

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.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Mark 9:30-37

“Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me...”



After Peter’s confession of Jesus as Messiah the road to Calvary is staked out by three predictions of the Passion, becoming more and more explicit. Each time the inability of the disciples to understand and accept the message is stressed. On this occasion they are too shamefaced to ask any further. At each prediction the same series occurs: from Passion to misunderstanding to disciples must share the Cross of Christ.

On this occasion the re-iteration takes the form of putting forward a child to show how the least honoured members of society should be treated. In the modern era we are especially sensitive to the rights of children. This was not the case in the ancient world, perhaps because of the high infant mortality rate: only a small minority of children would reach adulthood. So the child represents the most neglected segment of society, and Jesus chooses the child to stress that all human beings have infinite value, being made in the image of God. All deserve the same respect, love and care.



Il santo battesimo ci ha inseriti nella morte del Signore, ci ha resi conformi al suo sacrificio. Questa è la radice della nostra esistenza cristiana, la sua sorgente profonda: il frutto deve essere l’umiltà, l’esistenza che ne sgorga deve essere un’esistenza donata nel servizio. È questo un punto centrale della vita cristiana. In essa, e dunque nella Chiesa, la logica delle “precedenze” è completamente rovesciata: il primo è colui che si fa il servo di tutti, come Gesù, il cui primato è stato posto dalla sua obbedienza ed immolazione sulla croce. La vera dignità è nella possibilità offerta all’uomo di imitare l’umiltà del Verbo Incarnato. Una conseguenza sconvolgente: il piccolo è il “sacramento” di Gesù e quindi in lui accogliamo il Padre.



Vocation Reflection ~ “Who do people say that I am?” Who do you think Jesus is? The depth of our faith is rooted in our answer. Is God calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon? If you think you are being called to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Stewardship Reflection ~ St. James in the second reading says, “Where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.” As stewards, we will often face the temptation to compare our gifts with those of others and seek recognition for our own talents. One way to combat this envy and ambition is to intentionally celebrate the talents of others for the gifts of our brothers and sisters are the gifts of the entire Body of Christ.



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 SEPTEMBER 21ST – SABATO

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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Eliszabeth Ramsbotham

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

In Ringraziamento a San Michele

San Cosmo e Damiano e San Padre Pio

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Tony Lamanna – Antono Savella

Defunti famiglie De Ciantis e Mastroianni

Totonno e Rosaria Francell

Defunti famiglie Tamburro e Caccavella

Giuseppe Canini e famiglia

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Luigi e Maria D’Addario

Vincenza Di Tacchio - Paolo Modica

Nicodemo Calla e Carmela Raschella

Michelangelo Giorgio e Elisabetta Vitro

11:30 A.M. - Sofia Villanueva

1:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD – LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Hilda Centritto

12:00 P.M. - Henrietta Asch & Family

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH – MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Istvan Szakaczki

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

WEDNESDAY SEPT 25TH – MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Istvan Szakaczki

+ Adolfo & Emiliano Sillar

+ Holy Souls In Purgatory

- Emilia Tan

- Jean Louie Fournier

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

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH – GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. - David Jose

8:30 A.M. + Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH – VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Mary Tong Fung & Joseph Tam

7:00 P.M. - Maurice Ferdinando

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Vanitha & L.V. Singarayer

10:00 A.M. - Niko Miguel



Offertory Last Week:
Regular: \$5,975.00



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Dear Friends in Christ, recently Archbishop Leo penned a letter titled, “Archdiocesan Celebration of Saint Michael the Archangel”. In his letter, His Excellency invited all the faithful of the Archdiocese to pray the Novena to Saint Michael before the Archangel’s Solemnity, which the universal Church celebrates on September 29th. Throughout the Church’s history, countless faithful have shown a great devotion to this powerful servant of God. Many, for example, do so through their daily recitation of the famous St. Michael Prayer.

The story behind the composition of the prayer by Pope Leo XIII is a fascinating one. Shortly after celebrating Mass in his private chapel on 12 October 1884, the aged Pontiff suddenly stopped at the foot of the altar as his face turned white. When he was asked by those in attendance what had happened, Leo explained that just as he was about to leave the foot of the altar, he heard two voices: the first, the harsh and guttural voice of Satan; the second, the soft gentle voice of the Lord. In witnessing their dialogue, Leo heard Satan boasting to the Lord: “I can destroy your Church.” The Lord responded: “You can? Then go ahead and do so.” Satan complained, however: “To do so, I need more time and more power.” Our Lord asked: “How much time? How much power?” Satan responded: “75 to 100 years, and a greater power over those who will give themselves over to my service.” The dialogue concluded with the Lord saying: “You have the time; you will have the power. Do with them what you will.”

