

# St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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Rev. Fr. Thomas Lim

**Pastor**

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**Chaplain to the Faithful participating in  
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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 SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES ~ JUNE 29, 2025

Matthew 16:13-19

**You are Peter, and I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.**



This gospel reading is a turning-point in the Gospel. Three times the disciples have been chided for their failure to understand who Jesus is, and now, with an almost perceptible flash of inspiration, Peter replies to the question with a full confession, not merely as in Mark that Jesus is the Messiah, but that he is son of the living God. Jesus replies by giving him a new name and explaining its meaning. The Aramaic name, Kephias, which Paul still uses (in Galatians 1-2), means 'Rock', which enables Jesus to play on the word for the foundation-stone of 'his assembly'. Is Jesus putting 'his assembly', his ekklesia, in parallel with the assembly of God which was Israel as the People of God in the Old Testament, and saying that his assembly is the new People of God?

To Peter Jesus also gives the power to bind and loose, by the conjunction of opposites implying to the Semitic mind that he is giving all power. So much is widely recognised in all catholic teaching. But it is important to recognise that the same promise is made to the community itself in Matthew 18.18, the community discourse, giving it the same authority to bind and loose. To Peter, then, is given the power in the person of the Church.

What is the origin of these promises, which occur only in Matthew's account of the scene, not in those of Mark and Luke? The same sort of promise is made at the Last Supper in Luke 22.32 and emphatically at the Lake of Galilee in John 21.15-17. Its authenticity in Matthew is increased by the density of Aramaic language from 'Bar Jona' in verse 17 onwards, by the punning on the name, and by the Semitic parallelism. It must originate in Aramaic circles.

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Oggi siamo in festa nella memoria dei santi apostoli Pietro e Paolo, diversi tra loro, ma celebrati insieme quali colonne della Chiesa di Cristo. Nel Vangelo risuona la domanda cruciale di Gesù: «Voi chi dite che io sia?». Rivolta ai Dodici, tra cui Pietro, ma certamente risuonata a più riprese anche nel cuore di Paolo. Pietro risponde: «Tu sei il Cristo, il Messia, il Figlio di Dio», e Gesù ribatte che questa rivelazione può venire solo dal Padre.

Potremmo elencare anche numerose risposte di Paolo. Entrambi hanno risposto a parole, hanno aderito a Cristo, ma sappiamo come questa fede non li abbia risparmiati da cadute ed errori. Dove sta dunque la loro grandezza? Perché gioiamo per questi apostoli che con il loro sangue hanno dato un fondamento alla Chiesa di Roma che presiede nella carità? Perché il nostro cuore esulta nel contemplare l'abbraccio con cui l'iconografia li ritrae? Perché entrambi hanno saputo dare alla domanda di Gesù una risposta convergente e decisiva, che esprime la verità profonda della Chiesa. Scrive Pietro: «Stringetevi a Cristo, pietra viva, rifiutata dagli uomini ma scelta e preziosa davanti a Dio» (1Pietro 2,4); e Paolo gli fa eco: «I nostri padri bevevano da una roccia... e quella roccia era il Cristo» (1Corinzi 10,4).

Cristo è la pietra angolare, la roccia su cui si fonda la Chiesa indivisa. E solo su questa roccia si può fondare un'intera vita, fino a dire, al momento del congedo: «Ho combattuto la buona battaglia, ho terminato la corsa, ho conservato la fede» (2Timoteo 4,7).



*Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!*

### EUCHARISTIC 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 28<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

5:00 P.M. - Greg & Agni Clovis & Family

#### SUNDAY JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Laval & Michel Teckson

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Marino e Flavia D'Attolico

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Leonello Pecorari

Corrina Lamanna

Agostino Battaglia e Garofalo

11:30 A.M. + Edilberto & Editha Latiza

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

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

#### MONDAY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Marina Nicholas

12:00 P.M. - Jose Nathaniel Cagumbal

#### TUESDAY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Sydney, Irene & Anne DeSouza

12:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

#### WEDNESDAY JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. - Charles & Stephanie Bagasan

12:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

#### THURSDAY JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> - GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Ralph Joseph Peralta Valle

8:30 A.M. - Jim & Helen McGee

#### FRIDAY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> - VENERDI

8:30 A.M. - The Zarcone Family

7:00 P.M. - Michael Okulicz, Angela Leung

#### SATURDAY JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Filomena & Vicente Gaerlan

10:00 A.M. - Anthony De Mello



### OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$5,452.05

Bell Tower: \$2,308.50



## SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES ~ JUNE 29, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ, please note that this weekend's parish bulletin and Pastor's Corner will be the last one until our parish programs fully resume later in September of this year. As I write these final few words, it is hard to believe how quickly time has flown since my arrival at the parish three years ago in late June 2022. With the arrival of July, I will start my fourth year as your Pastor... That is correct, my fourth year!

This third year of ministry at SLM has been nothing short of amazing. The Lord, who is kind and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in kindness (Ps 103) continues to abundantly bless me with his love, grace and mercy! I am also thankful to Fr. Russell, Fr. Giuseppe, and Julia for their continued assistance and support in helping me carry out my pastoral ministry at the parish.

I am especially thankful to you, dear parishioners of SLM, for showering me with your unconditional warmth, love, kindness and prayers. I offer a heartfelt "Thank you!" Please be assured that all the people of SLM are in my daily prayers and that I bring all your intentions - whether spoken or unspoken - with me every time I go to the altar and celebrate the Holy Eucharist of the Lord!

