

# St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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Rev. Fr. Thomas Lim

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**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.**

## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY ~ JUNE 15, 2025

John 16.12-15



Everything that the Father has is Mine; the Spirit will take from what is Mine and declare it to you.

Since every human era and generation has a slightly different mentality and way of thinking, differing dominant skills (the present generation dominated by social media) it will use different questions and different terminology. The guidance of the Paraclete will be necessary to translate or formulate the truth in ways which are intelligible, relevant and gripping to each new generation. Sometimes these will be expressed and forwarded by charismatic personalities who stand out from the accepted norms of society and yet are revered as transcending those norms (a Mother Teresa or a Nelson Mandela). At other times the truth will be forwarded by the established hierarchy of the Church. It may even be that some members of the hierarchy are seen also as charismatic leaders (Oscar Romero, Pope John Paul II, Pope Francis). At all times the Paraclete would be needed to guide Christian thinkers with regard to new philosophical insights and insights into human nature, such as Augustine, Aquinas, John Fisher, John Henry Newman.

An important element in this would always be the understanding of Christ himself, for instance in the concepts of personality and nature, in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, in the part played by Christ in the salvation of all people. In all these the revelation and guidance of the Paraclete would 'glorify me'.

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Lo Spirito Santo è lo Spirito di Cristo ed è la Persona divina che diffonde nel Il giorno di Pentecoste Gesù comunica se stesso ai discepoli per mezzo dell'effusione dello Spirito Santo. La piena rivelazione di Dio come Padre, Figlio e Spirito Santo si ha nel mistero della Pasqua, quando Gesù dona la vita per amore dei suoi discepoli. Bisognava che questi sperimentassero innanzitutto il supremo dono dell'amore compiuto da Gesù per comprendere la realtà di Dio Amore che dona tutto se stesso. Egli, oltre a perdonare i peccati e a riconciliare l'uomo con sé, lo chiama ad una comunione piena di vita ("In quel giorno voi saprete che io sono nel Padre e voi in me ed io in voi": Gv 14,20); gli rivela la ricchezza dei suoi doni e della speranza della gloria futura (Ef 1,17-20); li chiama ad una vita di santità e di donazione nell'amore al prossimo ("Questo è il mio comandamento: che vi amiate gli uni gli altri come io vi ho amati": Gv 15,12). Anch'essi sull'esempio del loro maestro sono chiamati a dare la vita per i fratelli ("Nessuno ha un amore più grande di questo: dare la vita per i propri amici": Gv 15,13). Per ora essi sono incapaci di accogliere e accettare tali realtà. Lo Spirito Santo farà entrare nel cuore degli apostoli l'amore di Cristo crocifisso e risuscitato per loro, li consacrerà a lui in una vita di santità e d'amore, li voterà alla salvezza delle anime. Non saranno più essi a vivere, ma Gesù in loro (cf. Gal 2,20). Ogni cristiano nel corso del suo cammino è chiamato ad arrendersi all'amore e allo Spirito di Cristo crocifisso e risorto. Oggi è il giorno della decisione.



Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)\*

Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)\*

\*In Chapel, when there is a funeral.



### Mass Intentions for the week



#### SATURDAY JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Joseph Paul & Maria Dalgado

#### SUNDAY JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> - DOMENICA

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

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Rosario Vella  
Tony Lamanna- Antonio Savella-Pasquale  
Scozzese -Vito e Mike Cuoppolo -Biase e  
Anna Menna-Giovanna Costantino-Giuseppe  
Canini-Totonno e Rosaria Francella- Erasmo  
Aguanno Defunti famiglie Longo e Russo -  
Defunti Tamburro e Caccavella- Fedele  
Colangelo-Luigi Lamanna -Luigi Cuoppolo-  
Antonio Ciciretto Pasquale e Nicola Volpe -  
Antonio e Vito Cuoppolo -Paolo Lombardi -  
Paolo Mancini-Angelo e Giuseppe Baroni-  
Gaetano Lopresti-Costantino

11:30 A.M. + Cathy Neagle

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

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

#### MONDAY JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> - LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Bidgie Williamson

12:00 P.M. + Carmen Campos De Valle

#### TUESDAY JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> - MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Gavino Manca

12:00 P.M. - Michael De Souza

#### WEDNESDAY JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> - MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Peter Riseborough

+ Jane Vieira

+ Maria Garrancho

12:00 P.M. - Christine Lee

#### THURSDAY JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> - GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. - Stuart Coley

8:30 A.M. + Alfredo Bahingawan

#### FRIDAY JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> - VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. + Jane Vieira

+ Maria Garrancho

7:00 P.M. - Michael & Maeann De Souza

#### SATURDAY JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> - SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Alex Amizola & Alexander Jr

10:00 A.M. - Ana Maria Neilson



### OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$5,588.40

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thank you

## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY ~ JUNE 15, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ, for the past few weeks, I have offered you the reflections of adults who have recently been received or fully initiated into our Catholic Church. Today, I would like to offer you one final story, which comes from Fahad Sheikh, the brother of Roksana Sheikh, whose own faith story is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter's Bulletin.

