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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.**

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 18, 2025

John 13.1, 31-33a,
34-35

**I give you a new commandment:
"Love one another."**



This is the start of John's report of the great final teaching of Jesus at the Last Supper about the future of his Church and his disciples. From the sayings of Jesus the evangelist has composed a great discourse of Jesus about the obligations, duties and dangers which will come upon his disciples after his own death and resurrection. There were probably slightly different versions of this discourse, which were handed down by word of mouth; the slight impression of repetition results from the evangelist putting three versions one after another. As we approach the Birth of the Church at Pentecost we need to listen to how Jesus envisaged his community. This reading gives the essentials. At the head of the Christian community stands the glorified Son of Man, in whom God is glorified. But this is no distant figurehead, for he will come to be present among his disciples. And how? In the love which his disciples show for one another. One is reminded of the legend about the aged St John, wheeled into the church at Ephesus. When asked for the message of Jesus, all he would say was, 'My little children, love one another.'

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Il Vangelo di oggi ci trasmette il testamento di Gesù. È diretto ai suoi discepoli, turbati dalla partenza di Giuda. Ma è anche diretto ai numerosi discepoli che succedono a loro e vivono il periodo di Pasqua alla ricerca di un orientamento. Sono soprattutto essi che trovano qui una risposta alle loro domande: Che cosa è successo di Gesù? Ritorrerà? Come incontrarlo? Che cosa fare adesso? Sono alcune delle domande che capita anche a noi di fare.

In fondo, il Vangelo ci dà una risposta molto semplice: è un nuovo comandamento: "Amatevi gli uni gli altri come io vi ho amati". Ma se ci si dedica a seguire questo comandamento, ci si accorge molto presto che l'amore non si comanda. Eppure, se si è capaci di impegnarsi ad amare il proprio prossimo per amore di Gesù - come egli stesso ha fatto - si trova ben presto la risposta a parecchie altre domande. Ci si rende conto che il cammino di Gesù è un cammino di vita, per lui ma anche per molte altre persone intorno a lui.



Vocation Reflection... The new commandment of love is required of everyone who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the commandment? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto 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 17TH - SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Carmela Scarano

SUNDAY MAY 18TH - DOMENICA

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

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Tony Lamanna - Antonio Savella

Benito Cortese

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Giovanna Costantino e famiglia

Giuseppe Canini e famiglia

Totonno e Rosaria Francella

Anna e Biase Menna

Antonino Tuccitto e famiglia

Vincenzo Pitino e famiglia

11:30 A.M. + Belen & Eugenio Solitario

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

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

MONDAY MAY 19TH - LUNEDÌ

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

12:00 P.M. + Norberto Tavares Faria

TUESDAY MAY 20TH - MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Vivienne Riseborough

12:00 P.M. + Ina Maher

WEDNESDAY MAY 21ST - MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Poe Soesatyo

+ David Sopoco Jose

+ Henryka Stanislawka

+ Rodolfo Malana

+ Tadeusz Wolanski

+ Lisa Delos Reyes

12:00 P.M. - Margaret Szmydt

THURSDAY MAY 22ND - GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. - SydneyIreneAnne De Souza

8:30 A.M. + Avelina & Jose Tumaliuan

FRIDAY MAY 23RD - VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Roman Cruz

7:00 P.M. + Stenia Wadlewska

SATURDAY MAY 24TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Rosalind Erna

10:00 A.M. + Mark Dominguez



OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$5,495.75

Bldg Fund: \$3,614.60



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 18, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ, as we continue journeying through the Easter season, permit to me to offer you the stories of two more individuals who recently entered the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil Mass.

Faith Uzundu, a mother of two young children, wrote: "When I decided to join, I didn't know what to expect honestly but I am glad I did. I grew up in a Christian home with a very strict upbringing. You had to be a Christian and serve God in the house where I grew up and you were not allowed to question anything or understand. Therefore, I could not understand many things because the Pentecostal church's teachings were not only different, but also filled with lots of contradictions.

The RCIA program helped opened my eyes to why God is the right choice. It showed me the importance of building and staying in a relationship with him. Moreover, I learned how to grow in my faith and love of God, the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. I have learnt so much from the program than I have in my lifetime. I am so glad that I took the program."

