

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.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING – NOVEMBER 26TH, 2023

Matthew 25:31-46

I WAS NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME; SICK, AND YOU VISITED ME



This is the last of Matthew's great parables. The world is finally divided into 'goodies' and 'baddies'. The great dramatic scene here depicted will not necessarily happen all at once, but we shall each of us at the moment of death face the judgment of our divine Lord in his glory. This confrontation will be an experience far more awesome and shattering than any description can express, and yet fulfilling and re-assuring. We will know at last in a naked way our own filth and also our own infinite value to this transcendent figure.

Two striking points are stressed in the parable. Firstly, we will be judged uniquely on our treatment of those in any kind of need. Not on our prayer-life. Not on our asceticism or penances undertaken. Only on our respect for others, how far we look to see what they need and what we can give. Each of the ten commandments in the Old Testament, each of the eight beatitudes in the New can be resolved into this: telling the truth, financial honesty, honouring father and mother (or children), hunger for justice, peace-making. The second striking point is the reason for the first: that Christ is in each person. What we do to others, we do to Christ.

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Conosciamo questo testo che, ai giorni nostri, è uno dei più citati e discussi. Per alcuni esso riassume quasi tutto il Vangelo. Questa tendenza non dipende da una moda o da una certa ideologia, ma corrisponde a qualcosa di assai più profondo che già esiste in noi. Quando siamo colpiti e sorpresi da un'idea, da un avvenimento o da una persona, sembriamo dimenticare tutto il resto per non vedere più che ciò che ci ha colpiti. Cerchiamo una chiave in grado di aprire tutte le porte, una risposta semplice a domande difficili.

Se leggiamo questo passo del Vangelo con questo spirito, il solo criterio di giudizio, e di conseguenza di salvezza o di condanna, è la nostra risposta ai bisogni più concreti del nostro prossimo. Poco importa ciò che si crede e come si crede, poco importa la nostra appartenenza o meno a una comunità istituzionale, poco importano le intenzioni e la coscienza, ciò che conta è agire ed essere dalla parte dei poveri e dei marginali.

Eppure, questa pagina del Vangelo di san Matteo è inscindibile dal resto del suo Vangelo e del Vangelo intero. In Matteo troviamo molti "discorsi" che si riferiscono al giudizio finale. Colui che non si limita a fare la volontà di Dio attraverso le parole non sarà condannato (Mt 7,21-27). Colui che non perdona non sarà perdonato (Mt 6,12-15; 1-35). Il Signore riconoscerà davanti a suo Padre nei cieli colui che si è dichiarato per lui davanti agli uomini (Mt 10,31-33). La via della salvezza è la porta stretta (Mt 7,13). Per seguire Cristo bisogna portare la propria croce e rinnegare se stessi. Colui che vuole salvare la propria vita la perderà (Mt 16,24-26). San Marco ci dice anche: Colui che crederà e sarà battezzato, sarà salvato. Colui che non crederà sarà condannato (Mc 16,15-16). Queste parole ci avvertono di non escludere dal resoconto finale la nostra risposta ai doni soprannaturali e alla rivelazione. Guarire le piaghe del mondo, eliminare le miserie e le ingiustizie, tutto questo fa parte integrante della nostra vita cristiana, ma noi non rendiamo un servizio all'umanità che nella misura in cui, seguendo il Cristo, liberiamo noi stessi e liberiamo gli altri dalla schiavitù del peccato. Allora solamente il suo regno comincerà a diventare realtà.



### 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 NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Joan LaFrance & Edward Richard

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - For All Parishioners

10:00 A.M. - Intenzioni di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri  
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Agostino Battaglia  
Tony Lamanna - Antonio Savella  
Leonello Pecorari - Marino D'Attolico e famiglia  
Salvatore Porzio - Angelo e Annarosa Ciciretto  
Angelo Infantino - Maria D'Addario  
Giovanna Costantino - Lorenzo Volpe  
Maria e Giuseppe Doria

11:30 A.M. + Rudy Ducusin

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Victor Nazareth

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. - Anthony Lobo

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

### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Mario Gamboa

12:00 P.M. + Zbigniew Pytel

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Sandro Pelliccia

- Leslie Tse

12:00 P.M. - Angela Leung

### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Pro Populo

8:30 A.M. - Fr. Isaac C.M.I.

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. - Charles Bagasan

7:00 P.M. - Agnes Leung & Family

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> – SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Daniel Lee

10:00 A.M. + S & L Dominguez & L Saguing



Weekly Offertory Last Sunday:  
Regular Collection: \$5,639.90  
Shepherd's Trust: \$5,742.65

*thank you*

*"I believe, O my Saviour, that You know just what is best for me."*

*~St. John Henry Newman~*



## SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING – NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2023



Dear friends in Christ, we often profess our faith as Catholics using the words found in either the Nicene or Apostles' Creed. We say from the Nicene Creed, for example, "I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ." While in the Apostles' Creed, we profess, "I believe...in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord." What does it mean when we profess these three simple words: *Lord Jesus Christ*?

Jesus is called Lord (in Greek *Kyrios*), a name used for the divine name *Yahweh*. So, when we say "Lord", we are acknowledging his divinity and addressing him by his divine title. Jesus (*Yeshua* or *Joshua*) is His personal name, akin to my personal name, "Thomas." Jesus was given this name from above, when Gabriel the Archangel told Mary: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Mt. 1:21). Jesus then literally means, "God saves" or "God is salvation."

