

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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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.

PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 24, 2024

“The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark...”

Mark 14:1-15:47



1. **Jesus deserted.** The gospel of Mark is concerned to show Jesus as a real, human person. So the story of the Passion begins with the very real fear and horror of Jesus in the garden. Mark represents Jesus as almost beside himself with apprehension at the torture which he knew he would suffer. Again and again he returns to seek companionship from his disciples, to find them callously asleep. The Passion-story ends, too, with a loud cry of agony as Jesus breathes his last.

2. **The divine Jesus.** The core of the Passion-story is the trial scene. Before the high priest Jesus acknowledges that he is the Messiah of Judaism, and the Son of the Blessed One. To these titles he joins ‘Son of man’. In the Book of Daniel the Son of man is a glorious figure who triumphs over persecution to receive from God all power on earth. So now Jesus claims to share God’s throne as that Son of man. It is for these divine claims that is rejected as a blasphemer and handed over to the Romans.

3. **The triumph of God.** When Jesus cries out on the Cross, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me’, he is not in despair, but is beginning Psalm 22. The Psalm begins in persecution, but ends in the triumph of God and the vindication of the sufferer. This gives the meaning of his Passion: by it Jesus brings the triumph of God and his own vindication by God. The Cross is the moment, not of abandonment by God, but of the most complete union of Jesus to the Father. Jesus here establishes the Sovereignty of his Father by his total, loving obedience. This is why the centurion proclaims, ‘Truly, the man was Son of God’. It is also significant that here for the first time in the gospel a human being recognises Jesus as Son of God. It is not a Jew but a gentile – the beginning of the spread of the gospel to all nations of the world.

È allo stesso tempo l’ora della luce e l’ora delle tenebre.

L’ora della luce, poiché il sacramento del Corpo e del Sangue è stato istituito, ed è stato detto: “Io sono il pane della vita... Tutto ciò che il Padre mi dà verrà a me: colui che viene a me non lo respingerò... E questa è la volontà di colui che mi ha mandato, che io non perda nulla di quanto mi ha dato, ma lo risusciti l’ultimo giorno” (Gv 6,35-39). Come la morte è arrivata dall’uomo così anche la risurrezione è arrivata dall’uomo, il mondo è stato salvato per mezzo di lui. Questa è la luce della Cena.

Al contrario, la tenebra viene da Giuda. Nessuno è penetrato nel suo segreto. Si è visto in lui un mercante di quartiere che aveva un piccolo negozio, e che non ha sopportato il peso della sua vocazione. Egli incarnerebbe il dramma della piccolezza umana. O, ancora, quello di un giocatore freddo e scaltro dalle grandi ambizioni politiche.

Lanza del Vasto ha fatto di lui l’incarnazione demoniaca e disumanizzata del male.

Tuttavia nessuna di queste figure collima con quella del Giuda del Vangelo. Era un brav’uomo, come molti altri. È stato chiamato come gli altri. Non ha capito che cosa gli si faceva fare, ma gli altri lo capivano? Egli era annunciato dai profeti, e quello che doveva accadere è accaduto. Giuda doveva venire, perché altrimenti come si sarebbero compiute le Scritture? Ma sua madre l’ha forse allattato perché si dicesse di lui: “Sarebbe stato meglio per quell’uomo se non fosse mai nato!”? Pietro ha rinnegato tre volte, e Giuda ha gettato le sue monete d’argento, urlando il suo rimorso per aver tradito un Giusto. Perché la disperazione ha avuto la meglio sul pentimento? Giuda ha tradito, mentre Pietro che ha rinnegato Cristo è diventato la pietra di sostegno della Chiesa. Non restò a Giuda che la corda per impiccarsi. Perché nessuno si è interessato al pentimento di Giuda? Gesù l’ha chiamato “amico”. È veramente lecito pensare che si trattasse di una triste pennellata di stile, affinché sullo sfondo chiaro, il nero apparisse ancora più nero, e il tradimento più ripugnante? Invece, se questa ipotesi sfiora il sacrilegio, che cosa comporta allora l’averlo chiamato “amico”? L’amarezza di una persona tradita? Eppure, se Giuda doveva esserci affinché si compissero le Scritture, quale colpa ha commesso un uomo condannato per essere stato il figlio della perdizione?

Non chiariremo mai il mistero di Giuda, né quello del rimorso che da solo non può cambiare nulla. Giuda Iscariota non sarà più “complice” di nessuno.



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 23RD – SABATO

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

SUNDAY MARCH 24TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

10:00 A.M. - Per Tutti I Nostri Parrociani

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

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

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

MONDAY MARCH 25TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. - Wren Artemis Bagasan

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

TUESDAY MARCH 26TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Mary Munro

12:00 P.M. + Lino Francis Lobo

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Clarence Christiappillai + Gloria Paraan

12:00 P.M. - Lilian de Souza

HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 28TH – GIOVEDI SANTO

3:30 P.M. - Pro Populo

7:00 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29TH – VENERDI SANTO

11:00 A.M. - For All Our Parishioners

1:00 P.M. - Per Tutti I Nostri Parrociani

3:00 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners

8:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 30TH – SABATO SANTO

8:00 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners



Offertory - Last Week:
Regular \$5,270.15
ShareLife \$6,958.30

thank you

“Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday.”

