

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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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.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of CHRIST — June 2, 2024

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

“This is My Body; This is My Blood...”



The original, Old Testament covenant was sealed by a death and by the sharing of the blood between God (signified by the altar) and his people as a sign of new life. Israel broke that covenant by persistently refusing to keep true to the way of life which the covenant enshrined. Now Jesus' new covenant engages us in a new alliance and gives us new life. The story told in this reading is the warranty and guarantee that, each time we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we are bound anew into his covenant. The story is told in almost exactly similar terms in each of the first three gospels and in Paul's first letter to the

Corinthians. It must have been learnt and repeated by heart. There is just enough difference to show that Mark and Matthew reflect the tradition of the Hebrew communities, while Paul and Luke reflect the tradition of the Greek-speaking communities. It must have been repeated again and again from the very first years of Christianity. Each time we repeat these words we are entering again into Jesus' covenant. There should be a health warning. The Mass is dangerous: are you ready to commit yourself to the Kingdom, to engage in a new and personal alliance with Christ and to live with his life?

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Gesù ci ha promesso di stare con noi fino alla fine del mondo (Mt 28,20). Egli ha mantenuto la sua parola in molti modi. Egli è con noi nella sua parola, che è sempre una parola viva e santa, che conduce al Padre chi ad essa si affida. Egli è presente, ancora di più, nel sacramento del suo corpo e del suo sangue. E ciò merita certo una festa. Questo sacramento ci colma, innanzi tutto perché fa arrivare fino a noi l'“incarnazione” del Verbo divino: Dio continua a venire per restare. Non ci abbandonerà più. In secondo luogo, questo sacramento ci nutre: alimenta in noi quella vita divina che è la nostra vera vita, poiché è eterna. Questo sacramento, infine, ci fa vedere, sotto forma di pane e di vino, colui che gli apostoli hanno visto, ma, proprio come Gesù di Nazaret non era visto da tutti come il Messia, il sacramento del suo corpo e del suo sangue non convince tutti. Per chi si ferma alle apparenze, tale sacramento non costituisce una prova, poiché ciò che si vede non basta. Infatti si vede solo ciò che si lascia vedere. Per il credente invece, cioè per chi si lascia raggiungere dall'amore di Dio, questo sacramento è il più grande fra i segni, il segno che mette in comunione con Gesù stesso. Il credente è da esso trasfigurato, il suo peccato è purificato, grazie ad esso pregusta il banchetto promesso: quello delle nozze del Figlio.



**“We do not have to talk very much in order to pray well. We know that God is There in His Holy Tabernacle. Let us open our hearts to Him; Let us rejoice in His Presence. This is the best prayer.”**

- St. John Marie Baptiste Vianney -



## Eucharistic Adoration

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)\*  
Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)\*  
\*In Chapel, when there is a funeral.

**Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7  
FEAST OF THE MOST  
SACRED HEART OF JESUS  
HAVE MERCY ON US**



## Mass Intentions for the week



### **SATURDAY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> – SABATO**

5:00 P.M. + Shilo Berardino-Tupaz

### **SUNDAY JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> – DOMENICA**

8:30 A.M. + Sulaila Khoury

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Susanna e Gianni Onisto

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Vito Sciuto e famiglia

Rosaria e Antonio Lisciandro

Mario Pagliaro

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Maria e Saverio Vitro

Maria D'Angelo

11:30 A.M. - Marisol De Souza

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

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

### **MONDAY JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> – LUNEDI**

8:30 A.M. - Corinne Lobo

12:00 P.M. + Anne De Souza

### **TUESDAY JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. - Lynne Aguilar

12:00 P.M. - Alec Leung

### **WEDNESDAY JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. - Vivienne Riseborough

+ Fortunata & Emiliano Sillar

+ Maria D'Angelo

12:00 P.M. - Fr. Russell Asch & Family

### **THURSDAY JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. + Norberto Faria

8:30 A.M. - Fernando Dipasupil

### **FRIDAY JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. + Frank Duff

7:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

### **SATURDAY JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

10:00 A.M. - Marie de Ruiter



**Offertory - Last Week:  
Regular : \$5,577.45**

*thank you*

## Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of CHRIST — June 2, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ, today we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christ. Allow me to offer for your reflection a 1996 letter that was written by Saint Pope John Paul II and addressed to Bishop Albert Houssiau, on the occasion of the 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi.

“To Bishop Albert Houssiau of Liege, Belgium, In 1246, Robert of Thourotte, your distant predecessor in the see of Liege, instituted in his Diocese the Eucharistic feast now known as Corpus Christi, at the request of Juliana of Cornillon, who had already composed an office for Corpus Christi, Eve of St. Martin and other women of Liege. A few years later in 1264, Pope Urban IV made this feast of the Body of Christ a holy day of obligation for the universal Church, thereby expressing the importance of venerating the Eucharistic Body of our Saviour. On the occasion of the 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the institution of this feast, as I join all the pilgrims who will be participating in the jubilee ceremonies and the faithful all over the world who ceaselessly pray before the Blessed Sacrament, I raise a fervent prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord (1).

