

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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In Residence

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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.**

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 4, 2025

John 21:1-19



JESUS came and took The Bread and gave It to them and in like manner The Fish.

This epilogue to the Gospel of John shows an extraordinary link at the oral tradition stage to Luke's version of the Call of the Disciples: the same unsuccessful fishing all night, the success at Jesus' command, and the commission to proclaim the Gospel. As in so many encounters with the Risen Christ, he is an awesome figure, the same person but mysteriously changed, so that they have difficulty recognising him. In addition it has the touching scene of Peter's restoration: a triple declaration of love and loyalty is extorted from Peter to compensate for his triple denial, and a triple commission is given to him, concluding with the repeat of his call, 'Follow me' – as the promise of his martyrdom still echoes in his ears. While Matthew's gospel concludes with a promise that the Risen Christ will be always with his Church, this gospel paints it occurring in practice: Jesus feeds his followers at the picnic breakfast. Why the 153 fish? For the Venerable Bede it is obvious: put together the numbers from 1 to 16, to this add 10 for the Commandments and 7 for the days of creation, and you get 153. There may be more to it than that!

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La terza volta che Gesù si manifesta ai suoi, dopo la risurrezione, è densa di avvenimenti e di insegnamenti.

Egli si ferma sulla riva del lago a cuocere il pesce per loro, e a presentarsi ancora come uno che serve, perché il Risorto è tutto Amore, Spirito vivificante. Ed è sull'amore che interroga Pietro. Non è un esame, ma solo una triplice affettuosa richiesta, all'uomo che per tre volte l'aveva rinnegato e che ciò nonostante doveva essere la prima pietra della sua Chiesa.

Di fronte alla debolezza di Pietro, soggetto ad alti e bassi, come un po' tutti noi poveri mortali, si erge maestosa e commovente la fedeltà adamantina di Gesù all'uomo che aveva scelto.

Ma a tutti noi quel dialogo umano fra Gesù e Pietro dice anche qualcosa di estremamente consolante. Ci dice cioè che, se erriamo, Gesù, una volta ravveduti, non ricorda il nostro sbaglio e vede in noi solo quello splendido disegno per il quale Dio ci ha creato. Questa è la misericordia di Dio! Pietro, forgiato dalle umiliazioni della tristissima prova fallita, si abbandona totalmente a Gesù. Come lui, anche noi esaminiamo il nostro cuore, per potergli dire e ripetere spesso: "Signore, tu sai tutto, tu sai che ti amo" (Gv 21,16).



Vocation Reflection... How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, AoT at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

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 MAY 3RD - SABATO

8:00 P.M. + Henry Lobo

SUNDAY MAY 4TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - The Noranho Family

10:00 A.M. - (Italian)

In Ringraziamento Alla Madonna Di Valleverde—Susanna e Gianni Onisto - Msgr. Arnaldo Onisto—Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Vito Sciuto e famiglia—Vito e Mike Cuoppolo - Teresa Luisi Defunti famiglie Longo e Russo - Defunti famiglie Tamburro e Caccavella - Pasquale Scozzese incenza Di Tacchio - Maria e Giuseppe Doria—Angelina e Corrado Rabbito - Romolo e Antonio Doria

11:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

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

MONDAY MAY 5TH - LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Elizabeth Benjamin Rodriguez

12:00 P.M. - Kau Lam Leung

TUESDAY MAY 6TH - MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Divina Gaerlan

12:00 P.M. + Chan Tak To

WEDNESDAY MAY 7TH - MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

+ Aurea Abas

12:00 P.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY MAY 8TH - GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. - Cedric De Souza & Family

8:30 A.M. + Francis & David Senewiratne

FRIDAY MAY 9TH - VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Fr. Thomas Lim

7:00 P.M. + Marie Sequeira

SATURDAY MAY 10TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Rosalinda Dizon Quilop

10:00 A.M. - Marie De Souza



OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$6,010.05

Bell Tower Env: \$5,143.95



"Father, I am seeking; I am hesitant and uncertain, but will you, O God, watch over each step of mine and guide me." - Saint Augustine

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 4, 2025



Dear Friends of Christ, on Sunday, May 11th at 2:30 p.m., Most Rev. John Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto, will be celebrating Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica with the newest Catholics from across the archdiocese, otherwise known as "neophytes."

The Greek word "neophyte" means "newly planted." *"The early Christian community adopted that word and applied it to people who had just been initiated at the Easter celebration. It signaled to the Christian community that these people, who had gone through several years of apprenticeship in the Christian way of life, needed specific nurturing, like a new plant that needs particular attention so that it can grow and mature into the beautiful plant God intended it to be. In the contemporary vision of Christian initiation of adults, we apply this same term to those who have just celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. The whole Easter Season is devoted to nurturing the faith of neophytes and helping them to understand the Sacramental Mysteries of our faith that we celebrate each Sunday and encouraging them to witness to their faith in the world through the activities of their daily life"* (Source: St. Michael Cathedral's Website). As we continue celebrating our Easter Season, permit me to offer you the story one of our most recent neophytes....

