

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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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.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 20, 2024

Mark 10, 35-45

“The Son of Man came to Give His Life as a Ransom for Many...”



Three times in Mark’s gospel does Jesus formally tell his disciples about his coming Passion, and each time they seem entirely deaf to it. So each time Jesus counters their misunderstanding by repeating the need of a disciple to follow him in suffering. Today’s reading begins just after the third prophecy, and – true to form – the sons of Zebedee reply with a request for the best seats at the banquet of the Kingdom! Matthew spares the two disciples by putting the request in their poor mother’s mouth. Only in a second exchange with Jesus do they woodenly accept to share Jesus’ ‘cup’ and ‘baptism’. Do they really know what they are accepting, or do they just blithely agree? The indignation of the other disciples prompts Jesus to his clearest statement in words that authority in the Church is a service. His clearest statement in action is the smelly business of washing their travel-gnarled feet at his last meal with them. The lesson is difficult to assimilate, for authority corrupts even at this level. At the ordination of a priest the Church still speaks of ‘the dignity of the priesthood’ rather than ‘the service of the priesthood’.

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Gesù reagisce vivamente di fronte alla minaccia che pesa ancora una volta sulla sua comunità a causa dell’ambizione sfrenata di avere i primi posti, di conquistare il potere. La sua lezione è molto severa, quasi solenne. Egli propone in compenso una nuova economia sociale: quella di una comunità senza potere la cui sola regola è servire, fino a offrire la propria vita per i fratelli, bevendo il calice fino all’ultima goccia. E per tutti i suoi membri, perché tutti sono fratelli. All’immagine del capo che comanda si oppone quella del capo che serve. Ed ecco che i capi avranno paradossalmente un solo compito: servire. Il suo prototipo è il Messia, diventato piuttosto il Figlio dell’uomo, schiavo di tutti gli schiavi, per il riscatto dei quali egli offre quello che possiede e quello che è: tutto. Egli ha appena formulato il suo progetto di comunità, la sua carta “costituzionale”, alla quale tutti i partecipanti devono aderire: ognuno è servitore di tutti.



Vocation Reflection ~ “Jesus’ life was the best ‘job description’: sympathy; mercy; service; compassion; and total giving. Life is rewarding when one lives for others. Do you want to serve or be served? If you are willing to serve as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, AoT 416-968-0997.

Stewardship Reflection ~ As Christians who are called to imitate Christ, we may sometimes feel that Jesus, being God, doesn’t know what it’s like to struggle here on earth. However, St. Paul says “we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.” Therefore, when we face trials in our stewardship, let us turn to Jesus and ask Him to help us overcome our struggles just as He did during His time on earth.



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 OCTOBER 19TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Marielise Tisseverasinghe

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20TH – DOMENICA

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

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Tony Lamanna - Antonio Savella

Defunti famiglie De Ciantis e Mastroianni

Benito Cortese

Totonno e Rosaria Francella

G iuseppe Canini e famiglia

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Antonino Tuccitto e famiglia

Vincenzo Pitino e famiglia

11:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

1:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

5:00 P.M. + Mr. & Mrs. John Fernandes

MONDAY OCTOBER 21ST – LUNEDIST

8:30 A.M. + Paul & Pauline Lam

12:00 P.M. + Carmen Jose

TUESDAY OCTOBER 22ND – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Amelia Barroso

12:00 P.M. + Marcos Tolentino Lobo

WEDNESDAY OCT 23RD – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. - Melinda Pamintuan

- John Edgar Gorobia

12:00 P.M. - Trudy Lavilla

THURSDAY OCTOBER 24TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Remigio & Venilda Caguimbal

8:30 A.M. + Maria Belen Rosales

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. - Mary Tisseverasinghe

7:00 P.M. - In Thanksgiving for Graces

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Oto Lam & Family

10:00 A.M. + Deceased Ho & Mar Families



Offertory Last Week:

Regular: \$5,412.20

Bell Tower: \$6,578.65



**If you would rise, shun luxury,
for luxury lowers and degrades.
~St. John Chrysostom~**

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 20, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ, in 1989 Peter Weir directed the critically acclaimed film, “Dead Poet Society”, winning the Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay. The film, set in the 1950’s at the all-boys preparatory school Welton Academy, follows the English teacher, John Keating (played by Robin Williams). Through a series of unconventional teaching practices, Keating inspired his students to embrace poetry, to follow their passions by breaking free from the shackles of societal expectations, and to “seize the day” (*Carpe diem* in Latin).

Carpe diem (“seize the day”)! These words have been on my mind as I reflect on a number of coincidental turn of events that have occurred recently. A few weeks ago (as I wrote last weekend), my brother-in-law, Poe, suddenly suffered bleeding in his brain and was admitted to ICU at Toronto Western. Although Poe is no longer in a coma, he remains in critical condition. Thank you for your prayers! Shortly after Poe’s medical situation, I received a call from a good friend of mine, Fr. Zack Romanosky, asking for prayers. Apparently, his brother, John, who is married with a young child, was also admitted to the ICU at a hospital in Pittsburgh after experiencing bleeding in his brain. Fortunately, John’s condition was not critical and the doctors expect a full recovery for him. If these two incidents were not perplexing enough, shortly after this, another close friend of mine, Fr. Peter Choi (Pastor of Sacred Heart Korean Parish) texted me the tragic story of one of his parishioners. Son, who recently retired and moved to Toronto with her husband, suffered a massive brain aneurysm while playing golf and died on the 16th hole at a local golf course in Toronto! Three different individuals; three bleeding of the brain; three very different outcomes for each person!