Jesus is no longer present to men in the same way that he was on the roads of Palestine. After the Resurrection, he appeared in his glorious body to the women and to his disciples. Then he took the Apostles and ‘led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ...He parted from them, and was carried up into heaven’ (Lk 24:50-51). But in ascending to the Father, Christ did not distance himself from men. He dwells forever in the midst of his brethren and, just as he promised, he accompanies them and guides them with his Spirit. Henceforth, his presence is of another kind. Indeed, ‘at the Last Supper, after celebrating the Passover with his disciples and when he was about to pass from this world to his Father, Christ instituted this sacrament as the perpetual memorial of his Passion..., the greatest of all his miracles; and he left this sacrament to those whom his absence filled with grief, as an incomparable consolation’ (St. Thomas Aquinas, Office of Corpus Christi, 57, 4). Every time we celebrate the Eucharist in the Church, we recall the death of the Saviour, we proclaim his Resurrection as we await his return. Thus no sacrament is greater or more precious than that of the Eucharist; and when we receive Communion, we are incorporated into Christ. Our life is transformed and taken up by the Lord” (2).

Outside the Eucharistic celebration, the Church is careful to venerate the Blessed Sacrament, which must be ‘reserved...as the spiritual centre of the religious and parish community’ (Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*, n. 68). Contemplation prolongs Communion and enables one to meet Christ, true God and true man, in a lasting way, to let oneself be seen by him and to experience his presence. When we contemplate him present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, Christ draws near to us and becomes more intimate to us than we are to ourselves. He grants us a share in his divine life in a transforming union and, in the Spirit, he gives us access to the Father, as he himself said to Philip: ‘He who has seen me has seen the Father’ (Jn 14:9). Contemplation, which is also a Communion of desire, intimately associates us with Christ, and in a very special way associates those who are prevented from receiving it (3).

In honouring the Blessed Sacrament, we also offer a profound thanksgiving to the Father, for in his Son he visited us and redeemed his people (4). Through adoration, the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world and to the sowing of the Gospel. Anyone who prays to the Saviour draws the whole world with him and raises it to God. Those who stand before the Lord are therefore fulfilling an eminent service. They are presenting to Christ all those who do not know him or are far from him; they keep watch in his presence on their behalf (5).

I therefore encourage Christians regularly to visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God, thanks to him who is with us until the end of time. In contemplation, Christians will perceive ever more profoundly that the paschal mystery is at the heart of all Christian life. This practice leads them to join more intensely in the paschal mystery and to make the Eucharistic sacrifice, the perfect gift, the centre of their life in accordance with their specific vocation (7).

I urge priests, religious and lay people to continue and redouble their efforts to teach the younger generations the meaning and value of Eucharistic adoration and devotion. How will young people be able to know the Lord if they are not introduced to the mystery of his presence? Like the young Samuel, by learning the words of the prayer of the heart, they will be closer to the Lord who will accompany them in their spiritual and human growth, and in the missionary witness which they must give throughout their life. The Eucharistic mystery is in fact the ‘summit of evangelization’ (*Lumen gentium*, n. 28), for it is the most eminent testimony to Christ's Resurrection. All interior life needs silence and intimacy with Christ in order to develop (8)” (St. Pope John Paul II's 1996 letter to the Bishop of Liege titled, “Eucharist: Sacrament to be Adored”, from the Vatican, 28 May 1996.)

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

# Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of CHRIST — June 2, 2024

## Dear Padre

June 2, 2024

**Do we need both bread and wine to receive Christ's Body and Blood? If I receive only the host—not the Precious Blood—am I participating fully in the Eucharist?**

By only taking the host you are participating fully. And if you only drink from the chalice, you also are participating fully. Christ is always fully present in each form.

Many times, it is not possible to offer the chalice to a large congregation. There are also times when one cannot receive the host, especially a person who is very ill, and consuming the Precious Blood is easier.

In the Church's teaching on the Eucharist, we are invited to receive both. The *Eucharistic Mysterium* (32) says it is especially fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist. This allows the Eucharist to appear more perfectly as a banquet, a feast that is a foretaste of the banquet that will be celebrated with Christ at the end of time when the kingdom of God is established in its fullness. In John 6, Jesus invites us to both eat and drink, so it is good to do both if you are able. If you aren't able, or if the chalice isn't offered at your church, you still participate fully by taking the host. Both forms are always present, because the priest must always receive both. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org



### THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST *CORPUS CHRISTI*

All are welcome to join the Most Reverend Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, for a Corpus Christi Mass & Procession at **Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond St.) **THIS Sunday, June 2, 2024** following the Noon Mass. A short procession will take place in the vicinity surrounding the cathedral followed by Solemn Benediction and fellowship.

### Celebrating Our Church's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Most Rev Francis Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto will celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 @ 11:30 Mass

Potluck Reception will follow in the Church Hall



### Your love and compassion led thousands on the path to healing

Through your kind support, you eased the struggles of 23,000 people by providing access to mental health care. Your compassion provides families access to counselling sessions from our Catholic family agencies. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP WILL BE RUNNING IN 25 PARISHES THIS JULY AND AUGUST.

Ample Opportunity for Youth to Have Fun, Grow in Faith This Summer. If you or someone you know is looking for fun and faithful programs for the summer months, please click this link -> [Summer Camps at Parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto.](#)



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](#).

### 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 ~



Vocation Reflection ~ Receiving Eucharist is a real sign of unity in our Church. God nourishes us with the "Bread from Heaven" if we have ordained priests to celebrate the Liturgy. If you feel the inclination to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, AOT at 416-968-0997.

Stewardship Reflection ~ Jesus' death on the cross is what defeated Satan and opened wide the gates of Heaven so that we who seek to follow Him can enter into that eternal rest. St. Thomas Aquinas says that "the celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross." Therefore, we as stewards should run to Mass as often as we can because Jesus is waiting to pour out the same love, mercy and grace that he showed on the cross.



## 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