

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.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 30, 2024

Mark 5:21-43



“Little girl, I tell you to get up...”

As we have seen, the author of the Gospel of Mark likes to combine incidents to show their joint significance, often, as here, sandwiching one story between the two halves of another. In this instance the significance is surely that both recipients of Jesus’ healing love are women. Only a minority of Jesus’ miracles concern women, and the bringing together of these two, one a girl and the other an old woman, serves to stress their importance to Jesus. It is unfair to accuse the Bible of being male-dominated. A mother’s devotion is a frequent image of God’s love. There are plenty of strong women in the Old Testament, who put their menfolk to shame by their courage, enterprise and initiative: Rebecca, Tamar, Deborah, Ruth, Esther, Judith. Jesus’ own relationships with women seem to have been easy and even humorous. One need only think of his playful bargaining with the Syro-Phoenician over the cure of her daughter, or the jokey exchange between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, not to mention his delicacy towards the woman taken in adultery or the sinful woman who showed her love by weeping at his feet. Paul also clearly relied in many ways in his apostolate on the ministry of women.

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Ecco due miracoli di Gesù legati uno all’altro. Il loro messaggio è complementare. Si tratta di due donne: una all’inizio della sua vita, l’altra al termine di lunghe sofferenze che la sfiniscono. Né l’una né l’altra possono più essere salvate dagli uomini (vv. 23 e 26). Ma sia l’una che l’altra saranno salvate dall’azione congiunta della forza che emana da Gesù e dalla fede: per la donna la propria fede, per la bambina la fede di suo padre (vv. 34 e 36). Bisogna notare soprattutto che la bambina ha dodici anni (v. 42) e che la donna soffre da dodici anni (v. 25). Questo numero non è dato a caso. C’è un grande valore simbolico poiché esso è legato a qualcosa che si compie. Ci ricordiamo che Gesù fa la sua prima profezia a dodici anni (Lc 2,42 e 49). Gesù sceglie dodici apostoli, poiché è giunto il tempo. Significano la stessa cosa le dodici ceste di pane con le quali Gesù sfama i suoi discepoli (Mc 6,43). E la fine dei tempi è simboleggiata dalle dodici porte della Gerusalemme celeste (Ap 21,12-21). Così come la donna dell’Apocalisse (immagine di Maria, della Chiesa) è coronata da dodici stelle (Ap 12,1). Senza parlare dell’albero della vita originale che si trova, in un parco, al centro della città e dà dodici raccolti. E quando sappiamo che il giorno per Gesù conta dodici ore (Gv 11,9) capiamo che i nostri due miracoli non sono semplici gesti di misericordia, ma che nascondono una rivelazione: essendo giunto il tempo, l’umanità peccatrice (Gen 3,12) è liberata dai suoi mali. Gli uomini non possono fare nulla per lei, e lo riconoscono (v. 35), ma per Dio nulla è impossibile (Lc 1,37). Gesù non chiede che due cose: “Non temere, continua solo ad aver fede” (v. 36).



**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!**



**Mass Intentions  
for the week**



**SATURDAY JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

5:00 P.M. + Narciso & Anastasia Sanchez

**SUNDAY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA**

8:30 A.M. - The Fernandes Family

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

In Ringraziamento a San Giuseppe

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Leonello Pecorari

Marino D’Attolico

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Luigi, Giovanni e Luigina De Rose

Francesco Falsetti e famiglia

Corinna Lamanna

L’Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. - The William Family

1:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

5:00 P.M. - Deva & Nirmala Cherubim

**MONDAY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> – LUNEDIST**

8:30 A.M. + Rose Galekovic

12:00 P.M. - Anna

**TUESDAY JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Terea Verticchio

12:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

**WEDNESDAY JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. + John Li Hoi Foo

12:00 P.M. - Kasi

**THURSDAY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> – GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. - Leoncio Dominguez & Family

8:30 A.M. - Charles & Stephanie Bagasan

**FRIDAY JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> – VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. + Joseph Howard