~Ven. Fulton Sheen ~

PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 24, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ, it is hard to believe how quickly time has flown by, since it only seemed like yesterday when we first began our Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday. During these past forty days, we have reflected upon so many important moments of Our Lord's life: his temptation in the desert by Satan; his transfiguration on Mount Tabor; his zeal for his Father's house; his enlightening conversations, first with Nicodemus, and then with the Greeks in Jerusalem. And now we come to the heart of our Christian Faith - the passion and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As we enter the holiest week of our liturgical year with the celebration of Passion (Palm) Sunday, we are given the privilege of walking with Our Lord in the final days before his crucifixion. These days are filled with lots of contradictions: in the crowds, who initially welcomed Jesus in a triumphant, enthusiastic way, shouting "Hosanna to the son of David," only to chant a few days later, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"; in Peter, who told Jesus he was not afraid to die for him, only to deny him a few hours later; in the disciples, who despite being with Jesus day and night for three years, spectacularly failed to accompany their master at his most painful moment.

When we read these stories, we shouldn't judge these individuals too harshly. Their stories are our stories! Their failings are our failings! Their tears are our tears! We can be like the crowd, one day proudly proclaiming Jesus as our King and Lord, while another day crucifying him by our sinful words, actions and choice of life. We can be like Peter, bravely professing a willingness to die and suffer for Jesus, only to quickly deny him when we are put to the test. We can be like the disciples, choosing to be on his side one day, and choosing to quickly run away or betray him on another day.

In the end, Holy Week is the celebration of a great failure - a failure that with God's power became a great victory. If we reflect upon these contradictions, we can live the Easter mystery well. Although we are all full of contradictions and failures, nevertheless we have the freedom to choose which side of the story that we wish to be. This was the story of the disciples, but it is the story of every disciple!

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

Pope Benedict XVI



"If you follow the will of God, you know that in spite of all the terrible things that happen to you, you will never lose a final refuge.

You know that the foundation of the world is love, so that even when no human being can or will help you, you may go on, trusting in the One that loves you."



Vocation Reflection . . . Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call 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 . . . As stewards, we may sometimes forget the truth found in the paradox of the cross. It is not our own strength or achievements that make us great but it is rather our humility and obedience to God. As we enter Holy Week, let us take some time to meditate on the radical humility of Christ crucified and seek to imitate Him in our own lives.



Spirituality of Stewardship

Click below to watch/download



[Embracing Gratitude with Cardinal Collins](#)

[A Stewardship Examination of Conscience](#)

[Questions for Personal Reflection](#)



Reflecting on Archbishop Leo's Pastoral Letter on Seeking the Kingdom of God "A New Perspective on Life"

Christ's Kingdom, though not of this world, exists in this world, in the Church. Belonging to him by virtue of faith and our Baptism, we are constituted as a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Archbishop Francis Leo, [SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD ABOVE AND BEYOND ALL THINGS](#)

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Parish CONFESSION Days:

March 22, 2024 - Friday
9AM - 7PM

March 27, 2024 - Wednesday
1PM - 6PM

Palm Sunday:

Regular Sunday Mass

Holy Thursday:

3:30 PM - Latin
7:00 PM - English

Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament until 12Midnight

Good Friday:

11:00 AM - English
1:00 PM - Italian
3:00 PM - English
7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross
8:00 PM - Latin

Saturday Vigil:

No Saturday 5 PM Mass
8:00 PM - English

Easter Sunday:

8:30 AM - English
10:00 AM - Italian
11:30 AM - English
1:00 PM - Latin
No Sunday 5 PM Mass

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~



*Volunteer
Appreciation Week
April 14-20, 2024*

**Every
Moment
Matters**



SHARELIFE: WELCOME JESUS INTO YOUR HEARTS BY SHARING YOUR BLESSINGS TODAY



Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most.

Thus far we have raised **\$6,958.30** toward our goal of **\$41,800**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.



Needs of the Holy Land Special Collection on Good Friday, March 29, 2024 :

Our collection today is a Pontifical request for the Holy Land in support of Christian communities, the works of the Holy Land and the upkeep of Holy Sites. Let us give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

Estate Planning Presentation from a Catholic Perspective on Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 P.M. SLM Parish



Attend to find out:

- How to avoid problems in your Will, with the PoA & through proper Estate Trustee selection
 - How to create your personal Catholic legacy
- ⇒ About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan QR code (see bulletin board)
2. send an email to: StLawrenceMartyr@archtoronto.org and write "estate planning" in the title line + your name(s) or
3. call 416 759 9359

Dear Padre

March 24, 2024



I am the divorced mother of three young children. My daughter is making her first Communion and I want to go to Communion with her. But I haven't been to Mass in three years because of my divorce. I am nervous and embarrassed about returning to the Church. What can I do?

Sharing in your daughter's preparation for holy Communion is a lovely desire and a good chance to look closely at your own faith; it may be the "little push" you need. She needs to see in you someone who has faith and is committed to the Church. Taking your children to Mass each Sunday is a good start.

You mentioned that you haven't been to church in three years because of your divorce. You may be confused about the teachings of the Church concerning divorce. Divorced Catholics are still full members of the Church and can receive holy Communion. If you have remarried outside the Church, it is a more complicated issue, yet not hopeless.

Since you haven't been to Mass in three years, the first step is to talk to your pastor or another priest with whom you feel comfortable. Be honest. Explain why you have stayed away from the Church. Then set up a time to go to confession. And please don't be ashamed or embarrassed about coming back to church. No matter how long it has been, the Church welcomes you home. ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org



**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