

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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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.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 3, 2024

John 2:13-25



“Destroy this Sanctuary and in three days I will raise IT up...”

According to John, this scene took place at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, on the first of Jesus’ four visits to Jerusalem. At each subsequent visit the Temple authorities lay in wait for Jesus, increasingly keen to eliminate him, but unable to do so till his Hour had come. The other gospels place as the final climax both this incident and all other scenes of Jesus in Jerusalem. Whichever is correct, the incident is the basic cause of Jesus’ arrest and tortured death. By his action Jesus had demonstrated that the worship carried out in the Temple was vain in God’s eyes and must be superseded. To the Temple authorities this was intolerable, and he must be removed. Again, Jesus demanded a complete reversal of standards. His puzzling saying about building the Temple anew in his body was at last understood by his disciples to mean the Temple that was his Body, the Church. The material building which had been the centre of worship was no longer important. Henceforth all worship would take place in any place, but within the Christian community. The community – or the Church – was now the place of sanctification and of prayer to God.

Una visita sul sito del Tempio nella Gerusalemme attuale dà un’idea della sacralità del luogo agli occhi del popolo ebreo. Ciò doveva essere ancora più sensibile quando il tempio era ancora intatto e vi si recavano, per le grandi feste, gli Ebrei della Palestina e del mondo intero.

L’uso delle offerte al tempio dava la garanzia che la gente acquistasse solo quanto era permesso dalla legge. L’incidente riferito nel Vangelo di oggi dà l’impressione che all’interno del tempio stesso si potevano acquistare le offerte e anche altre cose.

Come il salmista, Cristo è divorato dallo “zelo per la casa di Dio” (Sal 068,10). Quando gli Ebrei chiedono a Gesù in nome di quale autorità abbia agito, egli fa allusione alla risurrezione. All’epoca ciò dovette sembrare quasi blasfemo. Si trova in seguito questo commento: “Molti credettero nel suo nome. Gesù però non si confidava con loro, perché conosceva tutti”. Noi dobbiamo sempre provare il bisogno di fare penitenza, di conoscerci come Dio ci conosce.

Il messaggio che la Chiesa ha predicato fin dall’inizio è quello di Gesù Cristo crocifisso e risorto. Tutte le funzioni della Quaresima tendono alla celebrazione del mistero pasquale. Che visione straordinaria dell’umanità vi si trova! Dio ha mandato suo Figlio perché il mondo fosse riconciliato con lui, per farci rinascere ad una nuova vita in lui. Eppure, a volte, noi accogliamo tutto ciò con eccessiva disinvoltura. Proprio come per i mercati del tempio, a volte la religione ha per noi un valore che ha poco a vedere con la gloria di Dio o la santità alla quale siamo chiamati.



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.

Vocation Reflection Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might 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 Email vocations@archtoronto.org



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 MARCH 2ND – SABATO

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

SUNDAY MARCH 3RD – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - Pearl Radcliffe & Family

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Susanna e Gianni Onisto
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Vito Sciuto e famiglia
Rosaria e Antonio Lisciandro
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo
Edmondo e Marianna Della Siepe
Oriole e Nino Beccati
Rosina Commisso - Maria Galluzzo

11:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Fr. Ralph Paonessa O.F.M.

MONDAY MARCH 4TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. - The Catubig Family

12:00 P.M. + Deceased F/DS/DJ/R Families

TUESDAY MARCH 5TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Romualda Gavino

12:00 P.M. + Sepali Ratnayake

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Damascene Vaz

+ Victor Cruz

+ Consuelo Dela Cruz

+ Frances Natale

+ Charles, Doris & Lloyd Clayburn Dzikowski

+ Steve & Everett Clayburn

+ Hartley & Elizabeth Nigli

12:00 P.M. + Alec Chan

THURSDAY MARCH 7TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Emilia Gomes

8:30 A.M. - Theresa Burlton

FRIDAY MARCH 8TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. - Erika Bagasan Hare

7:00 P.M. - Otto Lam & Family

SATURDAY MARCH 9TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

10:00 A.M. - Angela & Michael



Offerstory - Last Weekend:
Regular Collections
\$5,806.15



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Dear Friends in Christ, there is today a widespread confusion and gradual indifference toward the ministerial priesthood. There are undoubtedly many reasons for this reality. Some, for example, see the priesthood merely as an occupation, a job, or a profession. In light of such perceptions, priests are effectively considered as being nothing more than ministers of the Gospels, administrators, managers, fundraisers, problem solvers, etc. The diabolical sexual abuses perpetrated by a number of priests, brought into the light over the past few years, have also caused many to show disdain, disrespect, indifference and distrust towards the members of the presbyterate. Given these and other factors, it is easy for many to suggest that the priesthood has outlived its usefulness and thus is no longer necessary for the Church. Yet, nothing can be further from the truth, for it must be said that there can be no Christianity without the priesthood!

In order for us to fully appreciate the ministerial priesthood, we must begin by recalling Old Testament revelation, which provides us with numerous references to it. Priests were an essential group within God's chosen people. They acted as mediators between the people and God, by offering sacrifices (e.g., goats, sheep, oxen, cattle, bread and wine, wheat, barely, oats and fruits) to God. Melchizedek, a priest of God, was the first to offer bread and wine (cf. Gen 14:18). Aaron, his sons and the Levites were specifically consecrated for priestly ministry (cf. Num 3:5-10). The priesthood of the First Covenant anticipated the eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ, which began with his incarnation, continued during his hidden years in Nazareth, and reached its culmination on the Cross of Calvary. Jesus is the one and eternal High Priest, the one true mediator between God and all of humanity (cf. 1 Tim 2:5). It is Our Lord, who continues to intercede for us before the throne of God.

Jesus established the ministerial priesthood, a special vocation whereby He calls certain men to continue his ministry until his return. Jesus instituted the sacrament of Holy Orders during the Last Supper, when after having changed bread and wine into his Body and Blood, he told his apostles to "*Do this in memory of me*" (Lk 22:19). The Catechism states that "*Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time; thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate (bishops), presbyterate (priests) and diaconate (deacons)*" (CCC, 1536). Those who are members of the episcopate (bishops) or presbyterate (priests) receive the mission to act in the name of Christ the Head; deacons are empowered to serve the People of God in the ministries of liturgy, the word, and charity (LG 29a). Thus, only the degrees of the episcopacy and priesthood belong to the clerical priestly ministry in the true sense, and are part of the apostolic succession. They are the ones who serve in *persona Christi*, "in the person of Christ", by manifesting the presence of Christ in the community, and directing others toward salvation and serving to build up the people of God (cf. CCC 1534). Both the imposition of hands (matter), and the consecratory prayer (form) as prescribed in the liturgical books are required for a valid conferral of Holy Orders.

Over the years, especially during these past few decades, there has been a greater call (both from within and outside the Church) to allow women to be ordained to the ministerial priesthood. While it is outside the scope of this Corner to discuss the arguments in favour/against such a call, the Church has essentially considered this a closed issue. In fact, in his 1994 Apostolic Letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, St. Pope John Paul II wrote: "**Wherefore, in order that all doubt may be removed regarding a matter of great importance, a matter which pertains to the Church's divine constitution itself, in virtue of our ministry of confirming the brethren (cf. Lk 22:32) We declare that the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgment is to be definitively held by all the Church's faithful - definitive doctrine, infallibly taught by the ordinary universal magisterium of the Church - to be firmly received and held with firm and unconditional assent (c. 750. §2)**". With these words, St. John Paul II effectively was asserting that a male-only priesthood is a matter of divine law, which even the pope does not have the power to change!

Let us imagine for a moment what life would look like if Jesus had not instituted the sacrament of Holy Orders that Holy Thursday night. Without the Catholic priesthood there wouldn't be: the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist; the holy Sacrifice of the Mass; the possibility of receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion; a way for us to confess our sins and receive forgiveness and absolution for them; a way to experience God's healing power in the Anointing of the Sick; and a way to know the divinely assured teaching of God's revealed truth from the world. In short, without the priesthood of Christ, there would neither be Christianity nor the Catholic faith.

The ministerial priesthood was instituted by Christ, who called certain men to continue His own priestly work of saving and sanctifying the souls, whom He died for on the Cross of Calvary. Let us earnestly to pray to the Lord that He may send his Church good and faithful priests, as He instructed his own disciples, "*The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers to His harvest*" (Mt. 9:37-38).

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

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Kindergarten Registration at St. Lawrence is ongoing for students born in 2020, baptised or parent Baptised Roman Catholic, and who live within the boundary of St. Lawrence School.

Please register online at soar.tcdsb.org and attach the required documents as outlined in the online application.

Registration for all grades up to Grade 8 is also ongoing with the same registration process and requirements. For any questions, please call the school office 416 393 5264.



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



**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.



Sponsor an Easter Flower:

For parishioners who wanted to sponsor an easter flower pot for the altar... in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, prices are:



Lilies: \$30 for 10" – \$20 for 8" – \$10 for 6"
Pink/blue Hydrangeas: \$30 for 10" – \$20 for 6"

Please visit or call the office.



**You bring love and hope to
young mothers through ShareLife**

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

Many young women who are unexpectedly pregnant don't know where to turn for help. Through your support for ShareLife, our agencies ensure they have the resources they need to keep their education on track, provide their babies a healthy start, and create a bright future.

"I have no words to describe what it means to be a recipient of your generosity," shares Arielle, a grateful young mother you support through Vita Centre. "I have a better mental state now. I know that my baby is healthy because of it, too."

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Spirituality of Stewardship

Click below to watch/download:

[Embracing Gratitude with Cardinal Collins](#)

[A Stewardship Examination of Conscience](#)

[Questions for Personal Reflection](#)



Stewardship Reflection In today's first reading we hear about how Moses received the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai. As we are in this penitential season of Lent let us take some time to reflect on how well we are living up to these commandment through an examination of conscience. Let us then avail ourselves to the sacrament of Confession so that the Lord can victoriously heal us of our sins, helping us grow in holiness.



Dear Padre

March 3, 2024

My thoughts are my worst enemy. Sometimes they turn to lust and anger. When I recognize what I am thinking, I pray to Jesus and Mary, but I still struggle. What else can I do?

When angry and lustful thoughts enter our consciousness, we should say a prayer and turn our mind to something else. Such thoughts become sins only when we deliberately encourage them or when we make plans to commit the sin. The thoughts themselves are temptations, not sins.

Continue to put your trust in Jesus and Mary, and try to focus on what is good and peaceful. You might also consider what you are letting into your thoughts or imagination: What are you watching on TV or the internet? What music are you listening to? What are you reading? Are those helping to shape your thoughts and imagination in a new direction, or are they contributing to the problem?

A good thing to turn your attention to is God's word in Scripture. You might want to memorize all or part of the following New Testament verse: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). Peacefully reflect on these words when troubled by temptation. ●

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**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

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~