

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.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 1ST, 2023

TAX COLLECTORS AND PROSTITUTES ARE ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF GOD BEFORE YOU.



Matthew loves giving parables of Jesus contrasting 'goodies' and 'baddies' like these two contrasting sons. Matthew's parables put everything in black-and-white terms with no shades of grey (wise and foolish wedding-attendants, sheep and goats). Luke uses a different kind of parables, in which the characters – just like ourselves – often do the right thing for the wrong reason. The sayings of Jesus were handed down by word of mouth for some years before being written down. Did the straightforward contrast in Matthew (it is odd that both change their minds without a reason) develop into Luke's parable of the Prodigal Son? Both times the 'goodie' son ends up bad, and the 'baddie' son ends up good, but in Luke's version both changes of mind are motivated, and there is great emphasis on the son's repentance and the father's overwhelming joy at getting him back. The lesson in Matthew's story is given also by Jesus' word in the Sermon on the Mount, 'It is not anyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord" who will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in Heaven'. It is no use simply saying that Christ is our 'Lord', we have to express it in our behaviour.

C'è una frase conclusiva, comune alle due parabole della XXVI e XXVII domenica, che svela il segreto intendimento del discorso complessivo di Gesù: "Perciò vi dico: vi sarà tolto il regno di Dio e sarà dato a un popolo che lo farà fruttificare" (Mt 21,41). La domanda posta da Gesù è la seguente: "Chi è allora il vero destinatario della promessa, il vero credente?". Anche la parabola dei due figli deve essere letta in questa prospettiva.

Molte volte, infatti, può verificarsi una forma di sintonia solo apparente, perché ultimamente interessata, tra la nostra volontà e quella del Padre. Siamo capaci di dirgli dei "sì" speciosi e superficiali, non maturati al sole di quella vera obbedienza interiore, che può solamente essere il frutto di una profonda conversione a Dio. Una forma di obbedienza disobbediente perché non tocca le radici del nostro cuore e non cambia la nostra esistenza.

In questa ipotesi è vero che, pur immersi in una vita ancora disordinata, coloro che hanno deciso di seguire Cristo, senza reticenze e senza cercare in ultima analisi il loro interesse, si riscatteranno e avranno la precedenza nel regno dei cieli.

La parabola ci fa capire quanto sia anche per noi reale il pericolo di partecipare, con apparente docilità, durante tutta la nostra vita, alle celebrazioni liturgiche e alle attività della Chiesa, senza mai diventare veri cristiani.

RENEW YOUR HEART, RENEW YOUR CALL, RENEW OUR COMMUNITY

Renew Toronto is a conference for all young adults ages 19-39 taking place on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Canada Christian College in Whitby. This conference offers unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, and young couples. Registration now open! Early bird pricing until September 29. For more information and to register, visit: www.renewtoronto.org



Join Us!
RENEW
TORONTO

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 SEPTEMBER 30TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Mary & Tony Schwanaeur

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1ST – DOMENICA

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

10:00 A.M. - Susanna e Gianni Onisto

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Vito Sciuto e famiglia

Teresa Pagliaro - Leopoldo Volpe e famiglia

Angelo Lamanna e famiglia

Angelo Pagnello e famiglia

Paolo Modica Antonio Barbera

Michele, Antonietta e Carmela Lamanna

Antonino Tuccitto e famiglia

Pitino Vincenzo e famiglia

11:30 A.M. + Gerry Gallano

1:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

5:00 P.M. - Sacha Bagasan

MONDAY OCTOBER 2ND – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Petronila & Ismael Mendoza

12:00 P.M. + Norberto Tavares Faria

TUESDAY OCTOBER 3RD – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Isagani & Mary Juvy Mendoza

12:00 P.M. - Carlos Alberto Faria

WEDNESDAY OCT 4TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. - Stephanie Bagasan

- Leslie Tse

- Julia & Bruno Di Paolo & Family

12:00 P.M. - Theresa Rodrigues

THURSDAY OCTOBER 5TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Cedric de Souza & Family

8:30 A.M. + Manuela Singarayer

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Elizabeth Ramsbotham

7:00 P.M. - Lizia Pereira

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Elizabeth Ramsbotham

10:00 A.M. - Agnes Leung & Family



Weekly Offertory:

Last week's collection: \$5,180.85

Needs of Cnd Church: \$2,123.00

Thank you for your generosity!

