

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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Rev. Fr. Thomas Lim

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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.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Mark 9:38-43
45,47-48



“Do not stop anyone from working a miracle in My Name”

The gospel gives us a rich insight into two entirely separate matters, for this part of Mark is a collection of sayings about discipleship. The first little story tells us that we must accept good wherever we can find it, not only in our own group and where we expect it to be. It is the same lesson that came in the first reading. The Spirit of God is at work not only in Catholics, not only in Christians, not only even in explicit believers. As Vatican II teaches so strongly, the Holy Spirit is at work even in those who are seeking the Kingdom under signs and symbols. They can be better people and better Christians than those who sit back and do nothing, secure in the belief that they are members of the Church!

Secondly, the gospel gives some dire sayings about ‘scandals’. The word so translated means not stories about evil people or evil doings, but a trip-stone which makes people fall over. The dire sayings are about leading other believers into evil and about the trip-stones in ourselves, the disordered desires, that lead us into evil. Jesus sayings here must be taken with the utmost seriousness, but perhaps not literally to the extent of self-mutilation.

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L’itinerario di Gesù verso Gerusalemme è un susseguirsi di insegnamenti e raccomandazioni; una specie di manuale catechetico, che serve da continuo confronto per la fede, ancora solo incipiente, dei discepoli.

L’interrogativo posto da uno di loro: “Abbiamo visto uno che scacciava i demoni... ma non era dei nostri” descrive bene il rigido schematismo dentro cui, loro come noi, vorremmo imprigionare la libertà dello Spirito, che soffre sempre dove e come vuole.

Non siamo noi cristiani i padroni della salvezza, donataci da Cristo. Sia pure avendo responsabilità e modalità diverse in seno alla Chiesa, noi cristiani abbiamo solo il compito di far incontrare, tra di noi e agli altri, con la nostra testimonianza, la nostra parola e le nostre opere, la persona di Cristo.

La consapevolezza della gratuità del dono di Cristo ci obbliga a valorizzare tutto ciò che, nel mondo, fa presagire e manifesta la sua presenza redentrice, perché Cristo, unico ad avere una risposta esauriente all’inquietudine presente nel cuore dell’uomo, può inviare lo Spirito Santo a illuminare il cuore di ogni persona.

Il nostro desiderio più profondo dovrebbe essere quello di Mosè, quando ha esclamato: “Fossero tutti profeti nel popolo di Dio e volesse il Signore dare loro il suo spirito!”



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 28ST – SABATO

5:00 P.M. - Niko Miguel

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Simone Chong Ahmin

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Intenzione di Vito Barbieri

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Leonello Pecorari

Marino D’Attolico - Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Vincenza Di Tacchio-Vittorio Mastromartino

Nicodemo Calla, Carmela Raschella familia

Michelangelo Giorgio, Elisabetta Vitro familia

Antonio Zambri - Sebastiana Aprile

Maria Romagnuolo

Rocco Mastrangelo e familia

Antonio Romagnuolo e famiglia

Lorenzo e Giovanna Romagnuolo

11:30 A.M. + Russ Noble

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

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

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH – LUNEDIST

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

12:00 P.M. + Carmen Jose

TUESDAY OCTOBER 1ST – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. - The Catubig Family

12:00 P.M. + Theresa & Joseph Rodrigues

WEDNESDAY OCT 2ND – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Leland Garcia Omingo

+ Holy Souls in Purgatory

- The Lewis Family

- Isagani Mariano Jr

- Ellen Mariano

12:00 P.M. + Joseph Valadares

THURSDAY OCTOBER 3RD – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Angela Natalie Caguimbal

8:30 A.M. - Malcolm Noranho

FRIDAY OCTOBER 4TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Gerardo Herrera

7:00 P.M. - Michael De Souza

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Sandy Noranho

10:00 A.M. - Cedric De Souza & Family



Offering Last Week:

Regular: \$6,099.05

Thank you for your generosity!

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ, during a lecture in my “Intro to Canon Law” course, a seminarian asked me: “Father, the Feast of the Archangels: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, is celebrated on September 29th within the Church’s liturgical calendar. A few years ago, I remembered that the Feast fell on a Sunday and it was celebrated throughout our Archdiocese instead of the usual Sunday liturgy. This year, September 29th happens to fall on Sunday again. Will the Feast of the Archangels be celebrated throughout the Archdiocese this weekend?”