While some who are reading this Corner might begin to offer different theories as to why these three unrelated, disconcerting set of events happened during such a small window of time, I (for my part) will neither speculate nor conjecture on the “how” and “why” of these events. Rather, I believe that all these sudden, dramatic turn of events are really poignant reminders for us in regards to the fragility of our human bodies and the transient nature of our earthly existence. In other words, they should serve as a reminder on how hastily and unceremoniously our lives can be interrupted, or terminated without any warning whatsoever. Moreover, they should act as a catalyst for us to “seize the day”, that is, to truly live each moment of our life faithfully and fully, given that we may never know what surprises and challenges tomorrow may offer us, should tomorrow even come at all!

The idea of *Carpe diem* (“seize the day”) can have many different connotations from a Christian perspective. My favorite interpretation, however, comes from the author, Thomas à Kempis, who wrote the spiritual masterpiece, *The Imitation of Christ*. In his thoughts on death (cf. Book 1, Chapter 23), Kempis wrote these powerful words that can be used as food for our personal reflection: *“Very soon your life here will end; consider, then, what may be in store for you elsewhere. Today we live; tomorrow we die and are quickly forgotten. Oh, the dullness and hardness of a heart which looks only to the present instead of preparing for that which is to come! Therefore, in every deed and every thought, act as though you were to die this very day.”* Kempis reminds his reader to seize the “seize the day” when he states: *“In the morning consider that you may not live till evening, and when evening comes do not dare to promise yourself the dawn. Be always ready, therefore, and so live that death will never take you unprepared. Many die suddenly and unexpectedly, for in the unexpected hour the Son of God will come. And how does one live this day? By practicing... “Perfect contempt of the world, a lively desire to advance in virtue, a love for discipline, the works of penance, readiness to obey, self-denial, and the endurance of every hardship for the love of Christ, these will give a man great expectations of a happy death.... The present is very precious; these are the days of salvation; now is the acceptable time. How sad that you do not spend the time in which you might purchase everlasting life in a better way. The time will come when you will want just one day, just one hour in which to make amends, and do you know whether you will obtain it?... Learn to die to the world now, that then you may begin to live with Christ. Learn to spurn all things now, that then you may freely go to Him.... Think of nothing but your salvation. Care only for the things of God.... Keep yourself as a stranger here on earth, a pilgrim whom its affairs do not concern at all. Keep your heart free and raise it up to God, for you have not here a lasting home. To Him direct your daily prayers, your sighs and tears, that your soul may merit after death to pass in happiness to the Lord.”* In light of Kempis’s powerful words, let us each resolve to *carpe diem*, “seize the day”! Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



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Dear Padre

October 20, 2024

I read about bishops with different titles: coadjutor, auxiliary, ordinary. What is the difference between all of these bishops?

All bishops in the Church are ordained in the same way. Bishops are the only people who can ordain other people in the Church. Bishops also have authority regarding Church matters. A bishop who is the ordinary of a diocese is the head of that diocese. He has the authority to guide and direct matters in the diocese. Like all other bishops, he has the responsibility to teach and preach in the name of the Church.

A bishop who is an auxiliary is assigned to help the ordinary of the diocese. His responsibilities are given to him by the ordinary. In most circumstances, the auxiliary will help in the administration of the diocese and celebrate the sacraments within the diocese.

A coadjutor bishop is assigned to aid the ordinary of the diocese. He usually has the right to succeed the ordinary once he retires or dies in office. In some circumstances, coadjutor bishops may be given authority that is normally reserved to the ordinary.

The differences between these bishops are the tasks they perform and the authority they have within a diocese. However, as bishops, they all receive the same ordination. ●

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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 ~



All Souls' Day Mass – Saturday Nov. 2, 2024 at 2 p.m.



Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - AoT wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass.



2024-2025 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

SLM CRAFT GROUP are collecting **NEW MEN'S** socks from October 19th for **GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE** in downtown Toronto. The socks may be placed in the Box located in the Church foyer. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank You!



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES WEEK FORMATION

There is no cost to attend but registration is required.

CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org 416-934-3400x523

To register online click the [https](#) link below:



Formation for Lectors Webinar ~
Monday, November 11, 2024 7pm to 9pm

Register by November 10:

<https://bit.ly/LW-RegisterNov2024>

Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Webinar ~ Tuesday,
November 12, 2024 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Register by November 11:

<https://bit.ly/EMCHW-RegisterNov2024>



Formation for Leaders of Music Ministries Webinar ~ Wednesday,
November 13, 2024 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Register by November 12:

<https://bit.ly/MMW-RegisterNov2024>

Formation for Ministers of Hospitality Webinar ~ Thursday, November 14, 2024

7pm to 9pm Register by November 13:

<https://bit.ly/HW-RegisterNov2024>

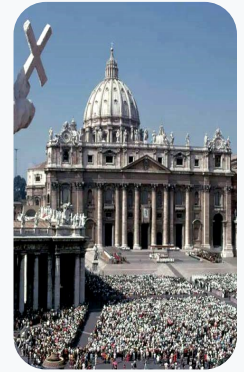


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With our Pastor
Father Thomas Lim



September 26 to
October 9, 2025

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