

# 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.*

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Mark 9:2-10



### “This is My Son, The Beloved...”

As the time of the Passion approaches the foreboding of the disciples grows. Jesus sustains them by this vivid experience of his more than natural nature. On the holy mountain of revelation they see him transformed. It was a real visual experience, though described in symbols familiar from the Bible, brilliant white clothes and so on. Moses and Elijah are seen there because they also had experienced the vision of God on the holy mountain. For Moses this was at the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai, for Elijah in the cave of Mount Horeb. The disciples were frightened, confused and overcome at the awesome experience, and yet comforted in a way which made Peter want to prolong it. This will later be the rare reaction of Christian mystics, a reassuring terror and a frightening homeliness, the awareness of a presence which is at the same time awesome and comforting, an experience which cannot fully be put into words. The Voice from Heaven is an echo of the Voice at Jesus’ Baptism. There, however, it was addressed to Jesus, whereas here it is spoken to the disciples, proclaiming Jesus as authorized teacher, the extension of that same divine voice.

La trasfigurazione occupava un posto importante nella vita e nell’insegnamento della Chiesa primitiva. Ne sono testimonianze le narrazioni dettagliate dei Vangeli e il riferimento presente nella seconda lettera di Pietro (2Pt 1,16-18).

Per i tre apostoli il velo era caduto: essi stessi avevano visto ed udito. Proprio questi tre apostoli sarebbero stati, più tardi, al Getsemani, testimoni della sofferenza di nostro Signore.

L’Incarnazione è al centro della dottrina cristiana. Possono esserci molti modi di rispondere a Gesù, ma per la Chiesa uno solo è accettabile. Gesù è il Figlio Unigenito del Padre, Dio da Dio, Luce da Luce, Dio vero da Dio vero. La vita cristiana è una contemplazione continua di Gesù Cristo. Nessuna saggezza umana, nessun sapere possono penetrare il mistero della rivelazione. Solo nella preghiera possiamo tendere a Cristo e cominciare a conoscerlo.

“È bello per noi stare qui”, esclama Pietro, il quale “non sapeva infatti che cosa dire, poiché erano stati presi dallo spavento”. La fede pone a tacere la paura, soprattutto la paura di aprire la nostra vita a Cristo, senza condizioni. Tale paura, che nasce spesso dall’eccessivo attaccamento ai beni temporali e dall’ambizione, può impedirci di sentire la voce di Cristo che ci è trasmessa nella Chiesa.



**Vocation Reflection** Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be 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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**Stewardship Reflection** In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel and practicing stewardship can lead to many trials that may tempt us to give up our pursuit of holiness. In times like this we can find great consolation in the words of St. Paul who says that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: “I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me.”



### 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 24<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Clarence Towsley

#### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - Raymonde How

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Intenzioni di Vito e Elisabetta Barbieri  
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia  
Tony Lamanna - Antonio Savella  
Leonello Pecorari - Marino D’Attolico  
Agostino Battaglia e defunti famiglie Battaglia e Garofalo - Vito e Mike Cuoppolo  
Michele Cornacchia – Antonio e Maria Ciciretto  
Vito e Raffaele Addorisio

11:30 A.M. + Jean & Peter Lockyer

1:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

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

#### MONDAY FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. - Bianca Malone

12:00 P.M. + Lyra Carolina D’Souza

#### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. - Cedric De Souza

12:00 P.M. - Angela & Michael

#### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Minette Pandav

+ Victor Cruz  
+ Mary Juvy & Isagani Mendoza  
+ Mary & John Marzan  
+ Catherine & Robin Dzikowski  
+ Ronit Fabro  
+ Vicente & Balmomera Chua

12:00 P.M. + S&L Dominguez & L Saguing

#### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Therese De Ruitter

8:30 A.M. + Amy Wong

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

8:30 A.M. + Gavino Manca

7:00 P.M. - Maria Georgina Jose

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

8:30 A.M. + Francisca Secco

10:00 A.M. - Lynette Lobo



Offerstory - Last Weekend:  
Regular Collections  
\$6,414.80



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 25, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ, one of the sacraments that is generally misunderstood involves the Anointing of the Sick. Many Catholics often are reluctant to call the priest in order to have it administered either for themselves, or their ill loved ones. This reluctance can be partly explained by the fact that, over the centuries, the sacrament was called Extreme Unction and predominantly administered *“more and more exclusively on those at the point of death”* (cf. CCC 1512). Over the past few decades, however, the Church has made great efforts to present the sacrament as one whereby ***“the conferral of a special grace [is placed] on the Christian experiencing the difficulties inherent in the condition of grave illness or old age”*** (CCC 1527). By these words, the Church thus encourages the faithful to seek anointing long before they are in imminent danger of death.

The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick was instituted by Christ. St. Mark alludes to this fact in his Gospel, particularly when he recounts how Jesus commissioned his apostles to go two by two into the various towns with authority over impure spirits: *“They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them”* (Mk 6:7; 12-13). The classic description of the sacrament, its recommendation to the faithful, and its promulgation within the Christian community comes from St. James, who in his Epistles writes: *“Is any one among you sick? Let him bring in the presbyters [priests] of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him”* (Jm 5:14-15).

