

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.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Mark 1:29-39

He cast out devils and cured many who were suffering from disease...



The snippets gathered in the gospel reading give us a sample of Jesus' activity at Capernaum, the little fishing village on the edge of the Lake of Galilee: healing and prayer. The first incident, the healing of the relative of his friend and follower Simon Peter, reminds us that Jesus does respond if we pray for the needs of our nearest and dearest. Then the summary of his evening activity shows his concern to bring healing and wholeness. Just so any Christian will desire to follow his example: we can harm or heal those around us in so many ways. It does not need to be a miracle! A greeting, a look, a smile, a touch can bring the peace of Christ to someone in desperate need of reassurance – and no less can they harm and wound. But the third little story, of Jesus going off to pray in the early morning, shows that the well-spring of all his activity was his union with the God whom he called his Father. We cannot say what Jesus' prayer was, any more than I can say what your prayer is, but the confident communication between Father and Son must have been the source of his strength and compassion.

Gesù passa tra noi e ci guarisce. Ci ha rigenerati e guariti con la grazia del battesimo e ci rinnova ogni giorno con la sua misericordia.

Siamo dei salvati, ma lo siamo per essere segno del Cristo presso i nostri fratelli e le nostre sorelle.

La suocera di Pietro dà ad ognuno di noi l'esempio di chi, guarito dal Cristo, sceglie di servire.

Le folle cercano Gesù attratte da ciò che egli dice e dai segni che opera. È la carità che le richiama e la carità è certamente il segno più luminoso e distintivo di ogni comunità cristiana.

Ma per essere davvero testimoni e annunciatori del Cristo occorre ancorare la propria vita nella preghiera e nella contemplazione: Gesù si ritira a pregare solo in un luogo deserto e indica la strada maestra che dobbiamo seguire se vogliamo essere suoi veri discepoli.



Vocation Reflection ... Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 .

www.vocationstoronto.ca Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Stewardship Reflection ... Since evangelization is a core aspect of stewardship we should heed the words of St. Paul who says "woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!" Firstly, in order for us to encourage people to follow Christ we must take the time to journey with them. It is in these interactions that they will be able to see the joy and love that emanates from the presence of Christ within us.



PRAYER FOR THE SICK: We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.



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 FEBRUARY 3RD – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Howard Steinman

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Elizabeth Ramsbotham

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Susanna, Gianna e Assunta Onisto
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Vito Sciuto e famiglia - Tony Lamanna
Rosaria e Anthonio Lisciandro
Defunti famiglie Tamburro e Longo
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo
Maria Distefano - Domenico Piroso
Vincenzo Cucuzza

11:30 A.M. + Pat Manuso

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 5TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. - Rigodor Dios

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

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Florencio Andres

12:00 P.M. + Swarna & Ossie Ameresekere

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. - Raymonde How

- Jamina Obiso & Family

+ Doreen Burlton

+ Victor Cruz

+ Marlon Parinas

+ Marion & Allan Thomas Lambert

+ Hermis Obis

+ Alvin Marshall

12:00 P.M. + Maria Natividad De Souza

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Martin Pytel

8:30 A.M. - Norma Cruz

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Fiorino De Ciantis

7:00 P.M. + Paul & Pauline Lam

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

10:00 A.M. + Sydney, Irene & Anne De Souza



Offertory - Last Weekend:
Regular Collections - \$5,214.25

thank you

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 4, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ, this weekend I wish to touch upon the second dimension of the Eucharist - the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. Before doing so, it is important to note that the Lord is “present” and active in the Church in various ways. As Pope St. Paul VI outlined in greater detail in his encyclical, *The Mystery of Faith* (MF), Christ is *present* to his Church: in her prayers, for as the Lord promised “*Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them*” (Mt. 18:20); in the proclamation of God’s Word, “*for it is only in the name of Christ and by his authority and with his help that it is preached*”; in the works of mercy that the Church performs to the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, “*because Christ continually helps men with His divine love*”; in the sacrament that he divinely instituted and in the person of the ministers; and in his Church as she rules and governs the people of God through his bishops, “*who exercise the power, in keeping with the promise He made to his Apostles*” (cf. MF 35-38; CCC 1373).

The Lord, however, is present to His Church that surpasses all the others. As Paul VI writes: “*It is His presence in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, which, is, for this reason, a more consoling source of devotion, a lovelier object of contemplation and holier in what it contains than all the sacraments; for it contains Christ Himself. This presence is called ‘real’ not to exclude the idea that the others are ‘real’ too, but rather to indicate presence par excellence, because it is substantial and through it Christ become present whole and entire, God and man*” (cf. MF 38-39).

There have been two crises of faith concerning the Real Presence within our Catholic history. The first crisis occurred during the Middle Ages in France, when Berengarius of Tours (d. 1088 A.D.) did not accept that Jesus Christ was truly, really present in the Eucharist. The second crisis of faith occurred some five centuries later during the Protestant Reformation.

It was during the Council of Trent that we get the most authoritative teaching and solemn definition on the Real Presence of Christ: “*The body and blood, together with the soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially contained in the sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist.*” The Catechism highlights the teachings of Trent and the concept of transubstantiation when it states: “*Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation*” (CCC 1376).

