

# 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.*

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 14, 2024

Luke 24: 35-48



**“It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead...”**

In the previous gospel reading the two disciples had met Jesus on their way to Emmaus. There Jesus had used the Eucharistic meal to reveal himself to them, for the Eucharist is always an occasion for us to get to know the Risen Christ better. Now he meets the whole group of disciples in their refuge, the Upper Room. The stress is on their meeting with a real person, not a disembodied ghost or phantom appearance. That is why he eats a piece of fish.

The important lesson of this is that, in our resurrection to true life, it is the whole person that is raised, not just the soul. Our bodies will be so real that we will be able to eat. Christian teaching is that a person is an animated body. We work out our salvation with fingers and toes and other bodily members, and all will be raised to life. It is not just a matter of thoughts and intentions! The whole body is baptised into Christ and is the instrument of our salvation. The body will be changed, and St Paul tells us that it is stupid to ask what sort of body we will have in the resurrection, but I shall be raised as a whole person.

Gesù, venendo nel mondo, aveva come scopo ultimo della sua vita la salvezza dell'umanità. Per questo, oltre che preoccuparsi di operare la salvezza degli uomini per mezzo della sua passione, morte e risurrezione, provvide a far giungere la salvezza a tutti i popoli della terra per mezzo dell'opera della Chiesa. A tale scopo, fin dall'inizio della sua vita pubblica, si scelse dei discepoli perché stessero con lui, perché, vivendo con lui, seguendo i suoi esempi e le sue istruzioni, fossero formati per diventare suoi testimoni qualificati tra le genti. Gesù li formò innanzitutto alla sottomissione alla volontà del Padre, cioè all'amore della croce e allo svuotamento di se stessi (Mt 16,24-25) e li consacrò alla salvezza delle anime (Gv 17,18-20). Apparendo ai suoi apostoli, dopo la sua risurrezione, Gesù completò la formazione e l'insegnamento dato ai suoi discepoli; rivelando loro la verità del Vangelo, dette una pratica dimostrazione della realtà della vita eterna. Aprì in tal modo le loro menti alla comprensione delle Scritture e dei suoi insegnamenti, per renderli suoi testimoni autentici (cf. At 2,21-22), perché per mezzo loro la sua salvezza arrivasse a tutti gli uomini. Ogni cristiano oggi è chiamato a diventare un testimone autentico di Gesù, rivivendo in se stesso il mistero pasquale. La sua formazione cristiana è completa quando la sua vita si apre generosamente all'opera di evangelizzazione e di salvezza dei fratelli.



**Festival of Prayer 2024: “The Beauty of Holiness” Series Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Decree on Ecumenism**



St. Gregory of Narek, a revered saint in the Oriental Orthodox Church, has recently come into our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar.

**Join Archbishop Francis Leo and Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan**  
(Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada) who will co-preside at a jointly  
**Armenian Vespers Celebrating St. Gregory of Narek as Abbot and Doctor of the Catholic Church**, Scarborough Location: Saturday, April 27, 2024, 6 p.m.  
**Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church 920 Progress Ave. 416-934-3400**



### 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 APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Roland & Ida D'Souza

#### SUNDAY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA

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

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Maria Barbieri

Rosario Vella-Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e famiglia

Vito De Nardo e famiglia-Giovanna Costantino

Salvatore Simone e famiglia-Defunti famiglie

Longo e Tamburro - Rocco e Giuseppina Burdo

Giuseppe Morra -Michelina Mosca -Costanza Morra

Luca Caccamo - Carmela e Euplio Raffaele

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo - Vincenza Di Tacchio

Francesco Ferrante - Pasquale e Anna Rosa Volpe

Giuseppe e Maria Doria -Marco,Edda e defunti famiglie

Carlevaris e Nevodini - L'Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. + Basil, Yolande & Paulette Friolet

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Sofronio Sr. & Segundina Lucero

