

# St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. Fr. Thomas Lim

**Pastor**

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**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.**

## 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 9, 2024

Mark 3:20-35

**“A Kingdom divided against itself cannot stand...”**



The first stage of Jesus' ministry comes to an end. He is rejected as 'out of his mind' by his own family. Then he is rejected by the scribes as being in league with Beelzebul. Finally his family again arrive, looking for him, and he turns to those who are listening to him as his true family. This all leads into the Parable of the Sower, which seems to be Jesus' reflection on his rejection by most people, and his fruitful acceptance by a small number of disciples. It is, of course, significant that the scribes cannot deny that he drives out evil spirits. If even his enemies are forced to admit it, it must be true. The best they can do is sarcastically to ascribe his powers to the chief of evil spirits, here named 'Beelzebub' or 'Beelzebul' (two different versions of the text). The former name means 'lord of the flies', probably a mocking corruption of the latter, which means 'lord prince', the title of a local deity. The whole scene presents an agonizing picture of the isolation of Jesus. In Luke's version of the scene, by a very slight adjustment, Jesus' mother and brothers are the prime example of those who hear the word of God and keep it.

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Gli scribi, accecati nella loro opposizione al Signore, diffondono la voce che Gesù ha potere sui demoni perché egli è sottomesso a Beelzebul. Davanti a tali dicerie, il Signore vuole insegnare ai suoi discepoli l'importanza della comunione: il regno che è venuto a stabilire sulla terra non vacillerà e non perderà la sua virtù, se essi rimarranno uniti. Approfittiamo di questo insegnamento per esaminare il nostro atteggiamento di fronte alle azioni del prossimo, e in particolare se si tratta di membri della Chiesa. Pensiamo per esempio che i giudizi inutili - e talvolta temerari -, i dubbi senza motivo o i commenti negativi sulle intenzioni degli altri infrangono l'unità e la comunione della Chiesa. Noi dobbiamo avere, al contrario, un grande amore per l'unità, nella diversità legittima che si riscontra nel popolo di Dio. Anche se siamo tutti molto diversi, il nostro amore per la Chiesa saprà passare sopra questa diversità. Se ci orientiamo veramente verso la santità, lottando nel cammino che Dio stabilisce per ognuno di noi, perché non dovremmo essere uniti? E, se vediamo dei difetti negli altri, il nostro atteggiamento sarà di comprensione piena di misericordia, cercando di aiutarli a superarli. Abbiamo quindi bisogno di una grande rettitudine e umiltà, per evitare la posizione di coloro che - come quelli che accusano il Signore di essere posseduto da uno spirito immondo - interpretano male l'opera degli altri e rifiutano per principio di riconoscere l'azione di Dio nelle iniziative altrui.



**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!

**“Here is a rule for everyday life:  
Do not do anything which you  
cannot offer to God.”**

~ St. John Vianney ~



**Mass Intentions  
for the week**



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

5:00 P.M. - Elena Papa

**SUNDAY JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA**

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

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Rosario Vella - Giovanna Costantino

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e famiglia

Vito De Nardo e famiglia

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Vito, Elisabetta e Nicola Barbieri

Marco, Edda e defunti famiglia Carlevaris e

Nevodini - L'Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. + Paula, JoseF. Michael Stump

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

**MONDAY JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Basil, Yoland, Paulette Friolet

12:00 P.M. + Paul & Pauline Lam

**TUESDAY JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Frank, Teresa, Joseph Lovrek

12:00 P.M. + Natalia Faria

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. - Alex & Alex II Amizola

+ Juro & Maria Zemljak

+ Hermis Obiso

12:00 P.M. - Otto Lam & Family

**THURSDAY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. + Carmen Poblette Jose

8:30 A.M. - The Lobo Family

**FRIDAY JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. + Alojzia & Ivan Sopic

7:00 P.M. + Carmen Campos De Valle

**SATURDAY JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. + Margaret Warner

10:00 A.M. + Antonio Medeiros

### **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***Jesus formed a new family....All those who welcome Jesus' word are children of God and brothers and sisters among themselves.***

***Welcoming the word of Jesus makes us brothers and sisters, makes us Jesus' family. Speaking ill of others, destroying others' reputations, makes us the devil's family.***

ANGELUS, JUNE 10, 2018



**Offertory - Last Week:  
TO FOLLOW**

*thank you*

## 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 9, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ, when I was studying for the priesthood at St. Augustine Seminary, Fr. Glaba (one of our formators), used to regularly say to us, “**Men, don’t forget to tighten your screws.**” Father said these words to remind us that just as the bolts on a wheel can easily become loose with regular wear, tear, usage and travel, the same is also true when it comes to such things as our spiritual life and formation. Given that we have just finished celebrating the Solemnity of Corpus Christi last Sunday, one of the areas whereby we can “tighten the screws” involves the manner by which we participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; whether it be here at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish, or in another church within our great Archdiocese or beyond.

Some of you might have noticed that on the bulletin board in the foyer of our parish, there is a laminated sheet titled, “**Church Etiquette at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.**” In the spirit of helping you “tighten the screws”, permit me to reiterate what the list says and to offer a few supplementary thoughts.

The sheet begins with the words: “*Out of reverence and respect for Our Lord and to actively participate in mind, heart and body in the Sacred Liturgy, in which the saving mysteries of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ are made present...*” This opening sentence is a powerful reminder that the Mass is fundamentally about the Paschal Mystery, which encompasses the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. We believe that it is through these events that Jesus accomplished our redemption, conquered sin and death, and provided the path that leads to eternal life with the Father. The Eucharist that we celebrate at every Mass, is a re-presentation of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection. While it would be nice to have good fellowship, solemn music, and profound preaching at every Mass, the fact of the matter is that those things are not necessary, because it is through the Sacrifice of the Mass that we always experience the profound love and saving grace of God embodied in Jesus Christ, his Son!

