

# 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**

Rev. Fr. Giuseppe Scollo

**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.*

## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

Matthew 22:34-40

### THE COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE



Familiarity with Jesus' answer to the question about the greatest commandment blunts our awareness of its startling directness. Answers could be given, singling out one of the ten commandments as the greatest, the most important basis of society. A frequent answer to the question was and is the Golden Rule, existing in many cultures: 'Do not do to another what you would not have done to you'. This is basically a selfish answer, protecting my own interests. By contrast, Jesus' answer slams home, turning away from self to God. 'Love', not 'obey' or 'adore' or 'fear' or 'reverence'. Love is not the warmth of companionship or of sex, but is the willing generosity of mother to helpless young child or daughter to helpless old parent, of wife to alcoholic husband or husband to paralysed wife, seeking no reward but the happiness of the receiver. Paul gives a useful check-list in First Corinthians 13. The First Letter of John gives a shorter check-list: 'No one who fails to love the brother or sister whom he can see, can love God whom he has not seen'. The real interests of the recipient of love may not always be easy to find, but the spirit of giving is unmistakable.

I farisei vivevano per meditare la legge, per capirla, per interpretarla. Alcuni sono riusciti a capire Gesù Cristo che ha detto a uno di loro che non era lontano dal regno dei cieli (Mc 12,34). E un altro fariseo, Paolo di Tarso, riuscì ad essere l'apostolo dei gentili. Ma tanti tra di loro, al contrario, rifiutavano il giovane Rabbi di Nazaret, e lo hanno messo a morte sulla croce... Interpretando la legge, i farisei ottenevano una casistica minuziosa che rendeva il giogo della legge insopportabile.

Ed è per questo che non potevano capire Gesù che, secondo loro, infrangeva il riposo del sabato guarendo i malati il sabato, e anche dicendo che il Figlio dell'uomo era padrone del sabato e che questo giorno, così importante, era stato fatto per l'uomo, e non il contrario... (Mt 12,8; Mc 2,27).

Gesù disfa il repertorio molto complicato dei precetti, e lo riassume nell'amore di Dio e del prossimo sopra tutto. Egli considera che questo è il primo comandamento, da cui tutti gli altri derivano... Di fronte a queste parole non possiamo fare altro che rivedere la nostra condotta, riconoscere i nostri errori e proporci in modo concreto di vivere per amore, di morire per amore.

*"Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily.  
To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully, restfully.  
To wait for the unfolding of Thy will, patiently, serenely.  
To meet others, peacefully, joyously.  
To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously"*

~ St. Francis of Assisi ~

### 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 OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Noemi Sarmiento Gallardo

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA

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

10:00 A.M. - Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia  
Intenzioni di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri  
Tony Lamanna  
Antonio Savella  
Leonello Pecorari  
Agostino Battaglia  
Carmelo e Carmela Lamanna

11:30 A.M. - Candida Lobo

3:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

5:00 P.M. + John & Caetana Fernandes

### MONDAY OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Aurora Vergara

12:00 P.M. - Maria Kong & Sylvia Chan

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Carter Benedicto

12:00 P.M. + Joe Clara & Anthony De Mello

### WEDNESDAY NOV 1<sup>ST</sup> – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. - For All Parishioners

12:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

7:00 P.M. - For All Parishioners

### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Pro Popolo

8:30 A.M. - For All Parishioners

7:00 P.M. - For All Parishioners

### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Louisa Lai

7:00 P.M. + S&L Domingues & L Saguing

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Giuseppe Louis Adecer

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



### Weekly Offertory (Last Week):

Regular Collection: \$6,137.20

World Mission Sunday: \$1,822.90

Thank you for your generosity!

## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2023



Dear Friends in Christ, last week the universal Church celebrated World Mission Sunday, which falls on the second to last Sunday in October. World Mission Sunday is the feast of our catholicity and universal solidarity, and it serves as a reminder of our common responsibility concerning the evangelization of the world.

World Mission Sunday gives us a wonderful opportunity to show love and solidarity to all our brothers and sisters united in faith throughout the world. In offering our prayers, we become one in communion with all the missionaries everywhere, who work tirelessly in spreading the Good News to far distant lands. In offering our financial resources, we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and clothe the naked. Funds collected are used to help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in various countries where the Church is either new, recently formed or lacking in financial resources. As Pope St. John Paul II once reminded us, "*World Mission Day, which seeks to heighten awareness of the missions, as well as to collect funds for them, is an important date in the life of the Church, because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world*" (*Redemptoris Missio*, 81). On our parish's part, a total of \$1,822.90 was collected for this year's campaign. Thank you for your generosity!

This year, the Lord gave me an extra-ordinary opportunity to experience World Mission Sunday from a different vantage point. It did not occur from my presider's chair at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish in Scarborough, Ontario; but as a guest priest making a retreat in a convent run by the Bridgettine Sisters of Trondheim in Norway.

