

# St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. Fr. Thomas Lim

**Pastor**

Rev. Fr. Russell Asch

**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.**

## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 27, 2024

Mark 10, 46-52

**“Go; your faith has saved you...”**



There are several remarkable things about this story. Firstly, the scene is just when Jesus is leaving Jericho. Jericho is about three hours' walk from Jerusalem, up a great, rocky canyon. When you leave Jericho you know you are just about coming to Jerusalem. It is the last village on the way, and the excitement of the great revelation of Jesus at the Passion is already upon them. The cured beggar dances on the way with them. Secondly, he is the only person in Mark to call Jesus 'Son of David', drawing attention to Jesus' messianic ancestry, ready for his messianic entry into Jerusalem. Thirdly, in Mark Jesus says 'Your faith has cured you' only twice. The first time was to the woman with a haemorrhage, who had shown her faith with great courage by daring to touch Jesus' garment in the crowd. Now Bartimaeus shows the same stubborn courage in carrying on shouting despite the attempts to silence him. So they both show with courage that they really do put their trust in Jesus and are confident that he will help. If our faith is to save us, it needs to be real, courageous and stubborn. Lukewarm, tentative faith is not enough.

L'evangelista Marco che ascoltiamo quest'anno ci presenta le azioni e le parole di Gesù durante il suo viaggio a Gerusalemme. Viaggio sicuramente topografico, ma anche e soprattutto simbolico. Questa strada che Gesù percorre con entusiasmo - "Gesù li precedeva" - e dove i discepoli lo seguono con diffidenza o inquietudine - "essi erano spaventati, e coloro che seguivano erano anche timorosi" (Mc 10,32) - qui arriva al termine. Ecco il contesto della lettura sulla quale meditiamo oggi.

Al termine del cammino, oggi incontriamo un cieco. Un cieco, che, in più, è un mendicante. In lui c'è oscurità, tenebre, e assenza. E attorno a lui c'è soltanto il rigetto: "Molti lo sgridavano per farlo tacere". Gesù chiama il cieco, ascolta la sua preghiera, e la esaudisce. Anche oggi, qui, tra coloro che il Signore ha riunito, "ci sono il cieco e lo zoppo" (prima lettura) - quello che noi siamo -; ed è per questo che le azioni di Gesù, che ci vengono raccontate, devono renderci più pieni di speranza.

È nel momento in cui termina il viaggio di Gesù a Gerusalemme (e dove termina il ciclo liturgico), che un mendicante cieco celebra Gesù e lo riconosce come "Figlio di Davide", o Messia; e questo mendicante riacquista la vista e "segue Gesù per la strada". È un simbolo, un invito. Chiediamo al Signore che ci accordi la luce della fede e ci dia vigore, affinché lo seguiamo come il cieco di Gerico, fino a che non avremo raggiunto la Gerusalemme definitiva.



**Vocation Reflection** ~ The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet, but shouted all the louder in prayer "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Only then did Jesus call him over and answered his need. Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for our lives. And then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, AoT 416-968-0997.



**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 26<sup>TH</sup> – SABATO**

5:00 P.M. + Robert & Vince D'Andrea

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup> – DOMENICA**

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

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Intenzioni di Vito Barbieri

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia- Elisabetta Barbieri

Leonello Pecorari- Marino D'Attolico

Agostino Battaglia e defunti famiglie

Battaglia e Garofalo - Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Luigi e Maria D'Addario

Vittorio Mastromartino

Corrina Lamanna-Luigi Cornacchia

Agata Lopresti-Costantino - Maria Baroni

11:30 A.M. - Candida Lobo

1:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

5:00 P.M. + Vittorio Nanni

**MONDAY OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> – LUNEDIST**

8:30 A.M. - Lancy Dcunha

12:00 P.M. - Carlos Faria

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> – MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Stanka & Frank Kosik

12:00 P.M. - Teresa Ledo

**WEDNESDAY OCT 30<sup>TH</sup> – MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Aurora Vergara

+ Abraham & Emercina Mendonca

+ Celia Immanuela Rosary

- Thanksgiving Mary T.

12:00 P.M. + Edward Pytel

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> – GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. + Sydney Irene Anne De Souza

8:30 A.M. + Franciska Dimitrov

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> – VENERDI**

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

7:00 P.M. - Pro Popolo

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> – SABATO**

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

10:00 A.M. - Pro Popolo



**Offertory Last Week:**

Regular: \$5,907.45

Evangelization of Nations: \$2,504.45

*thank you*

**“Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” C.S. Lewis**

## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 27, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ, the other day when I was having lunch with some of my students in the refectory at St. Augustine seminary, my eyes turned toward the large image of Our Lady of Guadalupe hanging on one of the side walls. The image, which I am referring to, is the one miraculously imprinted on the tilma of St. Juan Diego and has led millions of indigenous Indians in Mexico to convert to the Catholic faith.

I must confess that although I have passed the image countless times before (given that I had spent more than four years of formation in the seminary), the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe did not really capture my imagination before, unlike the way it did that afternoon! So what happened? The answer? Unexpected grace!