Christ (*Cristos* in Greek), or "Messiah" (*Ha-mashia* in Hebrew) means "the anointed one"; that is, "the promised one", the one whom God promised through the prophets of his Chosen people. When we say "Christ", we are acknowledging His title of office, akin to you addressing me by my title, "Father". By His Incarnation, the Son of God, Jesus Christ, is constituted the one Mediator between God and man. As a Mediator, He holds a threefold office: that of High Priest, Prophet and King.

This weekend our liturgical year comes to its climax with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This solemnity was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, shortly after the First World War, against the backdrop of countless pain, suffering, destruction and death. In his Encyclical, *Quas Primas* (In the First), Pius wrote: "We referred to the chief causes of the difficulties under which mankind was laboring. And We remember saying that these manifold evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of men had thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives; that these had no place either in private affairs or in politics: and we said further, that as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations. Men must look for the peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ."

In reading these words, one cannot help but ask if mankind has looked for the peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ? Have individuals and states submitted themselves to the rule of Jesus Christ? Judging by what is happening in the world today, the answer is negative! In fact, one can argue that the opposite appears to be true. The world has not subjected itself to Christ; rather, it has subjected itself to many kinds of earthly forces and powers. These forces have come in numerous shapes and forms, in the various "isms" that has plagued our world - communism, secularism, consumerism, hedonism, individualism, etc. Unfortunately, so many people allow themselves to be subjected under their reign and dominion, and to be governed by their forces.

On this last weekend of the year, let us dear friends entrust our lives totally to Him. Let us invite Jesus to enter within the depths of our heart and have Him reign as our Lord, God, and King. As King and Shepherd, Jesus rules and guides His people by the laws and example. As Creator and eternal Son of God, Jesus is King by natural right. As our Redeemer, He is our King by acquired right, for you and I were "brought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:20) and "ransomed...with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Pet. 1:18). His sovereignty is unlimited; His kingdom is spiritual. Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

### Vocation Reflection



What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you?

Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? 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



"Well done, good and trustworthy slave; enter into the joy of your master" are the beautiful words that all of us long to hear after a life of following Christ. If we want to hear that spoken to us at our judgement we must live in such a way that fully embraces the spirituality of stewardship. Let us ask ourselves, how well are we using our gifts for the glory of God and the Church?



**St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert: Choirs of Angels Saturday, Dec 02, 2023 7PM-9 PM**


Massey Hall , 178 Victoria St., Toronto

A musically rich blend of both secular and sacred carols to usher in the Christmas season. A Toronto holiday tradition, this is the Choir School's 86th year, and this year's concert is sure to be one of the best yet. St. Michael's Choir School graduates are some of Canada's most celebrated professional and amateur musicians and are known for music of the highest caliber.

**CONTACT:** St. Michael's Choir School **PHONE:** 416-397-6367 **WEBSITE:** [www.smcs.on.ca](http://www.smcs.on.ca)

## SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING – NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

### Help homeless youth through ShareLife

 Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until December 31, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000.

While Covenant House is located in Toronto, the homeless youth served by this agency arrive from throughout our archdiocese, including our own community. Your support makes its lifesaving programs like transitional housing possible.

*“Your commitment to love and care for youth experiencing homelessness and trafficking truly means so much,” says the agency’s director. “You give youth a real chance for a better future.”*

### Sponsor a Christmas Poinsettia:



For parishioners who wanted to sponsor poinsettia pot for the altar in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, prices are: \$25 for 10" Poinsettia, \$20 for 8" Poinsettia, and \$15 for 6" Poinsettia  
Please visit or call the office.

For our Christmas decorations, you may make your donations by using the “Christmas Flower” envelope found in your offertory box, or with the envelopes available in the foyer of the Church.  
Please place your envelope in the weekend offertory collection.  
**~ THANK YOU ~**



Whatever may happen,  
Jesus Christ will  
reign in the end.

SOLEMNITY OF  
**CHRIST THE KING**



In  
**loving  
memory**

### November ~ Month of All Souls REMEMBERING THE DEAD

During the month of November, we are called to pray in a particular way for those who have died. There will be a special Memorial Prayer Box placed in front of the Sanctuary during the month of November. The names of the deceased may be written on the Envelopes provided and placed in the Memorial Prayer Box. During the month of November, the deceased will be remembered at all Masses.

Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him/her. May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed. rest in peace. Amen

## Dear Padre

November 26, 2023

*In the liturgy, how do a solemnity, a feast day, and a memorial differ?*

Celebrations in the Church calendar are named according to their rank or importance. Solemnity is the highest rank. The next rank is feast, celebrating an event in the life of Christ, Mary, the apostles, martyrs, and a few other important saints.

Solemnities are usually celebrated by the whole Church, but celebrations may be made solemnities for local churches. For instance, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a solemnity in Mexico and a feast in the United States.

A memorial commemorates the day a saint died. An obligatory memorial is celebrated by every church in a diocese or country. The memorial of Redemptorist St. John Neumann, for example, is obligatory in the United States because of his historical contribution to the American Church as the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. It's also obligatory in Redemptorist churches around the world.

Optional memorials are saints' days an individual priest can celebrate Monday through Saturday if he chooses. For example, Jesuit St. Robert Bellarmine's memorial is obligatory in Jesuit churches or in churches named for him, but it's optional everywhere else.

During Ordinary Time, solemnities that fall on Sunday are celebrated, but feasts and memorials that fall on Sunday are not. During Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, some solemnities that fall on Sunday are transferred to a weekday because of the importance of these seasons. ●

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