#### MONDAY APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Epifanio & Aurea Ilag

12:00 P.M. - Albert Leung & Family

#### TUESDAY APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Maria Dal Gado

12:00 P.M. + Anne De Souza

#### WEDNESDAY APR 17<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. - Emile Tisseverasinghe

- Raymonde How

- Angelita & Esther Banzon

+ William & Dolores Matthews

+ Sixto Gatchalian

+ Veronica Soriano-Cabrera

+ Farida Beluang

12:00 P.M. + Fr. Liam Gavigan

#### THURSDAY APR 18<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Tai Mui Lai

8:30 A.M. + Pietro Fugaccia

#### FRIDAY APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Zita Costales

7:00 P.M. - Ralph Joseph Peralta Valle

#### SATURDAY APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Joseph Nesbitt

10:00 A.M. + Irene De Souza



Offerory - Last Week:  
Sunday Collection : \$5,895.55  
Building Fund : \$3,239.30

*thank you*

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 14, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ, in last weekend's Corner I featured Wendy Zhang's journey to the true faith. In her reflection, Wendy mentioned how her journey to the Catholic Church was not a solitary one. In fact, the Lord blessed her with a "now-best friend", Zoe Omozuwa, who as it happened was also trying to find her way home to the true faith. This is Zoe's story...

*"My journey to Christ starts with His Word. I would read the Bible, sometimes for five hours a day. There were days when I was so hungry for the Word that I would forget to eat. I was so eager to learn and curious as to what I would come across. I found peace and life in His word; I could not put the Scriptures down. This was the start of my love for Christ. I wanted to know more about Him and the great faith.*

*After reading a Protestant bible I searched for a church. I knew little to nothing about Catholicism and since I had grown up surrounded by Protestants, by default, I ended up at a Baptist church. I began to look into Baptist and reformed theology and became ignorantly anti-Catholic. As a Protestant, I specifically identified as a Calvinist and for the first two years, I was content with a basic understanding of Protestant theology.*

*One day I realized, if I called myself a Calvinist and was truly interested in how Protestantism started, I needed to read the primary sources and learn what the first Protestants believed and taught. To my surprise, I learned that my belief of believer's baptism was the minority and that the early Church practiced infant baptism. The true meaning of baptism showed me God's love in a new light. It meant children of believers are also included in His family. This was beyond comforting to me.*

*I began researching more about the men who started the Protestant Reformation. I was shocked when I realized the foundational aspect Catholicism had in their theology. Although they slandered the Catholic Church, their doctrine was formed from Her; only they changed what they didn't like. Learning that Martin Luther believed in the perpetual virginity of Mary and the Real Presence only made me more curious about Catholic teachings. Around that time, I started talking with my best friend, Wendy, about how the early Protestants held certain Catholic beliefs. I am forever grateful God gave me a best friend who was also looking into Catholicism. Being on this journey with her is truly a gift from God.*

*Once I started looking deeper into the Eucharist, I realized how important it is and that the Protestant view is wrong. After many conversations with my best friend, I decided I wanted to visit a Catholic Church. One Sunday I visited St. Lawrence Martyr Parish and after my first visit, I felt drawn to continue going back. I realized I needed to talk to a Catholic priest and learn about what the Church truly believes. In July 2023, Wendy and I sat down with Fr. Thomas to ask about Catholicism. By this point I realized I agreed with many Catholic beliefs, thanks to Scripture and the Church Fathers' writings.*

*After a two hour talk with Fr. Thomas, my soul felt deeply disturbed, not in a bad way, but I realized three things. First, Fr. Thomas' joy towards Christ was so evident that I wanted to experience Christ in my life that way. Second, the way Fr. Thomas explained God's love through the sacraments comforted me. I no longer felt alone. I realized Christ has given the Church the sacraments, which he uses to love us while we journey with Him on earth. Third, I was no longer a Protestant and needed to become Catholic.*

