

# 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:

Holy Communion for the sick upon request.

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES

**Sharing Our Faith, Understanding Your Loss.** At a time of sorrow, it helps to turn to those whose very essence is about the promise of everlasting life. This is why we are there for every Catholic family assuring the sacred rites of a Christian funeral are faithfully fulfilled.

If a death has occurred and you need immediate assistance, please call 905-889-7467 (Holy Cross). To learn about pre-planning, obituaries and more, please visit our website [Catholic-Cemeteries.ca](http://Catholic-Cemeteries.ca).

**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.**

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 7, 2025

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Wisdom 9:13–18b / Philemon 9–10, 12–17 / Luke 14:25–33



"In the same way,  
every one of you  
who does not  
renounce all his  
possessions cannot  
be my disciple."

LUKE 14:33

## When Life Becomes Lose-Lose

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**here is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country's Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel's imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation.

President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face. A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when

the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs.

Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel's command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. The question of "What would Jesus do?" is never without consequences. ●

### Reflect

***How does following Jesus cost me in my life?***



## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Luke 14:25-33



*Anyone of you who does not renounce all possessions cannot be my disciple.*

Jesus does not pull his punches, and here delivers a series of devastating body-blows to anyone who is looking for easy discipleship. All through this journey up to Jesus' own death at Jerusalem the cost of discipleship has been a recurrent theme: 'Let the dead bury their dead', the Parable of the Rich Fool, 'From one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded', 'Father against son, son against father', and now 'Hate father and mother' and 'Give up all your possessions'. A certain amount of the vigour of these demands may be attributed to a Semitic mode of expression, ease of superlatives and lack of comparatives, but there is no doubt about the absolute demands made on the disciple. When Jesus made these demands he knew what lay ahead of him, and was only asking his disciples to follow his own course. We must count the cost before beginning to build the tower. Most of us have, of course, already started to build the tower. There is no turning back from the plough, only prayer for a courage and loyalty which exceed our own powers.

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Voler essere discepoli del Cristo significa avere scelto e deciso di seguirlo, significa avere scelto Cristo come unico punto di riferimento della e nella nostra vita.

Lo seguiamo perché lo amiamo e perché abbiamo fondato su di lui, e solo su di lui, il nostro progetto di vita.

ivremo, nonostante tutto, infedeltà ed errori quotidiani, ma non saranno questi a troncare la nostra sequela se sapremo accettarli e viverli come limite e quindi come parte della croce che ogni giorno ci è chiesto di portare. Una croce fatta di grandi e piccole sofferenze e miserie, ma è proprio l'adesione alla "nostra" croce la via per divenire e rimanere suoi discepoli.

La Chiesa, oggi e sempre, è costruita da chi ha il coraggio di affidarsi soltanto a Dio e seguire Gesù con totale abbandono e senza nessun compromesso.



**Vocation Reflection...** Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go? 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



### HELP FILL PLATES WITH HOPE THIS THANKSGIVING

This Thanksgiving, gratitude comes with a challenge — families are struggling to put food on the table. ShareLife has pledged \$800,000 through its Food Security Grants to bring warm meals to those who need them most.

Will you share your blessings with our parish's ShareLife Campaign? Please give with love at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate) or our parish with a SL envelope.



*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 SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Mary & Tony Schwanaeur

#### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Sheila Colla, Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia-

Giulia Benedetti, Vito Sciuto e famiglia,

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo, Pasquale Scozzes

Angelo Lamanna, Albertino Beccatie

famiglia, Edmond e Marianna Della Sieppe

e famiglia, Vincenza Di Tacchio-Lorenzo

Volpe, Annamaria Ciciretto- Rosina

Commisso, Domenico e Maria Galluzzo,

Giuseppe e Vincenzo Cucuzza

11:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

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

#### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> - LUNEDI

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

12:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

#### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + MaryTongFung&JosephTamPing

12:00 P.M. + Richard Pregent

#### WEDNESDAY SEPT 10<sup>TH</sup> - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. - Perla Balazo

+ Veronica Remedios

+ Larry Elford

12:00 P.M. + Swarna & Ossie Amereskere

#### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> - GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Michael De Souza

8:30 A.M. + Daniel Noranho

#### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> - VENERDI

8:30 A.M. - Neil Noranho

7:00 P.M. - Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Ronald Allain

10:00 A.M. - Joseph Leung & Family

12:00 P.M. - Wedding

Matthew A Papulkas & Domenique N Valin



### OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$5,544.90



## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) / Adult Confirmation

We are now accepting registrations for the 2025-2026 RCIA Program. Please go to our [website](#) to download the [RCIA Initial application form](#) and email your completed form to [stlawrencemartyr@archtoronto.org](mailto:stlawrencemartyr@archtoronto.org).

RCIA/Adult Confirmation Program is designed for at least 16 years old non-Catholics wanting to become Catholic, or Baptized Catholic wanting to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church to receive First Communion and / or Confirmation.

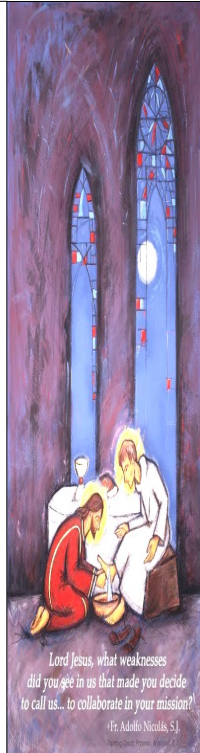


### Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate

Matteo Bertozzi  
Moonjun Alphonse Choi  
Matthew Tulio  
Victor Valdés

Saturday, September 13, 2025, at  
10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's  
Cathedral Basilica

All are welcome to attend the ordinations and we invite the Catholic community throughout the AoT to continue to pray for these men and all those who are currently in formation, that the Lord may guide and strengthen them along the journey.



## Dear Padre

September 7, 2025

**Why is RCIA now called OCIA?  
And why do people have to go through that process anyway?  
Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?**

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the "Order" rather than the "Rite" is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)



Stewardship Sunday  
September 21, 2025

Each year, Cardinal Leo prepares a homily for Stewardship Sunday and asks that parishes share it at all Masses, including the Saturday Vigil Mass. The homily will be available for download in video, audio, and written formats, including translations.

[Click for past homilies.](#)

### Coming Soon to SLM Parish!

Holy Adult Mind  
Follow Soul Faith Spirit Believe  
Heart Catholic Formation Prayer Christ  
Love of God Relationship

Dates, Times, and Subjects to follow...

The devil doesn't fear austerity but holy obedience.

~Saint Francis de Sales~

Happy  
Birthday,  
Dear  
Mother  
& Queen!

September 08

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Catholic Fortress

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"Let us live as the Blessed Virgin lived:  
Loving God only,  
Desiring God only,  
Trying to please God only in all that we do." -  
St. John Vianney -



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

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 ~