The unexpected grace, which caused me to see Mary in a new, different light, came during a recent pilgrimage to Mexico. One Sunday, while we were on our way to celebrate Mass at the church of the Holy Family in Mexico City, our group became ensnarled in a massive traffic jam. The city centre was in total gridlock, with many streets closed for an international marathon that took place earlier that morning. Faced with the certainty that we were not going to arrive at our scheduled church on time, the bus made a detour and headed towards the shrine at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We made this decision so that the pilgrims could at least fulfil their Sunday obligations by attending one of the Masses at the shrine that afternoon.

As the pilgrims prepared to make their way to their seats, Jose, our tour guide, suggested that he and I make our way to the office, in order to inquire about the possibility of having me concelebrate Mass. The standard practice is to obtain this permission weeks, if not months, prior to the scheduled Mass. Although I went with Jose without any expectations, you can imagine how happy I was when the staff of the shrine permitted me to concelebrate Mass with the pilgrims. Whether I was able to concelebrate Mass on account of Mary's intervention, or simply due to the Lord's abundant mercy, I cannot say. In any event, my heart was filled with much gratitude and joy!

During my fifteen years as a priest, I have had the privilege of (con)celebrating Masses at some of the most spectacular churches, basilicas, and shrines in our Catholic Church. These include, for example: St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the shrine at Our Lady of Fatima, just to name a few. Every experience, of course, is different and special in its own ways. Concelebrating Mass in the shrine that Sunday morning in front of thousands of pilgrims from around the world (including the thirty that came with me from Toronto) was an incredible and memorable experience. Having said that, what remains firmly etched in my heart, however, was the experience that took place shortly after the completion of Mass. Once the presiding priest gave us the final blessing, both he and I turned ourselves toward the direction of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which hung on the wall directly behind the main sanctuary. For a very brief moment, I had the privilege of looking directly at the Blessed Virgin Mary, she who was depicted as a woman with indigenous features standing on a crescent moon and wearing a mantle decorated with stars. As I looked at this simple image of Our Lady, I could not help but fall in love with the beauty, humility and tenderness etched upon the face of the handmaid of the Lord!

This wonderful grace, which I received totally unexpected that Sunday afternoon, continues to allow me to look at the Blessed Virgin Mary, depicted in the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, with tender, filial affection. Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



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**RESTORING THE HOUSE OF GOD**

**THANK YOU!!!**

FUNDS RAISED TO DATE: \$58,237.40

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## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 27, 2024

# Dear Padre

October 27, 2024

**I am an eighty-year-old with painful knee replacements. Am I allowed to remain seated during Mass? Also, at what age am I free to watch a televised Mass at home instead of going to Mass?**

Your health condition permits you to remain seated while others in the congregation kneel or stand. Of primary importance is your valued presence, and your full, active participation with fellow members of your Catholic faith community. At Mass, "the faithful form a holy people... so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him..." (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 95).

However, if someone is incapable of attending Mass, then the obligation is abrogated, regardless of age. The Church allows a televised Mass primarily for people who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes, and prisons. "The televised Mass is never a substitute for the Church's pastoral care for the sick in the form of visits by parish ministers who share the Scriptures and bring Communion, nor is it ever a substitute for the Sunday Mass celebrated within a parish faith community each week" (Guidelines for Televising the Liturgy, USCCB, 2014). If you are unable to be present at Mass, you have an opportunity to identify with a worshipping community, hear the word of God, be moved to expressions of praise and thanksgiving, and unite with Christ in spiritual communion. ●

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"*

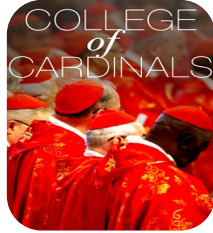
~ St Francis de Sales ~



See You!

# PIZZA & MW NIGHT

Every 3rd Saturday of the Month  
After the 5 pm Mass



### ARCHBISHOP LEO'S ELEVATION TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS

We pray for all those who have been elevated by Pope Francis to the College of Cardinals, especially our own Archbishop, Francis Leo. May the Lord bestow wisdom, courage and grace upon him in abundance through Our Lady's intercession.

May all the Cardinals continue to serve Holy Mother Church and the Holy Father faithfully and shepherd Christ's flock courageously, leading by example and helping to strengthen our relationship with Jesus our Saviour.

We pray to the Lord.

### All Souls' Day Mass – Saturday Nov. 2, 2024 at 2 p.m. The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed



Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - AoT wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – OLF Mausoleum  
Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre  
Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – HF Mausoleum  
Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English)  
Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – OLA Mausoleum

**ALL ARE WELCOME !**

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES WEEK FORMATION



There is no cost to attend but registration is required.

CONTACT: [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org) 416-934-3400x523

To register online click the [https link below](https://bit.ly/LW-RegisterNov2024):

#### 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 HC 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 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Register by November 13:

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



### 2025 JUBILEE YEAR ITALY PILGRIMAGE

With our Pastor  
Father Thomas Lim



September 27 to  
October 10, 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