7:00 P.M. + Anthony de Mello

**SATURDAY JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

8:30 A.M. + Filomena & Vicente Gaerlan

10:00 A.M. - Michael de Souza



**Offertory Last Week:**

**Regular: \$5,614.50**

*thank you*

~ St. Augustine ~

**“This is the very perfection of a man, to find out his own imperfections.”**



## 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 30, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ, please note that this parish bulletin and Pastor's Corner will be the last one that we produce until our parish programs fully resume again in September of this year. As I write these final few words, it is hard to believe how quickly time has flown since my arrival at the parish two years ago. As I reflect upon the completion of this second year of ministry at SLM, I cannot help but once again feel a great sense of gratitude in my heart. The Lord, *who is kind and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in kindness* (Ps 103), continues to abundantly bless me with his love, grace and mercy! I am indebted to Fr. Russell, Fr. Giuseppe and Julia, for their continued assistance and support in helping me carry out my pastoral ministry. And, I am especially thankful to you, dear parishioners of SLM, who continue to shower me with your unconditional warmth, love, kindness and prayers. I offer a heartfelt "Thank you!" Please be assured that I will continue to remember you and your loved ones in my daily prayers and in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist!

This year was filled with different milestones and accomplishments. June 10, 2024 marked the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Mass celebrated at SLM, an anniversary made even more special with the presence of His Grace, Archbishop Francis Leo at the celebration of the 11:30am Sunday Mass. The initial rollout of the EDGE program (for children in grades 6-8) was an immediate success, with more than 35 children from our parish community participating in it. I have no doubt that it will remain so when it restarts in the Fall. Many parishioners have remarked how beautiful our church grounds are with its numerous blooming flowers and plants - a success made possible through the tireless efforts of the members of our gardening team.

There is still much for us to do however! In the upcoming year, I plan to implement the third phase of my pastoral plan for the parish. I will introduce a couple of new initiatives that are intended to help with the continued spiritual growth of our parish community. My attention will also be directed to dealing with the structural needs our place of worship. The immediate focus will be to renovate the church's bell-towers, followed by the complete overhaul/upgrading of the church's aged heating and air-conditioning systems. Addressing these two immediate issues will ensure that parishioners will be able to worship at SLM for many years to come. Please remember that this is YOUR parish! The vitality and success of SLM does not depend on the Pastor, but on the members of the parish community and their collective involvement. In other words, it ultimately depends on YOU! Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to offer your time, talents and treasures, so that SLM can continue to evolve and grow into a vibrant and faith-filled parish community in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

As we continue to prepare for the feast day of our patron, St. Lawrence Martyr, permit me now to offer some final words from a reflection that comes from Saint Ambrose of Milan, whose work titled, "De Officiis Ministrorum" ("On the Duties of the Clergy) is a key source for the understanding the life and martyrdom of St. Lawrence from a historical and theological perspective.

In his book, Ambrose praises Lawrence for his faith, courage and dedication to the poor. He begins by writing: *"For Lawrence was not only an administrator of the sacraments but a servant of the poor, and so the prefect of Rome, whose greed exceeded all human bounds, desired to possess for himself the treasures of the Church, and he ordered Lawrence to bring to him the wealth of the Church. Lawrence promised he would do so, but asked for a short delay that he might gather together all the treasures.... On the following day, he brought forward the poor, among whom he had distributed the treasure given into his keeping. When asked where the treasures were which he had promised to show, he pointed to the poor, saying: 'These are the treasures of the Church.'... What greater treasures can Christ have than those in which He loves to be seen?"* Ambrose states that these words not only showed the great solicitude Lawrence had for the poor and needy, but it also manifested his courageous stand against the Roman authorities as he carried out his diaconal role.

Ambrose continues by praising Lawrence's faith and steadfastness: *"Lawrence, thus victorious in word, exhibited the treasures which he had promised, and by the same example he prepared others for martyrdom. For that they should follow their deacon's steps, who chose rather to expose his life to danger than to keep back the Church's money, was a teaching to them of dying in Christ's cause, and the example of a good work."* He emphasizes here Lawrence's role not only as a martyr but also as a leader and teacher through his actions.