It goes on to say that, At Mass...

1) **Please turn off or silence cell phone and pagers.** In many other public venues, such as in movie theatres, plays, musicals, etc., this or a similar instruction is made before the start of those events. What surprises me is how regularly the phone goes off during various Masses; in spite the fact that parishioners are reminded, by the lectors before every weekend Masses, to turn off their phones. Please take a moment and ensure that your phone is turned off, so that your fellow parishioner, and the respective celebrating priest, is not distracted by your ringing cell phone!

2) **Please keep a respectful quiet in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist before and after Mass.** Unfortunately, too often, our parish resembles a market place as a result of too many parishioners talking either too loudly, or in highly inappropriate places (e.g., near the sanctuary, middle of the church, etc.). If you are required to talk to someone, please do so softly; also, bring your conversation to an appropriate location, such as in the foyer, or outside the church. The whole congregation does not need to hear your conversation. Remember Who it is that is present in the Blessed Sacrament. “*Know, O Christian, that in this vessel of the altar is contained the same God that the Virgin Mary bore in her womb*” (St. Peter Julian Eymard).

3) **Please remember appropriate clothing and respectful dress for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass especially in warm weather.** There was a time in the recent past when people used to wear their “Sunday Best” to church. Dressing in one’s best clothes was a sign of a person’s respect and reverence for the church’s sacred space and the solemnity of the Mass. Attitudes and mindsets have certainly dramatically changed with the passage of time. Too many people now wear clothing that makes them feel comfortable, or which causes them the least amount of trouble or fuss. For some this means wearing flip-flops, track pants or shorts, low hemmed and/or revealing dresses, etc. A question for you: Let us assume we remove the reality of the church’s sacred space or the solemnity of the Mass from the equation, would you wear these kinds of clothing if you were going to meet the Prime Minister, a royal personage, some high ranking prelate in the Church, or the Holy Father? I am pretty sure your answer is a clear “No!” If this were true for some important person, would it not be especially true when you are meeting

the “*Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, [who] humbled Himself like this under the form of a little bread, for our salvation*”? (St. Francis of Assisi).

4) **Please no food or drink, except in case of true need (such as baby bottles and necessary water, medical reason).** There is painted, high above the altar in the sanctuary of our church, the following words: “*Haec est vere domus dei*”, which means “*This is the true house of God.*” These words are a wonderful reminder that when we come to church, we are not just entering any kind of public space, but the house of God! Thus, we should always be mindful not to bring any external food or drink (e.g., coffee, soft-drink, etc.,) before entering the church.

5) **Please remember chewing gum by anyone (any age, Catholic or not) is not acceptable during Mass. Reason? A) Respect and B) One-hour fast prior to Communion.** The church teaches that “*A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine*” (Canon 919 §1). The Church, however, does make an exception for “*The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them, [who] can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour*” Canon 919 §3). This relatively easy rule, which applies for the majority of the faithful, is intended to help them to spiritually and physically receive the Eucharist with the proper reverence and devotion. Remember it isn’t one hour before Mass but one hour prior to receiving Communion. So, if you are going to eat something on the day of the Mass, be mindful of the time in relations to when you might receive the Eucharist that day!

I shall stop here for the moment... Next Corner I shall write about how one should participate the Mass in a timely manner and with full body, mind and spirit. Until then, I invite you to revisit these recommendations and see if you need to “tighten the screws” with regards to how you are assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Pax Christi, Fr. Thomas

**10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 9, 2024**

**Dear Padre**

June 9, 2024

**What is original sin?**

Original sin is the sin that occurred at the origins of the human race. "Although he was made by God in a state of holiness, from the very onset of his history man abused his liberty, at the urging of the Evil One. Man set himself against God and sought to attain his goal apart from God" (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, [Gaudium et Spes], 13).

According to Genesis, a world of beauty was deformed by sin. The first two chapters tell how God created all things, including people, and saw that they were "very good." However, in chapter three, Adam rejects God and separates himself from God. Adam tries to hide from God, blames Eve for his sin, and experiences the pangs of guilt.

From this original sin, a host of evils followed, resulting in division, pain, bloodshed, loneliness, and death. The reality that this tragic, familiar narrative points to is a basic part of our experience. It is the teaching of the Church that every mortal born into this world, except the Virgin Mary, is affected by original sin. This means that each "descendant of Adam" (including us) is created without sanctifying grace and is subject to the inclination to sin and to death. Each of us needs redemption through the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. ●

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 ~

**Vocation Reflection**



"Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother". If you feel the inclination to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

**Our Church's Anniversary**



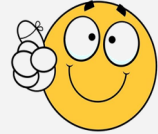
**Celebrate Our Church's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Join Most Rev Francis Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto in the Celebration of the Eucharist this Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 @ 11:30 Mass  
Potluck Reception Follows in the Church Hall

*Happy Birthday SLM Church*  
June 10, 1959 - June 10, 2024



**DON'T FORGET**



**EDGE NIGHT**

Next Meeting on Friday, June 14 @ 7PM ~ Church Hall  
All youth in grades 5-8 are welcome !

**MARYGROVE CAMP - St Vincent de Paul**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Toronto Central Council, helps over 1,000 girls each summer, registering eligible campers through home visits. Marygrove Camp is a residential camp situated on Georgian Bay in Ontario, open to eligible girls ages 5-13. Marygrove provides a camping experience for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. Families who are experiencing financial or domestic hardship may contact the Society directly to determine their eligibility.



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



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**