Luck Rasoanilana, a young man raised in the Presbyterian Church, who wanted to become part of the Catholic Church, also joined the other candidates each week in the RCIA program. The following words summed up his own journey of faith experience: "Over the past several months, I have found myself developing and understanding, and through that a more fulfilling relationship with God.

When I first asked about joining the RCIA, one of the points that Father Thomas made was that I should not do it because I intended to get married or due to some outside pressure, etc.; rather, I should do it because I want to build a personal relationship with God through the Catholic Church.

At that point, I was not completely sure. Father used the train analogy. He said that I could see the RCIA program as a riding a train with different stops and that I had the freedom to get off the train at any station. Maybe it was a coincidence that I work as a Rail Traffic Controller for Metrolinx and thus have an affinity for trains, but it felt like God gave Father those words to sway me in the needed direction.

I have found that Catholicism dives much deeper than is commonly known. It gives layered answers to not only one's everyday endeavors, but also issues that affect the world at large. One of the most memorable lessons for me was learning that, while the world may often paint a picture of Catholicism vs. Science, several Catholic figures were foundational in scientific discovery. In other words, even though the two may seem to constantly butt heads against each other, both are empowered when used hand-in-hand.

I greatly appreciate the structure that Catholicism offers. Often, the most successful organizations and people worldwide share the key quality of excellent structure. Catholicism does this by keeping the individual in check through various apparent and subconscious methods. In turn, the individual has a sense of purpose that drives success.

I have received a sense of purpose in learning about all that Catholicism has to offer. There is an adage that says that passion is not always immediate. It often develops over time after a person embraces and continually learns about something. The way that I have come to embrace Catholicism, combined with the curiosity that it has inspired within me, has caused that passion to develop more deeply within me.

Calling back to that idea of me building a relationship with God through the Catholic Church, I constantly ask myself "Is that what I want to do?" I was not completely sure when I first spoke with Father, but now I am at least sure Catholicism feels right in my heart. My favourite prayer is the Penitential Act prayer we do towards the beginning of service ("I confess to almighty God...") where we literally touch our hearts three times. Those heart touches are powerful, and in them, I truly feel the connection to God. It's those types of connections, partnered with my continued learning and evolving passion, that makes me thankful I experienced RCIA and get the opportunity to thrive the way God designed."

I ask you to pray for Faith, Luck, and many other new members of our Church, as they continue their journey of faith in knowing and loving Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



SACRED JOURNEY
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
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Special Collection Next Weekend: Pope's Pastoral Works – May 25th



The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.



MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

With the month of May dedicated to the Blessed Mother, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo has released a message to the faithful saying in part, "I humbly urge all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Toronto, our families and parishes, schools and other faith, religious and ecclesial communities and institutions, to embody certain qualities of Mary's life and devotion... There is no better role model in living authentically and with passion and devotion the Christian life than the Mother of God, our spiritual mother, our life, our sweetness and our hope." To read the full message, [click here](#).



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Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our [parish website](#), or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for Living the Gospel.



VOLUNTEERS MAKE WAVES

St. Lawrence Martyr
**Volunteer
Appreciation
Week**

May 24 @ 1PM



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 have gay/homosexual friends and coworkers. How do I respond appropriately when they announce they got married or are engaged, as we Catholics do not believe in same-sex marriage?

Context and perspective are always useful and necessary. It is also important to remember that your beliefs can often conflict with another person's belief system. It does not change the truth of what you believe, but it can be sobering. When you offer someone congratulations, it does not mean you are giving your approval or acceptance. It just means you are engaging in respectful social protocol. Let's assume that most people are mature enough to understand the difference between acceptance and protocol. Confusion arises when some people insist that you cannot be "both/and," as they reduce everything to "either/or." With this kind of perspective, life is a battle to be fought rather than an opportunity to live a life of graciousness and thanksgiving that invites us to celebrate. Be respectful. Be gentle. Be loving. Be compassionate. Each of those virtues speak much louder than judgment, rigidity, and a posture that proclaims, "I am better than you." ●



PHILIP / PEBELS

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 ~

