the assembled community; in Judaism this is expressed as the presence of the awesome divine presence, the Shekinah; within Christianity it is normally expressed as the presence of the Spirit of Christ.

In questa pagina del Vangelo di Matteo vengono riferiti alcuni "loghia", ossia alcune parole o sentenze, così come furono autenticamente pronunciate da Gesù. Esse sono poste all'interno del discorso elaborato da Matteo sul modo di comportarsi dei cristiani in seno alla comunità. Per comprenderlo, questo discorso deve essere collegato alla frase conclusiva della sezione precedente, in cui si afferma: "Dio non vuole che neppure uno di questi piccoli si perda".

È un monito a chi dirige la comunità, di non escludere nessuno, senza prima aver tentato ogni mezzo per correggerlo dal suo errore o dal suo peccato. Niente, infatti, è più delicato della correzione fraterna. La regola data da Cristo per la vita e la conduzione della comunità è quella di tenere presente la gradualità del procedere. Ognuno deve lasciarsi guidare dalla preoccupazione di salvaguardare, con ogni cura, la dignità della persona del fratello.

Il primato è dato, perciò, alla comunione. Deve essere salvata ad ogni costo, perché la comunione è tale solo se mette in opera ogni tentativo atto a convertire il peccatore.

Se il fratello persiste nell'errore, non sarà il giudizio della comunità in quanto tale a condannarlo, bensì il fatto che lui stesso si autoesclude dall'assemblea dei credenti. Così avviene nella scomunica pronunciata dalla Chiesa; essa non fa altro che constatare una separazione già avvenuta nel cuore e nel comportamento di un cristiano.

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 SEPTEMBER 9TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Noel Cordeiro

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Paciano & Lourdes Borero

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

Rosario Vella

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e famiglia

Vito De Nardo e famiglia

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Annamaria Ciciretto – Vincenza Di Tacchio

Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie Carlevaris e Nevodini

L'Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Estrella IbeMarinez/ DeCastro Ibe

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Clare & Nazar Da Silva

12:00 P.M. + Angela Witwicki

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Lawrence Tchoi

12:00 P.M. + Correiro Family

WEDNESDAY SEPT 13TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Maria Abreu

+ Tamburro-Cacavella Families

+ Laura Santos Hess

- Victor Cruz

12:00 P.M. - Otto Lam & Family

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Pro Populo

8:30 A.M. + Patricia Murphy

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Anthonypillai Augustin

7:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Maritess Fidelino

10:00 A.M. + Bronis Kraszewski

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Dear Friends in Christ, I hope and pray that you and your loved ones had an enjoyable, safe and blessed summer! As countless students went back to their classrooms this past week to start another academic year, our parish life returns in full earnest and with it my Pastor's Corner.

Last week I took a few days away from ministry. A priest friend of mine and I went and visited California. It was my first time in the western U.S. state - a state well-known for its cliff-lined beaches, redwood forest, and vast stretches of deserts. We stayed in La Quinta, a charming town approximately two and a half hours away from Los Angeles. For those who have never visited La Quinta, the city is filled with many gated communities, with its streets lined with beautiful palm trees, and it is snuggled against the stunning Santa Rosa Mountain.

While Santa Rosa Mountain may be small compared to other California mountain ranges, since it extends for approximately 48km, the mountain is filled with many contrasting sights. Though the mountain's countless sharp, jagged edges convey a sense of ruggedness, harshness and danger, nevertheless, one cannot help but feel a certain warmth that comes from looking at the mountain's pink-hued colour. From a distance, the mountain looks cold, barren and inhospitable. Yet, as one drives through the mountain and stop at various vistas and turnouts, it is apparent that the mountain is filled with life, especially as its entire landscape is dotted with numerous shrubland plant community, and various flora and fauna. As I reflect upon my brief mountain experience, what I quickly came to realize was how easy it is for one to see only the obvious, but to overlook the hidden and not so obvious.