In many ways, Trondheim is a perfect example of the kind of place that Pope Pius XI had in mind, when he instituted World Mission Sunday in 1926. Although the city is only one hour away from the capital city of Oslo by flight, it is merely deemed the seat of the Roman Catholic Territorial Prelature. It is currently under the leadership of a rather interesting figure - Bishop Erik Varden - a former Cambridge University professor turned Trappist monk. Its region, which spans more than 56, 458 km (its size, to put it in context, is larger than the entire country of Denmark) has a total of 696,914 inhabitants. From a faith's perspective, Roman Catholics only make up less than two percent of its total population, and they are able to worship in one of the five parishes that are scattered throughout the city (cf. Wikipedia). In short, one could say that Trondheim is a real missionary region!

Despite these rather abysmal statistics, what I noticed, while concelebrating Mass that Sunday morning, was the remarkable universality of our Catholic Church. There in the Sister's chapel, which had a maximum capacity of approximately fifty worshippers, were faithful from all over the world: clergymen from Canada, Germany and Poland; religious sisters from Indonesia, Mexico, Italy, and India; and lay faithful from Vietnam, Africa and the surrounding regions. There in that little convent chapel, located in the largely unknown, unheard city of Trondheim, were gathered people from all the far corners of the world, giving God praise and glory through Jesus Christ, our Lord. What a powerful reminder of how diversity in races can be united in prayer! Indeed, what a remarkable sight to behold!

As I reflect upon this recent, profound experience, I cannot help but think of the words that comes from St. Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad (the Foundress of the Bridgettine Sisters; d. 24 April 1957), who said: "***The Lord has called us from different nations, but we must be united with one heart and one soul. In the divine Heart of Jesus, we will always meet one another and there we seek our strength to face the difficulties of life. May we be strengthened to practice the beautiful virtues of charity, humility and patience.***" Although World Mission Sunday has passed once again, with many of us having made contributions to help our needy brothers and sisters, who live in various missionary lands, let us nevertheless continue to practice our catholicity and remain in solidarity with them, by keeping them close to our hearts and in our prayers.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

### Vocation Reflection



"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind." Live in that love in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

[www.vocationstorento.ca](http://www.vocationstorento.ca) Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### Stewardship Reflection



In the Gospel today, Jesus boils down all of the commandments into loving God with all our being and loving our neighbour as ourselves. St. Teresa of Calcutta beautifully says that for "love to be real, it must cost—it must hurt—it must empty us of self." Let us seek to constantly love God and our neighbour in our parish community by sacrificing our own desires for their good."

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### FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

The First Reconciliation and Communion Program is designed for and received by children in Grade 2 or older. For registration requirements please go to our website [SLM Sacraments - FR/FHC](#).

Parents **MUST** bring all the requirements and attend **ONE** of the registration dates:

Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM  
Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10AM

### CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Program is designed for and received by children in Grade 7 or older. For registration requirements please go to our website [SLM Sacraments - Confirmation](#).

Parents **MUST** bring all the requirements and attend **ONE** of the registration dates:

Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM  
Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10AM



### Securities as a Charitable Gift Option



A gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) is still one of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto.

When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust and many others.

To donate securities, follow this link: [Archdiocese of Toronto - Gift of Securities \(archtoronto.org\)](#) to download the How to Gift Securities Info Sheet and the Letter of Direction.

To ensure you will receive a 2023 tax receipt, kindly submit a completed Letter of Direction to us no later than on December 21, 2023, either via email to [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org) or by fax at 416-934-3412.

For more information, contact our office at [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org)

### Day of Reflection and Prayer for the Bereaved

Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre

2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, ON L1X 1V4  
Saturday, November 4, 2023 9:30am-5:00pm



“Where is God in my pain? How is God working in my grief?” Grieving a loved one can shake or give a new shape to our faith. At this gathering, you will have the opportunity to share your grief story in a community of faith and to reflect in a prayerful way on your experience, to draw renewed strength and hope to continue the journey.

Facilitated by: Sr. Claire Marchal and Mary Hyland

Suggested Offering: \$65 per person (includes lunch)

Please contact: Mary Hyland - 905-441-095

## Dear Padre

October 29, 2023

### How does a person become a saint?

Saint Alphonsus Liguori challenged those who entered the Redemptorists saying, “Don’t become a Redemptorist unless you want to be a saint.” I would widen his expression to say, “Don’t get baptized unless you want to be a saint.” To be a saint means that you want to go to heaven. Most people are not canonized, but anyone who leads a holy life is a member of the communion of saints. This mystical body spans heaven, earth, and purgatory. As St. Paul said, “We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1).

Technically speaking, to be canonized, that is, given the title of “saint” by the Church, a person’s life should serve as a model for others, and two miracles must be attributed to his or her intercession. The formal process begins after death with the creation of the person’s “cause,” often with the leadership of local clergy.

The beatitudes offer us a blueprint for holiness. If we are poor in spirit, mourning, meek, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure, peacemakers, or persecuted for doing what is right, we are on the road to sainthood. Reflect on one of the beatitudes. It can be one you do well or one that challenges you. Discern how you live it out and how you could live it out better. Slowly you will find yourself growing holier, and one day you will find yourself a saint in heaven. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, 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**

“Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much.”

~St. Catherine of Siena~