

# 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 EASTER – APRIL 21, 2024

John 10:11-18



### “The Good Shepherd is One who lays down His Life for His sheep...”

Each year on this Sunday there is a reading from John about the Good Shepherd. To think of ourselves as woolly and cuddly sheep, obedient to the shepherd, would be a mistake. Sheep are renowned as being silly, contradictory creatures, always starting off in the wrong direction, getting themselves into tangles and difficulties. In the Holy Land they are scraggy beasts, pastured on rocky and often dangerous ground, amid boulders and rocky cliffs, threatened by wild animals and marauders. It was not simply a matter of the shepherd sitting on a rock and idly playing his pipe. He needed to be on the alert to save the sheep from hurting themselves. So Jesus as the good shepherd is kept well occupied by our foibles, our stubbornness, our mistakes and our fears. Again, as in the other two readings, there is the reassurance of a close relationship with the Father. Jesus knows us intimately, just as he knows the Father. It is questionable whether in real life a shepherd should lay down his life for his sheep: what would happen to the remainder of the flock? But it is an expression of his whole-hearted devotion to the sheep, and an assimilation to the case of Jesus.

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Gesù è il dono del Padre.

Chi è veramente Gesù?

Niente come l'antitesi tra il Buon Pastore e il mercenario ce lo fa capire. In cosa si differenziano radicalmente le due figure?

Non certo per il ruolo che, all'apparenza, sembra il medesimo. Li oppone e li divide la natura intima del rapporto con le pecore: la non appartenenza per il mercenario e l'appartenenza per il pastore. Se le pecore non ti appartengono te ne vai quando arriva il lupo e le lasci alla sua mercé.

Se sei un mercenario non t'importa delle pecore e non ti importa perché non le conosci. Non le conosci “per esperienza”, non le conosci per amore: esse non sono tue.

E da che cosa si vede se sono tue? Che dai la vita per loro. Gesù dà la vita per noi. È lui che ce la dà, tiene a precisare, nessuno gliela toglie. Lui, solo lui, ha il potere di offrire la sua vita e di riprenderla di nuovo. In questo sta la sua autorevolezza, nel potere dell'impotenza, a cui Dio nella morte si è volontariamente esposto.

Gli uomini possono seguire Gesù solo in forza di questa sua autorevolezza. Per essa ne conoscono la voce, subiscono il fascino della sua Presenza, si dispongono alla sequela. Solo nel vivere questa appartenenza il cristiano diventa a sua volta autorevole, cioè capace di incontrare l'altro, di amarlo e di dar la sua vita per lui. L'appartenenza fa essere eco fragile e tenace della sua Presenza e suscita la nostalgia di poterlo incontrare.



### 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 20<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

5:00 P.M. - The De Jesus Family

#### SUNDAY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Daniel Cruz

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Tony Lamanna

Antonio Savella - Defunti famiglie De Ciantis e

Matroanni - Benito Cortese - Agostino Battaglia e

defunti famiglie Battaglia e Garofalo - Totonno e

Rosaria Francella - Gisepe Canini e famiglia - Vito e

Mike Cuoppolo - Maria D'Addario - Vincenza

Di Tacchio - Antonino Tuccitto e famiglia

Vincenzo Pitino e famiglia - Romolo e Antonio Doria

Angelo, Giuseppina, Antonietta e Aldo Morra

Crescenzo e Angela Intoccia - Mario e Incoronata

Lallone - Paolo e Agata Casullo - Lorenzo e Giovanna

Romagnolo e famiglia

11:30 A.M. + Maria Catubig

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

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

#### MONDAY APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Maria Ester Alvares

12:00 P.M. + Irene de Souza

#### TUESDAY APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Paul & Pauline Lam

12:00 P.M. - Marie de Souza

#### WEDNESDAY APR 24<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Bishop Deogupilla

+ Donald William Best

- The Lucas Family

- Michael de Souza

12:00 P.M. + Adeline Noranha

#### THURSDAY APR 25<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Isabel Jose-Frias

8:30 A.M. - Otto Lam & Family

#### FRIDAY APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Silverio Miguel

7:00 P.M. + Bayardo Valle Noguera

#### SATURDAY APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Carmela & Antonio Scarano

10:00 A.M. - Enrique Jose



Offerory - Last Week:

Sunday Collection : \$5,538.70

thank you

**“He has much who needs least. Do not create necessities for yourself.”**

~ St. Josemaria Escriva ~

**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER — APRIL 21, 2024**



Dear Friends in Christ, for the past two Corners I have offered for your reflection the faith journey experiences of two young women, Wendy and Zoe (also best of friends), who recently converted to the Catholic Church. This weekend I would like to present a final reflection, which comes from Robert Henderson, husband to Kimberly, and a father to three children.