Like all sacraments, the Anointing of the Sick is a liturgical celebration. Only priests (bishops and presbyters) can administer the sacrament. The liturgy requires that the forehead and hands of the faithful be anointed with blessed olive oil; oil that is usually consecrated by a bishop within the Chrism Mass celebrated during the Holy Week. The short prayer that accompanies the anointing is: *“Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up”* (cf. can. 847 §1). These liturgical actions indicate what grace this sacrament confers upon the sick.

Who can receive sacrament? While the anointing used to be predominantly administered to those who were in danger to death, today the Church notes that the sickness required has to be grave, but not necessarily fatal. As the Catechism makes clear: ***“The Anointing of the Sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived”*** (CCC 1514). The anointing can also be administered to those who are preparing for surgery, particularly if it is for a serious operation. It can also be given to the elderly of our communities, especially for those whose frailty has become more pronounced; as well as young children, who have reached the age of reason, suffering from serious illness. Most importantly, unconscious persons may and should be anointed conditionally, that is, provided that the person has been baptized and has shown at least a salutary fear of God’s penalty with a sincere repentance for past sins. Unbeknownst to many Catholics is the repeatability of the sacrament, which can be re-administered to a gravely ill person if his/her condition worsens: *“If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person’s condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated* (CCC 1515).

What are the effects of this sacrament? There are many, including: 1. *“the uniting of the sick person to the Passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church; 2. the strengthening, peace and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age; 3. the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance; 4. the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul; 5. the preparation for passing over to eternal life”* (CCC 1532).

In his series of audience talks on the sacrament, Pope Francis noted how people often hesitated to call the priest to anoint their gravely ill loved ones, or those who are elderly, because *“there is this idea that when someone is ill and the priest comes, after him, the hearse will come next.”* He retorted that such superstition is not true because when the priest comes to the sick person, *“it is Jesus who comes to bring comfort, to give strength, to give hope and help, also to forgive sins and this is beautiful. Do not think this is taboo because it is always beautiful knowing that in moments of pain and sickness we are not alone.”* Indeed, even in the midst of our suffering, and/or when we are faced with the reality of our mortality in the face of imminent death, Christ desires to walk with us and bestow his love and grace upon us, through the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

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Show your love through ShareLife  
~ShareLife Sunday is March 17~



**Our PARISH GOAL for this year's campaign is \$41,800.**

Through your kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. This is all possible through your support.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**Coins for Life 2024**

Would you, your family and friends put aside your townies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during the next 4-6 weeks, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a Culture of Life in Canada? If so coins for life boxes are at the back of the church. **Please take one home!** This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 9/2024.

**Weekend Discernment Retreat for Men Ages 18+ At St. Augustine Seminary March 15-17, 2024**



The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. until Sunday, March 17 at 2 pm.

Please register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee).

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish – Toronto GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION Celebrating our Faith & Heritage Friday March 29, 2024 at 3 pm**



On the streets of Toronto in the neighbourhood of 'Little Italy' Starting at St. Francis of Assisi Church (Corner of Grace Street & Mansfield Avenue)

*If you would like to participate, re-enact a character of the Good Friday Passion, you can register by entering on the parish website [www.stfrancis.ca](http://www.stfrancis.ca) and follow the instructions.*

**Spirituality of Stewardship**

Click below to watch/download:

[Embracing Gratitude with Cardinal Collins](#)  
[A Stewardship Examination of Conscience](#)  
[Questions for Personal Reflection](#)



**LENT Friday Schedule**

8:30 am - English Mass  
9:00 am - 5:45 pm  
\* Eucharistic Adoration \*  
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm / Confessions  
6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm - Latin Mass

## Dear Padre

February 25, 2024

**What are the guidelines for producing a passion play? My pastor said there are special guidelines to follow. What are they?**

Please read "Criteria for the Evaluation of Dramatizations of the Passion," issued in 1988 by the Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of what was then called the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. (The document is located at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).)

Passion plays should emphasize the saving action of Christ's death and resurrection without becoming stumbling blocks to understanding the role of the Jewish people in salvation history. The document warns that "'stock ideas,' unfortunately, can become vividly alive in passion dramatizations. It is all too easy...to resort to artificial oppositions...to heighten interest or provide sharp contrasts between the characters." We must avoid portraying the Jewish tradition as "a religion of only justice, fear, and legalism with no appeal to the love of God and neighbor."

It is simplistic and incorrect to blame Christ's death on certain historical groups and neglect the complexities of the Gospel portrait and of Christ's life. Christ freely undertook his passion and death because of the sins of all, so that all might attain salvation. This is the truth that passion plays should strive to communicate most clearly. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK:**

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



*"Make sickness itself a Prayer"*

~St Francis de Sales~



**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 and [SLM website](#).



**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**