

# 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.**

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 11, 2025

John 10:27-30



### I give My sheep Eternal Life.

The figure of the Good Shepherd is the nearest approach to a parable in John's gospel. It is so important that the Church puts it before us on the fourth Sunday of Easter in each of the three cycles of readings. Apart from its obvious sense of Jesus looking after his sheep – and silly, confused sheep at that – this image receives special sense from the figure of the shepherd in the Old Testament. God is the primary shepherd of Israel, who pastures his sheep in pastures green so that they fear no evil (Psalm 23). In Ezekiel 34 God promises to free Israel from the self-centred shepherds who keep the sheep for their own advantage, and to send them a true shepherd after his own heart, a second David, who will tend them as God himself would care for them. Thus, in putting before us each year in Eastertide, this proclamation that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, the Church is affirming the Risen Christ as the divine Shepherd who tends his flocks. Particularly in these verses we see the unity of the Risen Christ and the Father in shepherding the sheep, just as in the Book of Revelation we saw the unity of the LORD God and the Lamb, both revered on the one throne.

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Donandoci, per mezzo del battesimo, di far parte della Chiesa, Gesù ci assicura di conoscerci uno per uno. La vocazione battesimale è sempre personale, e richiede una risposta di responsabilità in prima persona. Ci sentiamo sicuri, nella Chiesa, perché Gesù è sempre con noi, e ci chiama e ci guida con la voce esplicita del Papa e con i suggerimenti interiori che ci aiutano a riconoscerla e a corrispondervi. Se restiamo nella Chiesa, con il Papa, non andremo mai dispersi, perché Gesù ci conosce per nome e ha dato la sua vita per salvarci. Quella vita che si comunica a noi, pegno di eternità, nell'Eucaristia degnamente ricevuta. Non dobbiamo aver paura di nulla. Attraverso Gesù entriamo in comunione con il Padre, partecipiamo alla vita trinitaria. I pericoli esterni non ci turbano: dobbiamo temere soltanto il peccato che ci seduce a trovare altre vie, lontane dal percorso del gregge guidato da Gesù. La nostra personale fedeltà alla voce del Pastore contribuisce all'itinerario di salvezza che la Chiesa guida nel mondo, e da essa dipende la nostra felicità.

*The loveliest  
Masterpiece of the  
Heart of God is the  
Love of a Mother.*

St. Therese of Lisieux



### 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 10<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Maria Dalgado

### SUNDAY MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. - Emma Cowser

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Rosario Vella

Agostino Battaglia e defunti famiglie

Battaglia e Carofalo - Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Franco e Elisabetta Sinopoli e famiglia -

Vito De Nardo e famiglia - Anna Menna

Maria Lamanna - Clementina Colangelo

Maria Ciciretto - Lucia Cuoppolo -

Annarosa Volpe - Maddalena Volpe -

Carmela Cuoppolo - Filomena Volpe

Angelica Oliveri - Ani Paladian - Maria

Baroni - Emma Francesci - Agata Lopresti -

Costantino - Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie

Carlevaris e Nevodini

L'Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. + Felice, Maria, Antonio Tersigni

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

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

### MONDAY MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> - LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Marylou Gaerlan

12:00 P.M. - Mary Chan

### TUESDAY MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> - MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Cardinal Velasio De Paolis

12:00 P.M. + Pro Populo

### WEDNESDAY MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> - MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Poe Soesatyo

+ Emil Tisseverasingh

+ Maria & Gorge Tabone

12:00 P.M. - Fr. Russell Asch

### THURSDAY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> - GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. - Fr. Russell Asch

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

### FRIDAY MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> - VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Poe Soesatyo

7:00 P.M. - Mary Chan

### SATURDAY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Poe Soesatyo

10:00 A.M. - Carlos Faria



OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$5,561.45

ShareLife: \$8,577.30

thank  
you



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 11, 2025



Dear Friends of Christ, on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 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*



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**RESTORING THE HOUSE OF GOD**

FUNDS RAISED TO DATE: \$252,093.64  
(Includes \$32,230.48 from The Cross of Christ Concert)  
To donate SCAN the QR Code or  
<https://tinyurl.com/SLMDonationForm>



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 11, 2025

### BELL TOWER Envelopes Offertory NEXT WEEKEND, May 18<sup>th</sup>!



Your Donation is  
*appreciated* no matter  
how *big* or *small*!  
**Thank you!**  
**GOD bless you More.**

### Come to Toronto and Meet the World August 10-13, 2025

105th Annual National  
Convention of the Catholic  
Women's League of Canada.  
Visit [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) for more  
information. Registration opens May 1/2025.



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GENERATION

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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](http://archtoronto.org/mary).

ST LAWRENCE MARTYR PRESENTS

## Spring Tea Party

May 17, 2025 | 1:00 PM  
Parish Hall

Wear your  
Sunday Best.  
Bow Tie / Top Hat.  
Fascinator/ Tea  
Hat Optional!

Come and steep with us!

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



## 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,

**When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative  
is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that  
hasten his or her death?**

When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or  
her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end  
all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers  
these guidelines: "The use of painkillers to alleviate the  
sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their  
days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity  
if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable" (CCC 2279). In  
other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you must not use narcotics as an end or means to hasten  
someone's death—only to alleviate pain and minimize a person's suffering. To give medication to cause death  
rather than merely to relieve pain is not allowed.

It is important to have a discussion about the types of treatment a person would want when they are dying.  
It is also important to have a discussion with your pastor or another priest or chaplain—someone who can help  
you discern whether the action, the intention, and the circumstances are consistent with Church teaching. Many  
times, one is forced to make very difficult decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone  
we trust who can help us make the best choice. ●



Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / [DearPadre.org](http://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 ~