"My name is Roksana Sheikh, and I am a proud future Catholic. I didn't have much understanding of religion growing up, but since I was born into a Muslim family, I had to follow its teachings strictly. However, my real journey of faith began with my brothers, who taught me that being born into a religion does not mean I must blindly follow something that is false. Through them, I came to know the truth, the one true God, Jesus Christ, who came into this world, served us, sacrificed Himself for our sins, and resurrected from the dead. When the Son of God Himself came to redeem us, there was no need for any other prophet to follow up. I realized that Islam was just another empire built on the desire for power and conquest.

To deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith, my family and I joined the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes at St. Lawrence Martyr Church. When my brother first told me that it would take nearly a year to be baptized and that we had to attend weekly classes, I wondered why the process was so long. But now, as my baptism day approaches, I feel honored and truly understand why this preparation is necessary. Each class has been unique and carefully structured, helping us become faithful and devoted Catholics.

Father Thomas has been an incredible guide throughout this journey. His teachings are detailed and full of examples that make even complex topics easy to understand. His explanations of the importance of marriage, the Eucharist, and mortal sins were particularly enlightening. Through these classes, I also had the privilege of meeting great souls like Elvira and James, who will soon be our godparents. Their dedication to the Church is truly inspiring, and their charitable efforts to raise funds for the Church reflect the true spirit of humanity.

Now, I fully realize that everything my brother taught me about Christianity and Jesus was absolutely right. Jesus is divine, and my faith is perfect. I have gained knowledge, but it is now my responsibility to remain faithful and obedient in my journey ahead.

Our past has been very hard because of our conversion of religion. We have been expelled from the society we were part of. I couldn't continue my education and our relatives treated us like enemies. I was always sad why people were like this but even Jesus was crucified by his own creation. We always have to remember that our pain is nothing in compare to the love of Jesus for us.

I have fallen in love with St. Lawrence Martyr Church. It gives me a deep sense of peace whenever I am inside. Time has passed so quickly, and I am excited to be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit in a few days. I am proud to become Catholic and will remain devoted until the day I meet Jesus in heaven. Amen."

What is wonderful about Roksana's journey was that she made it together with other members of her family. Roksana was fully initiated into the Catholic Church this past Easter Vigil along with her mother (Gulshan) and two brothers (Faisal and Fahad). Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



STEWARDSHIP: When Jesus first asks Peter if he loves Him, he uses the term "agape," signifying an unconditional love, to which Peter replies, "philia," the love of friends. However, by the third time it is Jesus who asks Peter if he will love him *philia*, which, rather than an insult, is the beautiful reality that Jesus meets Peter where he currently is. So too in our lives, Jesus accepts the current level of love we're comfortable with, but like Peter, He slowly desires and leads us to embrace a deeper way of loving Him and the Church.

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REGISTER TODAY FOR "A DAY WITH MARY"

This FREE outdoor event is taking place Saturday, May 31 on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Villanova College in King City. There will be food, music, fellowship and Holy Mass celebrated by our Archbishop, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo.

For more information and to register, visit archtoronto.org/mary.



Catholic Education
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us."
Pope Francis

Catholic Education Week May 4-9, 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope"

During Catholic Education Week (May 4 - 9, 2025), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province.

Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. As we celebrate this Year of Jubilee, as pilgrims of hope, let us journey with our parishes, educators and families to sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ.

To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca.

ST LAWRENCE MARTYR PRESENTS

Spring Tea Party

May 17, 2025 | 1:00 PM
Parish Hall

Wear your Sunday Best! (No hats, please!)

Come and steep with us!

1:00 PM Mary Mother of God
Talk by Fr. Thomas Lin

2:00 PM Baking Demo

2:30 PM Fellowship and Tea Party

Pre-registration required
<https://tinyurl.com/SLMSpringTeaParty>
or sign up sheet at the foyer

Spring Bake Sale

May 17 - 18, 2025
after all Masses
in Parish Hall

- Cakes
- Cupcakes
- Pastries
- Cookies

and many more treats!

SACRED JOURNEY
Restoring the House of God

VOLUNTEERS MAKE WAVES

St. Lawrence Martyr

Volunteer Appreciation Week

May 24 @ 1PM



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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

Dear Padre,

I committed some grave sins many years ago, and I have been to confession to confess and be absolved, but I still feel guilty. Do I need to confess again?

Absolutely not. There is no need to confess your sins again. This is not required, and it may indicate a lack of faith in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thankfully, the sacrament does not require perfection.

It does not require any additional action on your part other than to be open to the movement of the Spirit of God.

Forgiveness is a gift from God. It is not something you merit. It is not something you earn. And there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive. Rather, it is a blessing you accept gratefully, thankfully, and with a profound knowledge and respect for the mercy of God at work in your life. To confess your sins again and again does nothing except make you feel more guilty. It is a way of punishing yourself; a futile attempt to try to earn what has been freely given. A better use of your time and energy would be to discover a way to remind yourself, not of guilt or imperfection, but of the love God has for you. It is indeed awesome and amazing, as the song so accurately celebrates: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me." ●



JESUS CERVANTES / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, 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 ~