In many ways, I believe that people make this same mistake in their life. Too often our mind, thoughts and eyes are focused on those pressing things in our life. In the world, for example, the media tends to continually present to us the not so pleasant realities of life, such as war, famine, hostility, division, strife, etc. On an individual level, we tend to be predominantly preoccupied with the pain, suffering, challenges, difficulties, trials and tribulations that either impact us personally, or someone we know or love. Yet, as we walk through "the valley of tears" somewhat overwhelmed and profoundly affected by negative and painful thoughts, emotions and feelings, it can be easy to become discouraged and overlook the goodness, kindness and love that emanates from God. The challenge for each of us during these trying times is to not only see the obvious but train our eyes to search for the less obvious. This includes to recognize, or strive to see that the Lord is in the midst of our sufferings; that He continues to walk with us and sustain us by His love and grace. Hidden in the messiness of our daily life is the beauty, warmth and love of God, and the certain comforting knowledge that He has not abandoned any of us in our hour or time of need.

The Lord is very much always walking with us even when we do not recognize His Presence. The words of the "Footprints in the Sand" wonderfully reminds us of this reality when it states: *"One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there was one only. This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints, so I said to the Lord, 'You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?' The Lord replied, 'The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you.'"*

Whatever is our state in life, let us never be discouraged or downcast. Instead, let us always seek the Lord even when He does not appear conspicuously present to us. With the words of the psalmist, we can cry out to Him by saying, *"Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life."* (Psalm 54).

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

The Journey to Priesthood
Our very own seminarian,
Daniel Donghoon Lee



will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Sunday, October 8, 2023, 11:30 Mass SLM Church

Archbishop Francis Leo will preside the ordination.

Potluck reception follows.



Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium upon the Most Rev. Francis

Leo Friday, September 29, 2023 5:30 p.m.

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Vocation Reflection . . .

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” The community that gathers needs leadership; consider the priesthood, diaconate or 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 . . .

St. Paul boldly proclaims that we must “owe no one anything, except to love one another.” To truly love is to act as an authentic steward and will the good of the other. However, we must move from merely willing the good to actually doing the good for St. Gregory the Great says that the “proof of love is in the works .



*“Habit, if not resisted, soon becomes necessity.”
~St. Augustine~*

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: \$4,601.50
Building Fund: \$2,680.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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.



RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*) is a program in the Catholic Church for adults who wish to become Catholic.

This year’s RCIA program will begin in late September. Please contact the parish office or visit our website for more information.

Dear Padre

September 10, 2023

Recently our new pastor relocated the rectory away from the church and parish office. Why is this becoming more common?

“The laborer deserves his payment” from Luke 10:7 has been traditionally interpreted to suggest that ministers for the Lord engaged in pastoral service are provided with certain basic necessities, such as a place to call home. Some priests are now choosing a distinct location in which to live that is apart from where their ministry is primarily conducted. A reason for this move is often attributed to rectories that have no clear boundaries between the private living space and the parish office.

While clergy in apostolic ministry are not necessarily seeking a cloistered existence, they do deserve the fundamental privacies enjoyed by everyone else. Sometimes this courtesy is not respected by those who have an unhealthy curiosity about the lives of their parish priests or by those who are pre-occupied with being “in the know” (and sharing what they know with the rest of the congregation).

Dedicated priests can be accessible and available at various hours during the day or night without having to live in a fishbowl. Sometimes this may warrant a new rectory location or facility, especially if the pastor in stocking feet on his day off can’t pour his morning coffee without stumbling into a DRE staff meeting! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Renew your Faith and Reaffirm your Beliefs!

Join our Pastor

**Fr. Thomas Lim
PILGRIMAGE TO
EGYPT, JORDAN &
HOLY LAND**



April 24 - May 10, 2024
17 days

Flyers/registration forms are found at the lobby of the Church or at SLM Website

For more information call Sisca
416.731.8252



**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