In reading Fahad's reflection, one cannot help but come away with a sense of amazement on how he has come to profoundly understand and grasp his newfound faith. The way he expressed the different dogmas and teachings of the Church is incredible to say the least. Moreover, there is no doubt that Fahad prayerfully thought about his journey of faith and permitted the Spirit of God to inspire his writing, something that will become obvious when you read it yourself. Given that it took Fahad more than three days to write his reflection, which exceeded more than sixteen hundred words in total, I wish to present it in its entirety. The first part will be in this weekend's Corner, while the conclusion of his reflection will come next weekend. Without further delay, this is Fahad's story....

**My Journey to Faith-A Transformative Path to Christianity:** "I was born and raised in a devout Muslim family in Bangladesh, where Islam was deeply ingrained in every aspect of my life. From a young age, I was taught to follow Islamic teachings strictly, to pray five times a day, and to uphold the traditions of my faith. My elder brother and I were particularly passionate about Islam, and we even engaged in *dawah* (Islamic preaching). We followed scholars like Zakir Naik and often debated with others in an attempt to bring them into the fold of Islam.

However, as we grew older, we began to question the foundations of my religion. My brother and I started studying various religious scriptures, including the Quran, Hadiths, and other texts, to deepen our understanding. During this process, I began noticing inconsistencies in Islamic teachings. I saw contradictions in the Hadiths, discrepancies between the Quran and historical events, and surprising similarities between Islam and Christianity. These observations made me realize that Islam seemed to borrow heavily from Christianity, albeit reshaped to serve the personal, political, and military interests of its founder, Prophet Muhammad....

As I reflected on these disparities, it became clear to me that Islam had manipulated biblical teachings as expansion just for Muhammad's own personal benefit and later continued by his successors, and I could no longer believe in it. My heart and soul were drawn to Christ, who had sacrificed Himself for humanity. Jesus was divine, embodying both the fullness of humanity and the fullness of God. Jesus is not just a prophet or a teacher, but God Himself who took on human form to walk among us. His divinity is seen in His miracles, His teachings, and ultimately in His resurrection from the dead. He is eternal, without beginning or end, and His sacrifice on the Cross was the ultimate act of love to offer salvation to all who believe in Him.

In my search for the right church, I came across the Protestant and Catholic traditions, which are the largest branches of Christianity. I learned that Protestantism originated from a division within the Catholic Church, but it was the Catholic Church that had been established closest to the time of Jesus. I decided to explore the Catholic faith further and met with Father Thomas, a priest who would later become a guiding figure in my spiritual journey.

Father Thomas' words resonated deeply with me. He said, *"Forget everything you know and learned, give me an empty brain, and I'll nourish it with the knowledge of faith."* This humble invitation to learn with an open heart marked the beginning of my enrollment in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program, alongside my family." [To be continued next weekend].

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



"O Trinity,  
eternal  
Trinity! Fire,  
abyss of  
love ... Was  
it necessary  
that you  
should give  
even the  
Holy Trinity  
as food for  
souls? You  
gave us not  
only your  
Word  
through the  
Redemption  
and in the  
Eucharist,  
but you also  
gave  
yourself in  
the fullness  
of love for  
your  
creature. ."  
St. Catherine  
of Siena



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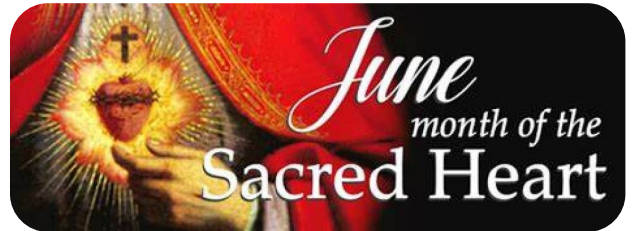
Serving Our Neighbours In Need



**Corpus Christi Mass & Procession**  
**Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica**  
**Sunday, June 22, 2025 (following the Noon Mass)**



All are welcome to join Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, for a Corpus Christi Mass & Procession.



Let us pray that we may all grow in Christ's love, and in a special way let us pray for our Bishops and Priests as the *Jubilee Day for Bishops* (Wednesday June 25) and Priests (Friday June 27 - Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests) are celebrated in Rome this month.



**BELL TOWER**  
**Envelopes Offertory**  
**NEXT WEEKEND,**  
**June 22nd!**

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



**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,

**What does the Church teach about respect for the body after death? Is burial the most respectful? It's certainly the most expensive. What about donating your body to science? Or cremation? If someone is cremated, can the ashes be kept respectfully by a family member, or do they have to be buried?**

Your question serves as a summation of current practice and exposes the real-life dilemma and choices facing loved ones: "How can I be respectful and at the same time practical?"

Catholics believe that the body of the deceased must be respected and not simply disposed of without care or concern. Current practice allows for burial, cremation, and the donation of the body to science, and choices depend in large part on tradition, culture, and economic circumstances. If someone chooses to donate to medical science, it is with the understanding that the body will be cremated or properly buried. If cremation is the chosen option, proper burial of the cremains in a sacred place is required.

All of this assumes an uneventful passing of the deceased person. It does not account for war, disease, or disaster. When faced with ordinary, rather than extraordinary, circumstances, loved ones have a real opportunity to be grateful and thankful for the chance to mourn, grieve, and show respect for the person. Unfortunately, that is not always the case in today's world. ●



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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 ~