Robert wrote: "My wife started to attend Mass at St. Lawrence and I offered to drive her there. I decided on a whim to attend the first time she went. I come from a non-religious family and married a Catholic, but I have always believed in God. I knew what to expect during Mass having attended occasionally with our children who attended the TDCSB and were raised in the faith. We attended for several weeks and I started to feel comfortable being there. After awhile as I was listening to the homilies, I found that I agreed with the messages of morality. There were many drives home where my wife and I would wonder if Father was talking about our lives. Listening to the readings I began to understand what the Faith was about.

There was not one thing that brought me to accept Christ. Some of the reasons are: The importance of forgiveness. Christ said 'If you forgive others their transgressions, your Heavenly Father will forgive you.' I have had people in my life who have been harmful. Forgiving them has been hard, but it has also been liberating. It has been like putting down a heavy stone you did not know you were carrying.

Being at Mass and listening to Christ's message has given me cause for introspection with regard to how I have treated others in the past. I have carried remorse for years, but looking back I see now that youth and ignorance played a large part in my actions. Oddly some of things that would regularly pop into my head that I felt guilty about I now have difficulty remembering.

Father Thomas has been very influential in my journey to Christ. His dedication and obvious joy that he brings to his ministry is infectious. His homilies have frequently struck a nerve and I have been moved to tears several times. It was a pleasure to attend the RCIA with him." Pax Christi, Fr. Thomas



**Rev. Daniel Lee**

Priestly Ordination Mass  
St. Michael's Cathedral  
May 11, 2024 10:00 AM

You are invited to join  
**Father Daniel Lee**

As he offers his  
First Solemn

Mass of Thanksgiving on  
Ascension Sunday, May 12th 2024 at 11:30 am  
St. Lawrence Martyr Parish  
2210 Lawrence Ave East, Scarborough  
(Pot luck reception follows—Church Hall)



St. Lawrence Martyr Church

**EDGE MINISTRY**

Are you going to Grade 5-8?

You are invited to join us for our  
edge nights filled with faith, food  
and fun!

Dates: April 26 / May 17 / June 14  
Time: 7 P M  
Location: Church Hall  
Contact: stlawrenceedge@gmail.com

**W**hat is Edge? EDGE is a Catholic youth ministry program designed for young people in grades 5-8. It aims to create a supportive and enjoyable environment where youth can learn, grow, and explore their faith.

**Purpose and Community:**

- EDGE promotes a sense of belonging within the Body of Christ as Catholic Christians.
- It fosters community by creating a fun, safe, in-person environment where young people can discover some of the riches of the Catholic Faith.

**R**emember, EDGE is not just about learning; it's about building faith, friendships, and encountering Christ.



April 26  
May 17  
June 14 } 7PM

All youth in grades 5-8 are welcome to participate!



**Vespers Celebrating St. Gregory of Narek as 'Abbot and Doctor of the Catholic Church'**

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 prepared Armenian Vespers to celebrate this remarkable event on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 6 p.m., hosted at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church on 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough, Ont. M1G 3T5.

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 21, 2024**

**Dear Padre**

April 21, 2024

**My son was raised Catholic and still claims he is Catholic, but he and his wife go to a Protestant church. How should I deal with my frustration?**

Many parents and grandparents today share your frustration. They raised their children Catholic, maybe even sent them to Catholic schools, but the children have grown up and chosen not to continue to be faithful Catholics. A recent survey showed that nine out of ten people say they believe in God, but often they are not committed to a single religion or house of worship. About half of the people questioned attend religious services less than once a month, or never. The loyalty to one Church that was evident in our own lives, or in our parents' and grandparents' lives, is lacking in today's people under age fifty-five.

What can one do about this situation? Certainly pray for your children and continue to give a good example through your own loyalty to the Catholic Church and attendance at Sunday Mass. Invite your son and his wife to attend with you when they visit. As your children age, they may become more interested in your family's history and traditions, and the religion of their childhood may again appear attractive. Try to be patient and continue to pray that your children will return to the Church of their roots. ●

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~



Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER for Vocations**

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY  
21 April 2024

"Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace..."

**International Eucharistic Congress – September 8-15, 2024**

**Join the Archdiocese of Toronto Delegation!**

Traditionally every four years, the Holy Father invites pilgrims from around the world to join in an International Eucharistic Congress. This year's event will take place in Quito, Ecuador from September 8-15, 2024. Limited spaces are available for pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Toronto to join with other Canadian delegates to travel to Ecuador. To learn more about the pilgrimage, visit [www.archtoronto.org/iec](http://www.archtoronto.org/iec). Registration deadline is June 6 with early bird pricing available until May 6, 2024.



**Catholic Education Week – May 5, 2024**  
**"We Are Called To Love"**

During Catholic Education Week (May 5 – 10, 2024), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: [www.togetherinfaith.ca](http://www.togetherinfaith.ca).



**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**



**Vocation Reflection** ~ This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or diaconate, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, **Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

**Stewardship Reflection** ~ As stewards, we are called to imitate Jesus in all ways, including His role as the Good Shepherd. The most important step in effectively shepherding others is to first become a holy sheep in Jesus' flock. God also calls many people to more closely shepherd His people in the priesthood and through our prayers, we can help young men answer the call.