Ambrose reflects on the spiritual significance of Lawrence's actions: *"The Prefect, in his fury, ordered that Lawrence should be burned alive. And as he lay stretched upon the gridiron, he said, 'Turn me over; I am done on this side.' And when he had been turned over, he said, 'It is cooked enough, you may eat.' Thus did he mock the tyrant's rage by his endurance, for the martyrs despise suffering and overcome the pain of it by the virtue of patience."* This often quoted legendary response showcases Lawrence's courage and sense of humor even in the face of excruciating pain. It underlines the strength and faith of the early martyrs.

Ambrose reflects on the enduring legacy of Lawrence when he writes: *"Thus Lawrence died in the flames, but the flame of his love for Christ could not be extinguished. The Church rejoices in his triumph, for he who conquered the pain of burning by the fervor of his charity has left us an example of courage and faith."*

St. Lawrence Martyr, pray for us! Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

# 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 30, 2024

## Dear Padre

June 30, 2024

**Does God have a plan for each of us?**

We collaborate with God through continual prayer and discernment in planning out our best path of life. This path allows us to fulfill God's ultimate plan—namely, to find meaning in the life he gave us, enjoy his friendship while on earth, and spend eternal life with him in heaven.

God doesn't force us to live out our existence in some programmed, robotic way according to a predestined plan or inevitable fate over which we have no control. Rather, we're free and responsible for our own actions.

Moreover, God's plan for each of us is to experience his profound love and love him in return. "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him" (1 John 4:16). As the supreme sign of God's love, his plan of salvation from the beginning of time was to send us his only begotten Son. "Jesus' violent death was not the result of chance in an unfortunate coincidence of circumstances, but is part of the mystery of God's plan, as St. Peter explains...in his first sermon on Pentecost: 'This Jesus [was] delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 599). "By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part" (CCC 604). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / 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 ~ Jesus healed Jairus's daughter by saying "Talitha cum" which means "little girl, get up!". Has the Lord called you to get up and walk? Perhaps Jesus wants you to help others get up and walk. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or the diaconate, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Stewardship Reflection ~ While summer is a beautiful time for rest and vacation, it should never be a vacation away from God. If we're not using the summer as an opportunity to grow deeper in our relationship with Christ, we are not making the most of our time. Along with our time of leisure, we should try to use our time to volunteer with various summer programs including Catholic summer camps across the diocese.



### Feast Day of Saint Lawrence

August 10 (Saturday)

NOVENA after the 8:30 am Mass:

Begins August 1 ~ Ends August 9

[Click for Prayers](#)



### Fund Raising Campaign for Church Tower (CAD \$350K)

Details To Be Announced and Posted in our Website



### Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services

Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families within the Archdiocese of Toronto to participate in the Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Wednesday August 14, 2024, at 7PM.

### Day of Prayer and Healing (After Abortion) July 27, 2024 (9:30 am to 5:30 pm)

For more details, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (416) 463-2722 or reach us by email at [toronto@sistersoflife.org](mailto:toronto@sistersoflife.org).



### SAINT JOSEPH'S ORATORY, MONTREAL

#### 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canada's Consecration to St. Joseph

From March 10 to October 19, 2024, the 4th centenary will be commemorated through significant events at the Shrine. Whether as a parish, with family or friends or for your own personal pilgrimage, Saint Joseph's Oratory is ready to welcome you. To reserve your pilgrimage or to learn more about Saint Joseph's Oratory, please visit: [www.saint-joseph.org](http://www.saint-joseph.org).



Pilgrimage to Mexico  
Aug 22 - Sep 2, 2024  
w/ Fr. Thomas Lim  
(SOLD OUT)



### YEAR OF PRAYER Video Series

In the second episode in the Archdiocese of Toronto's Year of Prayer Video Series, Sr. Orianna Pietra René, a member of the Daughters of St. Paul, reflects on the second petition of the Lord's Prayer: Thy Kingdom Come.

For resources visit:  
[www.archtoronto.org/prayer](http://www.archtoronto.org/prayer)



### 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