The seminarian asked a very insightful question, one that essentially concerns how the Church deals with those instances when a feast falls on a particular Sunday. Before addressing his question, it is important to note that the Church continually tries to balance both the significance of the Lord’s Day with the importance of specific feast days. By maintaining this balance, the Church enables a given community to maintain a vibrant spiritual and liturgical life, while helping its members to remain centered on Christ and his Paschal Mystery.

With this backdrop in mind, the overarching principle that determines whether a feast that falls on a Sunday is observed, or not, depends on its respective rank. When a solemnity (considered the highest rank of feast) falls on a Sunday, for example, it is celebrated as such. While the Sunday celebration of the Mass remains the central focal point for the faithful, the solemnity is also commemorated within the Mass. This will be the case when we celebrated the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, which happens to fall on Sunday, June 25th, 2025.

If a feast is associated with the Lord (e.g., Christmas, Easter, etc.,) the feast takes precedence over the regular Sunday liturgy. This means that in our upcoming liturgical calendar (2025), the Epiphany of the Lord (Jan 5th), the Baptism of the Lord (Jan 12th), the Presentation of the Lord (Feb 2nd) - feasts related to key moments in Our Lord’s life - will be celebrated in lieu of the ordinary Sunday celebration. Thus, the readings, psalms, and Gospel passages of those Sundays will highlight with greater clarity those specific events in Christ’s life.

When a feast that is associated with the saints (considered the lowest rank) falls on a Sunday, the Sunday liturgy *typically* takes precedence over it, and the celebration of that particular feast may be moved to another day. The Church does this because it wants its children to keep their eyes focused on the significance of the liturgy, the Paschal Mystery - the Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus – that we celebrate each Sunday.

Sometimes, a local bishop and/or a parish priest, may decide for pastoral reasons to celebrate the feast of their (arch)diocese/parish’s patron saint, when it falls on Sunday. Incidentally, it just happens that our parish’s patron feast day, St. Lawrence Martyr (celebrated on August 10th), falls on a Sunday in 2025. At this point, I have not decided whether our parish should celebrate our patron’s feast day, or the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Returning to our seminarian’s question then... A few years ago, when the Feast of the Archangels fell on a Sunday, Cardinal Collins (Archbishop Emeritus) instructed all the priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto to celebrate it instead of the ordinary Sunday liturgy. I suppose he made the decision because he wanted to emphasize our patron’s role within our Archdiocese. This year, however, Archbishop Leo has not given us any such instruction. By doing so, His Excellency has gone back to following the Church’s long-standing practice of placing the primacy on the Sunday liturgy ahead of the feasts of the saints, including our own patron, St. Michael. Although their decisions differ, it is important to note that one isn’t better than the other; both decisions are good since they have a different focus in mind. While the feast of St. Michael falls on a Sunday this year, our readings will come from the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



SACRED JOURNEY
RESTORING THE HOUSE OF GOD

Fundraising Goal: Bell Tower (Phase 1)
\$300,000

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**RAISED TO DATE: \$17,860**

From Pledges: \$2,160

From One Time Gift: \$15,700

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EXPENSES TO DATE: \$15,000

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Dear Padre

September 29, 2024

After we die and go to heaven, will our guardian angel still be with us? Will we know the angel in a closer way?

"The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 328). The notion that each person has his or her own guardian angel may be based on Jesus' warning not to despise "little ones" because "their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). Saint Basil wrote, "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life." How might we interact with these constant companions in heaven? In heaven, we'll be consumed with the presence of the beatific vision—the immediate knowledge of God, which the angelic spirits and the souls of the just enjoy. In beholding God face to face, we find perfect happiness. "This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called 'heaven.' Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness" (CCC 1024). Even though "this mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description" (CCC 1027), to imagine the pure joy of being close to our guardian angel is just a foretaste of what heaven will be! ●

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 ~



Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection – October 5/6, 2024 :

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 5/6, 2024 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

The Archdiocese of Toronto has raised almost 50% of its \$6 million pledge with \$2.7 million in funds already allocated to support eight projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth.

Let us join together and follow the invitation of the Holy Father for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey.

For more information or to donate online, visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation. Thank you for your generosity.

2024-2025 SACRAMENTAL PREP



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](http://www.slm.ca/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](http://www.slm.ca/SLM_Sacraments_Confirmation).

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

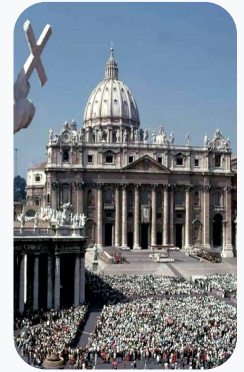
Thurs-Oct 24th at 7PM or Sat-Oct 26th at 10AM

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