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 1ST, 2023



Dear Friends in Christ, when I was on my seminarian internship at St. Boniface parish in Scarborough, I had the privilege of having Father John Pilkauskas (now Monsignor John) as my intern supervisor. Anyone who has met Monsignor John would probably describe him as a gentle, kind, and holy priest! Although I learned many things from him that year, the one lesson that remains with me even to this day was his “ministry of presence.” Monsignor had this wonderful habit of greeting his parishioners at the back of the church, before and after every weekend Mass. I can still see him now offering a radiant smile to one person, giving a warm embrace to another, or gently touching and blessing the heads of children as they approached him. As Monsignor warmly greeted them one by one, each parishioner undoubtedly would have felt his spiritual fatherly love during those simple interactions with him. It goes without saying that upon my ordination, I followed Monsignor’s example and incorporated his practice into my own ministry.

A couple of Sundays ago, while I was exercising my “ministry of presence”, a couple of sisters came up to me after Mass and asked, “Father, what can we do for you? What can we offer you?” Their questions were rather interesting because the tendency for many people, when they see me after Mass, is to either simply greet me with “Have a good weekend, Father”, or to ask for a blessing for themselves or some religious articles that they have in hand, or to pray for their personal intentions. So their questions were pleasantly surprising to me that morning. In any event, I responded whether they could offer their prayers, along with their crosses and sufferings - not for myself, but for the many people whom the Lord has entrusted to my priestly ministry.

That I should ask for their prayers should not come as a surprise, given the power of intercessory prayers. But some might be puzzled why I would also ask for their crosses and suffering. After all, how could those things, which they experience personally, help the many souls whom I minister within our parish boundaries and beyond? Fortunately, the answer to these questions can be found in a wonderful 1984 Apostolic Letter written by Saint John Paul II titled, “On the Christian Meaning of Suffering” and in the writings of St. Paul.

In his letter to the faithful, our saintly Holy Father touched upon the reality of suffering. Many who are inflicted with suffering often ask the Lord, “Why, Lord? Why me? Why now? Why in this or that form?” Yet, the pope states that Christ does not respond with an answer but with a lived example. As John Paul notes: “*Christ does not explain in the abstract the reasons for suffering, but before all else he says: ‘Follow me!’ Come! Take part through your suffering in this work of saving the world.... Gradually, as the individual takes up his cross, spiritually uniting himself to the Cross of Christ, the salvific meaning of suffering is revealed before him*” (DS 26). John Paul goes on to say that while suffering does not necessarily have any value in itself, when it is united to Christ, it can be transformed into something noble and good: “*In the light of Christ’s death and resurrection, illness no longer appears as an exclusively negative event, rather, it is seen as...an opportunity to release love..., to transform the whole of human civilization into a civilization of love*” (DS 30). Thus, when we unite our sufferings to the Cross of Our Lord, it becomes meaningful and purposeful - in short, it becomes redemptive in nature.

Our Catholic teaching of meriting good for others through redemptive suffering is clearly seen in many of St. Paul’s writings. In one letter, Paul speaks about offering his life as an oblation for his flock: “*And if my lifeblood is, so to speak, to be poured out over your faith which I am offering up to God as a sacrifice - that is, if I am to die for you - even then I will be glad, and will share my joy with each of you. For you should be happy about this too and rejoice with me for having this privilege of dying for you*” (Phil. 2: 17-19). In another passage to the community at Colossae, he writes: “*But part of my work is to suffer for you; and I am glad, for I am helping to finish up the remainder of Christ’s sufferings for his body, the church*” (Col 1:24). Paul’s understanding of redemptive suffering flows from the fact that every faithful are united together in the one mystical body of Christ, with Our Lord as the head (cf. Rom 12:5). Consequently, we can unite our own sufferings with the Cross of Christ, and offer them for the well-being of others, because we form one body in Christ.

