

# 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.**

## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD ~ FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Luke 2:22-40



**“My eyes have seen Your Salvation.”**

The story of the Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple is dominated by Simeon’s welcome, ‘a light to enlighten the gentiles and the glory of your people Israel’, and by his warning to Mary, ‘a sword will pierce your heart’. Simeon reiterates the angel’s promise that the child would fulfil the destiny of Israel and Israel’s task to the nations. Much like any family life, the promised future included the delights of the growing, developing child, and the background fear that the great destiny of each child may include sorrow and even heart-break. How much did Mary and Joseph know about the precious child they were nurturing? As he grew to independence did he become more loving and supportive? How did his contemporaries find him? Was he a leader? Did he stand out from the pack? Each of us has a private picture of the child, the boy, the adolescent, the young man. All we know for sure is that ‘the child grew to maturity’, and that Mary ‘pondered all these things in her heart’, with Simeon’s welcome and warning before her mind.

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Il vecchio Simeone, certo della promessa ricevuta, riconosce Gesù e la salvezza di cui il Cristo è portatore e accetta il compiersi della sua esistenza.

Anche Anna, questa profetessa ormai avanti negli anni, che aveva però passato quasi tutta la sua vita in preghiera e penitenza riconosce Gesù e sa parlare di lui a quanti lo attendono. Anna e Simeone, a differenza di molti altri, capiscono che quel bimbo è il Messia perché i loro occhi sono puri, la loro fede è semplice e perché, vivendo nella preghiera e nell’adesione alla volontà del Padre, hanno conquistato la capacità di riconoscere la ricchezza dei tempi nuovi.

Prima ancora di Simeone e Anna è la fede di Maria che permette all’amore di Dio per noi di tramutarsi nel dono offertoci in Cristo Gesù. Giovanni Paolo II nella “Redemptoris Mater” ci ricorda che “quello di Simeone appare come un secondo annuncio a Maria, poiché le indica la concreta dimensione storica nella quale il Figlio compirà la sua missione, cioè nell’incomprensione e nel dolore” (n. 16).



**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 FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> - SABATO**

5:00 P.M. + Clarence Towsley

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> - DOMENICA**

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

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Susanna, Gianni e Assunta Onisto  
Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia  
Vito Sciuto e famiglia  
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo  
Maria e Antonio Ciciretto  
Eugenio Marullo  
Teresa Luisi

11:30 A.M. + Aurea & Epifanio Ilag

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

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

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> - LUNEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Clarita Lamug

12:00 P.M. + Special Intentions

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> - MARTEDI**

8:30 A.M. - The Catubig Family

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

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> - MERCOLEDI**

8:30 A.M. + Anna Menna

12:00 P.M. - Paolo Nathaniel Caguimbal

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> - GIOVEDI**

7:00 A.M. - Neal Harvey

8:30 A.M. + Alvin Marshall

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> - VENERDI**

8:30 A.M. + Anna Menna

7:00 P.M. - Joseph Leung & Family

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO**

8:30 A.M. - Norma Cruz

10:00 A.M. + Lumina Dominguez



**OFFERTORY LAST WEEK**

Regular: \$5,730.95

Bell Tower Envelopes: 2,245.00

*thank you*

## *A Celebration of Marriage* in the Archdiocese of Toronto

**MASS WITH BISHOP IVAN CAMILLERI**

Sunday, February 9, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica

65 Bond Street, Toronto

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Special recognition and reserved seating available for couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ anniversaries in 2025*

For more information and registration  
visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)

### Vocation Reflection



No prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown.

Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life.