While many are familiar with the St. Michael Prayer, few are acquainted with the Sacred Line of St. Michael. The Sacred Line consist of seven shrines dedicated to the Archangel, with the locations representing significant places where the saint manifested himself through various apparitions and miracles. Although they are located between Europe and the Middle East, these shrines incredibly and mysteriously are connected with precision by a straight line.

Where are these shrines located? 1) Skelling Monastery (foundation date unknown) in Skelling Michael Island, Ireland; 2) St. Michael’s Mount Abbey established by the Benedictines in Mount’s Bay, Cornwall, England. According to legend, Michael appeared there around the 5th century and helped guide many sailors and fishermen to safe harbours, or warned them of danger at sea; 3) Mont Saint-Michel in Normandy, France. According to legend, in 709 the saint appeared to St. Augbert, the Bishop of Avranches, and instructed him to build a church in his honour on the rock. When the bishop decided to build the church in another more hospital place, the saint burned the poor bishop’s skull with a finger in order to change his mind; 4) The Sacred of Saint Michael the Archangel in Piedmont, Italy, where according to legend the saint appeared to the Archbishop of Ravenna, John Vincent and expressed his wish that a sanctuary be built in his honour; 5) The Shrine of St. Michael the Archangel in Monte Sant’Angello in Apulia, Italy – whose original sanctuary dates back to the end of the 5th century; 6) The Monastery of St. Michael Archangel of Panormitis, found on the Greek island of Simi, in the Dodecanese archipelagos; 7) The Stella Maris Monastery on Mount Carmel Haifa, Israel. Although the monastery is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary today, it was originally dedicated to the Archangel with its foundation dating back to the Byzantine era. (Source: holyart.com)

As we approach the Solemnity of St. Michael the Archangel - the patron saint of our Archdiocese - let us always ask for this great servant of God’s help, as we continue to walk in these difficult and trying times. St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us! Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



SACRED JOURNEY
RESTORING THE HOUSE OF GOD

Fundraising Goal : Bell Tower (Phase 1)

\$300,000.00

Raised To Date: \$0.00

From - Pledges: \$0.00

From - One Time Gift: \$0.00

Expenses to Date: \$15,000.00

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Dear Padre

September 22, 2024

What is spiritual direction? How does it differ from counseling?

In spiritual direction, a person is guided in a process of reflection, self-discovery, and recognition of God's presence in human experience; the primary focus is on one's relationship with God. Thus, in one sense, it is the Lord himself who is the "director" in all spiritual direction. In counseling, a person is also guided in a process of reflection and self-discovery; but the primary focus is on human growth and development. Counseling does not presuppose a person's faith or relationship with God; spiritual direction cannot be complete without it. Both spiritual direction and counseling share the same expectations of openness and honesty in the process; they share the same standards of confidentiality and professional conduct. Moreover, spiritual direction is similar to counseling in its aim toward human growth and development, but it further aims toward holiness and "toward ever more intimate union with Christ" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2014). That union is twofold: a personal relationship with Christ and with Christ's Church. "This union is called 'mystical' because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments" (CCC 2014). "All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to holiness: 'Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect'" (CCC 2013). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

SLM Catholic School

Registration for Kindergarten is still open. One of the parent MUST be Catholic. For details please call the school 416-393-5264 or visit the TCDSB 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 ~



Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada:



HOPS' COLLECT FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission Across the Country The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place next weekend, **Sept. 28 and 29**. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the Collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

2024-2025 SACRAMENTAL PREP



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) / Adult Confirmation

RCIA/Adult Confirmation Program designed for at least 16 years old non-Catholics wanting to become Catholic, or Baptized Catholic wanting to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church to receive First Communion and / or Confirmation.

Please go to our website SLM.RCIA to download and complete the application form.

Program starts October 8, 2024.

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

The First Reconciliation and Communion Program is designed for and received by children in Gr 2 or older.

For registration requirements please go to our website SLM Sacraments - FR/FHC.

Parents MUST bring all the requirements and attend ONE of the registration dates:

Thurs-Oct 17th at 7PM or Sat-Oct 19th at 10AM

Confirmation

The Confirmation Program is designed for and received by children in Grade 7 or older.

For registration requirements please go to our website SLM Sacraments - Confirmation.

Parents MUST bring all the requirements and attend ONE of the registration dates:

Thurs-Oct 24th at 7PM or Sat-Oct 26th at 10AM

LAUNCHING of EDGE Ministry for School Year 2024-2025



All youth in Grades 6 to 8 are welcome to participate!
October 11 @ 7PM
Church Hall

Contact: stlawrenceedge@gmail.com



2025 JUBILEE YEAR
ITALY PILGRIMAGE
With our Pastor
Father Thomas Lim



September 26 to
October 9, 2025

DETAILS
Coming Soon!



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