As many of you know, the central theme for this past year centered on our parish's **"Sacred Journey - Restoring the House of God"** campaign. When I first started our capital campaign last September, I honestly did not have any expectation on how it would unfold. My disposition and belief have been to *"Surrender to God and He will do all things for you!"* (Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> week antiphon of the Breviary). I thought that two-years would be sufficient time for us to raise the three hundred thousand dollars needed to pay for the renovation of the bell towers. The Lord has truly inspired many people to give generously towards the project. In only ten short months, the parish capital campaign has collected \$297,789. This outcome has been nothing short of spectacular, especially when we consider that the majority of our parish base consists of hard working class families, who are struggling to survive in these hard and uncertain economic times. May the Lord bless your generosity!

With the renovation of the bell towers set to finish by the end of July, my attention turns towards our church's aged heating and air-conditioning systems. Both systems are fast approaching their life expectancies, with two of our three chillers used to cool the church, for example, currently non-operational and unserviceable. What is more problematic, however, is how our current systems fails to provide the desired level of comfort one expects from them. Our church tends to either be very cold during the winter months, or extremely hot and uncomfortable during the summer months, despite the heating and cooling systems operating at full capacity. I have hired an engineering firm to help assess our current situation and provide us with different possible solutions. The finer details of the second phase of our restoration campaign will be presented to you in the future.

The restoration of the "House of God" cannot be limited only to the physical structure – the place where we spend our time in praising and worshiping the Lord. It also involves trying to get the people of God become more actively engaged in their faith through their participation in various parish events. It has been truly amazing to see so many people from all ages attending the different Sacred Journey Fundraising Events that the parish set up this past year. These include, for example, the Christmas Market, St. Valentine's Day Family Dance Party, The Cross of Christ Concert, and the Parish Summer BBQ. We have much more events planned for the coming months so please stay tuned for additional details....

One last thought.... In Fahad's reflection published last weekend, he wrote, *"I encourage anyone, Catholic or not, to attend RCIA classes. While reading books can provide education, there is nothing like learning directly from a teacher in a community setting. It will not only deepen your understanding of Christianity, but it will also help you grow as a better Christian, a better Catholic, and a better human being"* (See Bulletin for Corpus Christi, 2025). Fahad's exhortation is on mark! Experience shows that too many Catholics, especially those who were baptized as babies or infants, unfortunately have a very poor grasp of the doctrines and teachings of the Church. Consequently, many end up living weak and tepid spiritual lives. In my last pastoral assignment at Our Lady of the Airways, I gave the parishioners there an adult faith formation program that lasted a few months. The program was distinct from the RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults) and offered to any adult Catholic who wanted to learn more about his/her faith. I will be offering a similar program to the parishioners of SLM starting this coming October. More details will come in the Fall with regard to dates and topics....

With summer finally upon us, let me conclude by giving you the blessing that the Lord bestowed upon his Chosen People: *"May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace"* (Num. 6:23-26). Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



**SACRED JOURNEY**  
**RESTORING THE HOUSE OF GOD**

FUNDS RAISED TO DATE: \$297,789.10  
(includes \$43K from The Cross of Christ Concert)  
To donate SCAN the QR Code or  
<https://tinyurl.com/SLMDonationForm>



## SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES ~ JUNE 29, 2025

### Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

#### Cemetery locations and Celebrants :

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Most Rev. I Camilleri

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Most Rev. Nguyen

Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Most Rev. Boissonneau

Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto – Most Rev. Robert Kasun

Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – His Eminence

Frank Cardinal Leo, Archbishop of Toronto

Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Reverend Msgr. Pan

St. Mary's Cemetery, Barrie – Most Rev. John Corriveau

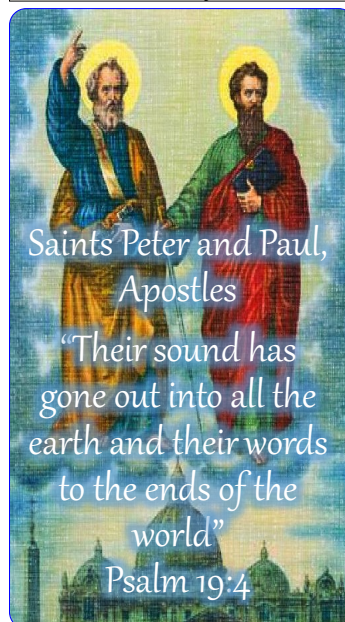
**ShareLife**  
LIVING THE GOSPEL

YOUR FAITHFUL HEART IS THE  
FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH

ShareLife reaches beyond our local community, extending its mission across borders to share the Gospel and support evangelization in developing countries. Your gift extends mercy and justice internationally, on behalf of vulnerable groups suffering from poverty and injustice.

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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**



**Bundle up Weekend**

JULY 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>

St. Lawrence Martyr

**Help Us  
Help Others**

## Dear Padre,

**What does the Church say about free will and predestination? I am confused and wonder if there is any fundamental difference?**

The Church can be viewed as the champion of free will, for it is descriptive of God's grace at work in his creation. On the other hand, the Church does not champion predestination. The Church understands that this concept is in direct opposition and contradicts the creative act of God. It is understandable how someone might confuse these two different perspectives. In fact, some Christian belief systems have historically confused them; for example, those who follow the thought of John Calvin (1509-1564), including various Congregational, Reformed, and Presbyterian churches. But, regardless of the confusion, the two positions are not complementary, and someone cannot hold both positions because they are incompatible with each other. Catholics believe that we have been created by God with free will. In response to this wonderful gift, we are invited to form our consciences and live our lives lovingly and deliberately as people who choose to respond, in total freedom, to the Way, the Truth, and the Life that is found in Jesus. ●

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 ~