*My initial thoughts towards RCIA were that I would simply learn about Catholicism. Even though I agreed with Catholicism, I didn't think I would become Catholic. After the first few classes and continuing to read about Catholicism through Church Fathers and the Catholic Catechism, I realized that it is the truth faith. The early Church was Catholic, and the true Church is Catholic. There was nowhere else to go! Jesus started the Church. He is present within His Church and because I love Christ, wherever He is, there I must go! Everything I learned in RCIA made sense. I quickly realized that almost all my Protestant beliefs were heretical. I felt that Protestantism had robbed me of knowing the truth. It kept me from experiencing Christ's love in its purest form.*

*One of my biggest takeaways is that Christ is here today in the Eucharist. St. Ignatius, in his letter to Letter to the Smyrnaeans, wrote, 'Where the bishop appears, there let the people be, just as where Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church'. The Eucharist is Christ, and where He is, I must follow.*

*Every week I loved it when Tuesday would come around and I would learn, alongside my best friend, about the Catholic faith and what Christ and the Apostles passed down in the Church. Fr. Thomas constantly reminded us that if we want to be faithful Catholics, we need to have a true relationship with Jesus. Faith truly works itself out through love.*

*This journey has shown me that I can experience the fullness of God's love in the Catholic Church. I can have a deep and intimate relationship with Christ and He is present on earth today. When I reflect upon my journey to Christ's Church, I'm reminded of God's amazing grace, His providence that always guides me, and His love that is poured into my heart. I never thought I would become Catholic, but God's plans are much better than mine!"*

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

# Dear Padre

April 14, 2024

## What is a "covenant," and how are marriage and covenant related?

"Covenant" is the word the Church employs to define and describe the sacrament of matrimony. It is clearly based on the idea of "covenant" contained in Scripture. In contrast, society uses the related word "contract," as in the "marriage contract." However, these two words do not mean the same thing.

The meaning of "contract" is too limited to contain the full commitment of Christian marriage. When you sign a contract, you are legally bound only to its terms. You need not do more or less than what is stipulated in its wording. Warmth and concern for the well-being of one party for the other are not stipulated in a contract.

A covenant, on the other hand, is different. Although it may contain some aspects of contract, it establishes a personal relationship of closeness, affection, and warmth, and it locks the couple into a mutual commitment to each other's well-being.

As God freely chose Israel from all the nations possible, so do two people choose each other from all other people. As God declared, "I will take you as my people, and I will be your God" (Exodus 6:7). In the same way, a husband and wife pledge total commitment to each other.

Christian marriage bears the same characteristics of covenant commitment—the personal relationship of caring, loyalty, intimacy, exclusivity, permanency, and, above all, love; hence the use of "covenant" to define Christian marriage. ●

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### 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~



April 26<sup>th</sup> (7-9pm)  
**EDGE Youth Ministry**  
**For Grades 6-8**  
 Registration forms in the  
 foyer of the Church

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

~St. Francis of Assisi~



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**Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!**

### Vocation Reflection

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.**

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



### Stewardship Reflection

We all love having friends and since we know what it is like to befriend other humans, we can extend this same means of friendship to Jesus because he too is fully human. However, this friendship doesn't remain like all of our other friendships but is elevated to the status of being friends with God, since Jesus is also fully God. As stewards, let us take some time each day in prayer to converse with Jesus as we would a close friend and by doing so, enjoy friendship with God.

**QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE  
 INVITES ALL WOMEN TO THE  
 2024 WOMEN TOGETHER RETREAT  
 SATURDAY MAY 04, 2024**

REGISTRATION: 8:30 A.M. COST: \$45.00

Includes: COFFEE /TEA WITH MUFFINS AND LUNCH  
**MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED DURING THE DAY.**

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**"Where is God in my pain?"**

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Saturday, May 4th, 2024 9:30 am–5:00 p m

To register: Call Mary Hyland 905.441.0957

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**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**