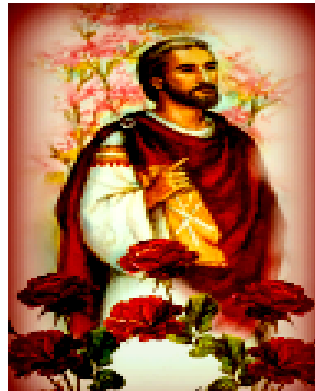
If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

vocations@archtoronto.org  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

**“Devote your first and principal care to cleansing your own conscience. Let cleansing the consciences of others come later. For how can one be of use to others who takes no care of their own self.” ~ St. Francis Xavier ~**

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD ~ FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Join us for a  
**St. Valentine's Day  
Family Dance Party**



February 14th, 7 PM  
St Lawrence Martyr Parish Hall

Tickets: Adult \$50  
Children 12 & below \$25

Dinner, Dance, Activities, Prizes  
& so much more!

Dress:  
Semi-formal modest  
pink, red, white

**Tickets on Sale:**  
Weekends before & after all Masses  
Weekdays at the parish office  
Cash and Credit card accepted



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## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD ~ FEBRUARY 2, 2025



### Pilgrimage Churches

The Holy Places of Worship in each of the major regions of the archdiocese to serve as pilgrimage destinations during the Jubilee Year are as follows:

#### Archdiocesan

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto

#### Shrines

Martyrs' Shrine, Midland

#### Central Region

St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto

St. Mary's Parish, Toronto

St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York

#### Western Region

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke

St. Mary's Parish, Brampton

#### Eastern Region

St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough

St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa

#### Northern Region

St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg

St. Mary's Parish, Barrie

Additional information on the Jubilee Year, along with relevant resources are also available online through: [www.archtoronto.org/jubilee](http://www.archtoronto.org/jubilee)

### The Solemn Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year in Scarborough will take place on:

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 7 p.m.

St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough

(Cardinal Leo to preside)

*Everyone is welcome to attend!*

## Dear Padre

February 2, 2025

**What happened to Candlemas? When I was a child, there was one day when everyone brought candles to church to have them blessed. At the end of Mass, the priest would bless everyone's throats with the candles.**

Candlemas is another name for our celebration of the Presentation of the Lord: the day Mary and Joseph presented their child to God in the Temple at Jerusalem in accordance with the law of Moses (Luke 2:22-38). We remember how the elderly believers Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as their longed-for Messiah and how, addressing God in a canticle, Simeon proclaimed Christ to be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Luke 2:32).

Mass on this day often begins with the blessing and lighting of candles, which the priest and people carry into the church. The name Candlemas springs from this ritual blessing.

The day after the feast of the Presentation is the memorial celebration of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. According to tradition, St. Blaise was instrumental in healing a person who was choking. The Church remembers this encounter and celebrates the intervention of the Spirit of God through the blessing of throats, using the blessed candles from the feast of the Presentation. It is a wonderful and very practical spiritual practice that is much appreciated and anticipated each year. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



### 2025 JUBILEE YEAR ITALY PILGRIMAGE

With our Pastor  
Father Thomas Lim  
September 27 to  
October 10, 2025

[Click for Details](#)



## 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

Don't miss this SPECIAL event! Annie Karto is flying in from Treasure Island, Florida to speak at it!

Click anywhere to access online information



### Catholic Women's Conference

**SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2025**

LOCATION: The Old Mill (Old Mill Subway Station)

REGISTRATION: 8:00am TIME: 9:00am - 4:00pm

For more information call (416) 907-1042



Special Guest Speaker, Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI

Being a Priest - Being a Midwife

Closing Mass celebrated by

Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB



Annie Karto | Divine Mercy Flood My Soul

Dr. Stephanie Kafie | Totus Tuus - 5 Ways to Live out "Totally Yours"

Lisa Canning | Surrendering in Suffering: Discovering JOY

Dorothy Pilarski | Your Life is Going to Change

Bishop Robert Kasun | Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope



EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION \$65 (before Feb. 14) Register at [DynamicWomenFaith.com](http://DynamicWomenFaith.com)



Light Lunch • Free Parking • Door Prizes! TICKETS on [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) [dwf2025.eventbrite.ca](http://dwf2025.eventbrite.ca)

## POWER FROM ON HIGH

2025 Lift Jesus Higher Rally | Christian  
Speakers And Music March 29, 2025  
Metro Toronto Convention Center

Click anywhere to access online information

### 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 ~