Transubstantiation, which is a concept of medieval scholastic philosophy, comes from the Latin words *trans* (change) and *substantia* (substance). Although the term was incorporated into the decree of the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215, its origin goes back to the early Greek Fathers of the Church. Literally, it means the change of one’s being - bread and wine - into another being, that of Christ’s Body and Blood. In other words, at the consecration at Mass, while the appearance of bread and wine remain the same to the human eye (e.g., its colour, shape, weight, chemical composition), its underlying reality - its substance - is now the Body and Blood of Christ. What this effectively means is that the same Jesus, who was conceived at Nazareth, born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem, who was crucified on Calvary and rose from the dead on the third day, and who ascended into heaven - this same Jesus, the whole Christ, is now present on earth in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist.

It is fitting that the Lord would desire to remain present to his Church in this unique way. In fact, Our Lord is truly present in the tiniest consecrated elements even after the Mass has ended. As the Catechism reminds the faithful: “*The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist. Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ*” (CCC 1377). That is why once Holy Communion has been distributed, any remaining consecrated hosts are placed in the tabernacle.

How do we show respect, reverence and a sign of adoration to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist? Among other ways, by genuflecting or bowing with deep reverence as a sign of adoration, or by genuflecting or kneeling when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for prayer. Since Jesus allows himself to become a prisoner of divine love in the Eucharist, we are called “*not to refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offences and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease*” (JP II, *Dominicae cenae*, 3). That adoration is the primary response of our faith to the Real Presence should not surprise us. As a spiritual writer noted, “*During His visible stay on earth, He received the adoration of those who believed in Him. What did they believe? They believed that one who looked like a man, spoke and acted like a man, was really the living God. We believe it is the same Jesus Christ now present in the Holy Eucharist. What do we see? Only what looks like bread and tastes like wine. What do we believe? We believe that this is no longer bread and wine, but Jesus Christ, the man who received His humanity from His Mother Mary, but who is the Second Person of the Trinity who existed from all eternity*” (cf. Hardon).

Today there is a new crisis of faith, as polls after polls show that the majority of Catholic do not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. To adore and revere the Lord’s Real Presence cannot be “*apprehended by the sense, but only by faith, which relies on divine authority*” as St. Thomas Aquinas taught. Let us thus continually beg the Lord for the gift of faith, so that we may not doubt his Real Presence in the great sacrament of love, but instead receive his words and teachings in faith, for since he is the truth, he cannot lie (cf. St. Cyril of Alexandria). Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

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Archbishop Leo thanks you for supporting the 2023 ShareLife Parish Campaign

Your participation in the 2023 ShareLife Parish Campaign has been truly extraordinary, achieving a record-breaking \$14.2 million raised. Your compassion is making a meaningful difference in the lives of the most vulnerable members of our community.

In acknowledgement of your kind generosity, Archbishop Francis Leo extends his heartfelt gratitude to all pastors, parish staff, volunteers and parishioners. [You can find his letter expressing thanks here.](#)

**Your support for ShareLife brought the hands of Christ to those in need.
Because of you, ShareLife agencies annually help more than 150,000 people.**

- You eased the struggles of more than 13,000 people by providing over 45,000 mental health services;
- You offered quality care and companionship to over 2,800 vulnerable seniors;
- You invested in our Church's future by supporting 62 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in the 2023-2024 academic year;
- You helped sponsor 708 refugees on their journey to safety and freedom in Canada;
- You extended a helping hand to over 1,600 young parents and their children;
- You provided accessible, dignified support to over 2,300 people with special needs and their families.

Learn more about the people you have helped at sharelife.org/impact.

Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need!



**JOIN our PASTOR
FR. THOMAS LIM
for a 12-day
Pilgrimage to Mexico
Aug 22 - Sep 2, 2024**

Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sites from the lives of the Cristeros Saints and many more!

Flyers/Registration forms are found at the lobby of the Church or on [SLM website](#).

Tour Coordinator Sisca
416.731.8252

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo February 11, 2024 at 3 p.m. St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early.



Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.



Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest 2024 (February 5, 2024 to April 15, 2024)

Theme: "This is a time when the world needs more love and compassion than ever."

High school students (ages 13–19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event. For more information visit:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest>.

CONTACT: interreligious@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527

Spiritus East Young Adult Ministry (Ages 19-35)

Our February ministry night will be on **Tuesday, Feb 13, 2024 at St Aidan Roman Catholic Church**. As Catholics, the Mass is the source and summit of our life. In Greek, the word "charis" in Eucharist means grace.

Come join us as Fr Joshua Roldan shares on the graces that flows from the Eucharist. We will be participating in a walkthrough of the Mass to receive more fully the Lord with joy and thanksgiving. Bring your friends and see you there! [Click for more information.](#)

Contact: Samantha Goh spirituseast@gmail.com or 416.599.7676

Dear Padre

February 4, 2024

In the Our Father, we pray, "thy kingdom come." Will God's kingdom come only at the end of the world?

God's kingdom will come in its fullness only at Jesus' Second Coming, but the kingdom came into the world with Jesus' first coming as a man. That means we are in God's kingdom right now, but not in its fullness.

In the Scriptures, we read that John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the messiah or if they need to wait for another. Jesus responds, "The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Luke 7:22). These are all signs of the kingdom of God.

In the meantime, we don't have to just wait for God's kingdom to come in its fullness. We can make God's kingdom more of a reality on earth by visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and being kind to others. Loving your spouse is a sign of the kingdom of God. God's kingdom is among us, not completely but partially, and we can make it more of a reality in the good that we do for each other.

Jesus' Second Coming will be at the end of time, an event Jesus himself did not know the time of: "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Mark 13:32). ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / DearPadre.org



**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