Not surprisingly, the Lord has also revealed to specially chosen souls the importance of offering our sufferings for the benefit of others. St. Faustina, the secretary of Our Lord’s Divine Mercy wrote, “*I saw the Lord nailed upon the cross amidst great torments. A soft moan issued from His heart. After some time, He said ‘I thirst. I thirst for the salvation of souls. Help Me, My daughter, to save souls. Join your sufferings to My Passion and offer them to the heavenly Father for sinners’*” (Diary 1031).

To all those who are currently undergoing various forms of trials, tribulations, pains and sufferings - physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, etc., - I pray that the Lord will give you the grace to discover the meaning of suffering within your own life. Please do not let your suffering go to waste. I invite you to unite your suffering and crosses with the Cross of Christ and offer it for the welfare of another person! Should you wish to participate in my priestly ministry, then I ask you to simply offer them for the many people whom I currently minister here and beyond our parish. The Lord will no doubt bless you for your kindness and many will also be eternally grateful for your offerings!

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



The Journey to Priesthood

*Our very own seminarian,
Daniel Donghooon 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.



SLM 2023 Life Chain

You are invited to be a part of
an important pro-life witness
on Sunday, **October 1st** from 2 - 3 at
Kennedy & Lawrence intersection.

**JOIN THOUSANDS ACROSS CANADA
STANDING UP AGAINST ABORTION IN A
PEACEFUL, PRAYERFUL
DEMONSTRATION!**



SLM Thanksgiving Food Drive

During the month of
September, until the first weekend
of October, the Knights of Columbus
will be conducting a Food Drive to
collect non-perishable food. There
will be a cylinder bin, to receive the
donations, placed at the entrance of
the Church.



SHARELIFE: COMBATING HUNGER THROUGH YOUR COMPASSION

Many of our brothers and sisters grapple with the daily challenge of putting food on the table. In response to their urgent need, ShareLife has launched the Food Security Grants – dedicating over half a million dollars to combat hunger.

Please support our fight against hunger at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for heeding the Lord’s call to feed the hungry in your community and beyond.

SLM CRAFT GROUP

are collecting **NEW MEN’S** socks
From : Nov. 4th until Nov. 19th
for **GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE** in downtown
Toronto. The socks may be placed in the Box
located in the Church foyer.
Your generosity is much appreciated.
Thank you!



Vocation Reflection . . .



The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Are you being invited? 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 challenges us to be true stewards as he says that we should “look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” In order to begin this conversion we need to turn to prayer as well as seek to imitate Jesus, who always sought to serve rather than be served. Let us strive to serve those in our parishes whether it be simply going out of our way to say hello to a new family or supporting a family undergoing a major change in their life, or any other way.



PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

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

Dear Padre

October 1, 2023

Where does Church teaching on angels come from? Where did we get their division into classes and the concept of the guardian angel?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that the existence of angels is “a truth of faith” known in both Scripture and Tradition (CCC 328). Here is an ancient definition: An angel is a mighty, concentrated personality standing in God’s presence, ready to do his bidding instantly.

Jesus famously speaks of what we take to be the guardian angels of children. He says the angels of these children always look on the face of God (see Matthew 18:10). Angels took care of Jesus (see Matthew 4:11).

The Church understands angels to be spirits. Angel means “messenger,” and angels are servants of God. Different classes of angels are mentioned in the Bible (for example, Ephesians 1:21 and 3:10, and Colossians 1:16). We speak of Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel as archangels because the jobs God gave them to do were so important.

The Church holds that Satan is a fallen angel (CCC 391). Jesus tells us Satan “was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in truth, because there is no truth in him” (John 8:44). ●

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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

“It is because of Faith that we Exchange the Present for the Future.”

~St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen~