

# 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.*

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 10, 2024

John 3:14-21



**“God sent His Son so that through Him the world might be saved...”**

After Jesus’ conversation with Nicodemus comes this reflection on his visit. Is it Jesus’ reflection or the evangelist’s? The text does not make it clear. Throughout the gospel of John people are coming to Jesus and judging themselves by their reactions to Jesus. The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son. In his turn the Son does not judge, but we judge ourselves by our reaction to him. So at the wedding at Cana the disciples believe in him and see his glory. In the Temple the Jews refuse belief and are condemned. Then comes Nicodemus in secret and in fear. He is sitting on the fence, afraid of the Pharisees, but by the time of the burial he has decided for Jesus. After Nicodemus comes the Samaritan woman, cheeky and unbelieving at first, but won over by Jesus’ playful persistence. And so on: the Jews on one side, the man healed at the Pool of Bethzatha on the other; the Jews on one side, the man blind from birth on the other. The decision is ours too: when confronted by Jesus do we come to the light that our deeds may be known, or do we shun the light?

Tutto il Nuovo Testamento si interessa alla dottrina centrale della redenzione. Il ritorno di ogni uomo e di ogni cosa alla santità, presso il Padre, si compie attraverso la vita, la morte e la risurrezione di Cristo.

Il Vangelo di Giovanni pone l’accento in particolare sull’incarnazione. Gesù è stato mandato dal Padre. È venuto in un mondo decaduto e ha portato luce e vita nuova. Attraverso la sua passione e la sua risurrezione, egli restituisce ogni cosa al Padre e rivela la piena realtà della sua identità di Verbo fatto carne. Per mezzo di lui tutto è riportato alla luce.

Tutta la nostra vita nella Chiesa è il compimento della nostra risposta a Cristo. L’insegnamento del Nuovo Testamento - e ne vediamo un esempio nella lettura di oggi - è assai preciso. La redenzione è stata realizzata tramite Gesù Cristo, ma per noi deve essere ancora realizzata. Noi possiamo infatti rifiutare la luce e scegliere le tenebre.

Nel battesimo Cristo ci avvolge: noi siamo, per così dire, “incorporati” in lui ed entriamo così in unione con tutti i battezzati nel Corpo di Cristo. Eppure la nostra risposta di uomini, resa possibile dalla grazia di Dio, necessita del nostro consenso personale. Quando c’è anche tale accordo, ciò che facciamo è fatto in Cristo e ne porta chiaramente il segno. Diventiamo allora suoi testimoni nel mondo.

**Pray for Vocations** *Vocation Reflection* St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be 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 the first reading from 2 Chronicles we hear about how God’s messengers were persecuted and despised for listening to God. As stewards, we will often also face difficulties in our ministry which is a share in the cross of Christ. To suffer for Christ is a great dignity so the next time encounter sufferings in our stewardship, let us simply pray “Lord, help me to carry this cross out of love for you.”



**“Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God?  
Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving.”**

~Saint Augustine of Hippo~



### 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 9<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

5:00 P.M. + Debbie, Jimmy & Michael Cerqua

#### **SUNDAY MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA**

8:30 A.M. - Alroy Jacob

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Rosario Vella  
Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e famiglia - Vito De Nardo e Famiglia - Giovanna Costantino - Salvatore Simone e Famiglia - Maria Romagnuolo - Defunti famiglie Longo e Russo - Agostino Battaglia e defunti famiglie Battaglia e Garofalo - Rocco e Giuseppina Burdo Giuseppe Morra - Michelina Mosca - Costanza Morra Luca Caccamo - Carmela e Euplio Raffaele Vito e Mike Cuoppolo - John Colangelo - Rocco e Saveria Mastrangelo - Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie- Carlevaris e Nevodini - L'Anine del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. - Kimberly Yap

#### **MONDAY MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Maria & Ambrogio La Rosa

12:00 P.M. - Kimberly Yap

#### **TUESDAY MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Daniel Noranho

12:00 P.M. + Josephine Mar

#### **WEDNESDAY MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Fotula & Mary La Rosa

+ Victor Cruz

+ Thora & Ralph Mills

- Magdalene & John F Labrador

- Rita Aloysius & Family

- Lorenza Miguel

12:00 P.M. + Sydney Joseph De Souza

#### **THURSDAY MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI**

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

8:30 A.M. + Mike & Frank La Rosa

#### **FRIDAY MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. + William Joyce

7:00 P.M. - John Miceli

#### **SATURDAY MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. + Maria & Michael Abreu

10:00 A.M. - Noel Vida



Offertery - Last Weekend:  
Regular Collections \$5,588.15  
Building Fund \$3,231.65



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Dear Friends in Christ, there is a short video titled, “Entering the Story of Marriage”, which I usually ask my couples who are planning to marry to watch before their big wedding day. The central theme of the video is to remind them that their love for each other must always be seen within the context of a greater love story, that is, God’s love for all of humanity. In fact, this reality is clearly seen throughout Sacred Scripture, which begins with the creation of Adam and Eve in the image and likeness of God, and ends with John’s vision of the wedding feast of the Lamb (cf. CCC 1602).

The Church teaches that marriage is both a natural institution and a sacred union that is rooted in God’s divine plan. While it is true that marriage may vary throughout the centuries due to differences in cultural views, social structures, or spiritual attitude, nevertheless, the matrimonial union that is established between a man and a woman is something that has been respected and revered by most people throughout the ages. We acknowledge that God is the author of marriage: “*The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator.... God who created man out of love also calls him to love - the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being*” (cf. CCC 1603-1604).

Sacred Scripture also affirms that man and woman were created for one another. As the opening chapters of the Book of Genesis notes: “*It is not good that man should be alone*”. Upon Eve’s creation, Adam recognizes her as “*bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh*” (Gen 2:23). He sees her as his equal, as a helpmate given by God, resulting in a man to leave his parents “*and cling to his wife and they become one flesh*” (Gen 2:23); a teaching that Our Lord reiterates during his own Galilean ministry (cf. Mk 10:6-8).

Marriage is defined as “*a covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life ordered to the good of the spouses and the procreation of children*” (Can. 1055). The spouses commit themselves completely to each other (e.g., intellectually, emotionally, physically, financially, etc.) for the totality of their lives, and for the wonderful responsibility of bringing children into the world and caring for them.

A valid marriage that involves two baptized Christians is a sacrament. This outward sign of Jesus’ love for his Church (cf. Eph 5:25-33) derives from the fact that a man and a woman become “new creatures” in baptism, causing their subsequent marriage to become a sacramental reality. A marriage that involves at least one party who is unbaptized, however, is called a non-sacramental marriage; for it cannot be otherwise. The Church considers a non-sacramental marriage to be a totally legitimate marriage, provided nothing occurred at the celebration that would render it invalid.

According to our Latin tradition, the spouses act as ministers for the sacrament of matrimony. The spouses exchange consent in the presence of the Church using the prescribed words found in the marriage ritual. “*The consent consists in a ‘human act by which the partners mutually give themselves to each other’: ‘I take you to be my wife’ - ‘I take you to be my husband.’ This consent that binds the spouses to each other finds its fulfilment in the conjugal act, where the two ‘become one flesh’*” (CCC 1625-1628).

The spouses receive a number of graces through the sacrament of marriage. They include: the grace to practice generosity; the grace to practice selflessness; the grace to practice humility; the grace of patience; the possibility to experience joy; the grace to practice chastity (yes, even married couples are called to do so as are all unmarried individuals!); the virtue of loyalty, alternatively called fidelity. All these graces the Lord bestows upon the spouses in order to assist them in their vocation to love and serve each other.

St. John Paul II once remarked that “*Man cannot fully find himself, except through a sincere gift of himself.*” It is through the sacrament of marriage that many spouses are able to do so.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

St. Teresa of Avila



*To have courage for whatever comes in life – everything lies in that.”*

*Born in Spain in 1515, St. Teresa of Avila grew up reading and studying about Christian martyrs. Their examples inspired her, to the point where she longed to die a martyr’s death. But she would face other tests that would require courage, including illnesses and the death of her family. She stayed courageous to complete God’s tasks for her throughout her life.*

*It’s impossible to know what a day may bring. God has plans for us, but sometimes those plans take us through difficult times. You must remember to stay courageous, even when the going gets tough.*

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### 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 6:30pm until Sunday, March 17 at 2pm. Please register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeseesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeseesee).



### Inspired by God's love: Support ShareLife's mission



Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need.

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



### 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.



### 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](http://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.



### 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)

For more information please go to the parish website [www.stfrancis.ca](http://www.stfrancis.ca).



### 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

March 10, 2024

***In the Church's eyes, what constitutes pornography? Art museums have statues of nude men and women, some of which are quite explicit. Is the only difference the respectability of the venue?***

The "respectability" of the location or publisher doesn't matter. A product is pornographic if it was created to sexually arouse users of the product regardless of the venue. Michelangelo's intention in carving his famous statue of David was not to arouse the people who look at it, so the Church does not call it pornography.

Pornography has existed for centuries, but it didn't arrive in our homes uninvited until recently. People with internet access are regularly confronted by pornographic images and literature, and many find it a very powerful temptation. In response, the US bishops issued a helpful document, which is available online at [uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org): *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*.

From this document: "Using and/or producing pornography is a sin against chastity and against human dignity... The sin of pornography needs the Lord's forgiveness and should be confessed in the sacrament of penance. Pornography objectifies people and brings hurt and pain. It is an illusory substitute for real relationships and intimacy, which in the end bring true joy. Many good people struggle with the sin of pornography and [strive] to cultivate chastity. You are not alone. Jesus is with you, the Church offers you love and support. Trust in the Lord's mercy and his power to free and heal you." ●

*The Redemptorists / 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](http://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**