

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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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.

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.

THE EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS ~ SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ, as I begin another year of my Pastor's Corner, allow me to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who have given their time, talent, and treasure over these past few months.

Whether through fundraising events, supporting our Bell Tower renovation project, or helping with various parish feast day and celebrations, your participation and generosity has kept our church community strong and vibrant. With many exciting projects and programs planned for this coming year, my hope is that you will continue to respond as generously as you have in the past.

With the slower paced summer days now behind us, I am so happy to see our parish family gathering once again in full. I hope that these past months have brought rest, renewal, and treasured time with loved ones. As the leaves start to change their colours and the air grows crisp, we find ourselves not only in a new season of nature, but also entering a fresh season of grace in the life of the Church.

Just as students return to school and routines settle in, our community also returns to a renewed rhythm of prayer, service, and worship. Fall invites us to reflect on God's abundance and to deepen our roots in faith, preparing our hearts for the journey that lies ahead in the liturgical year. It is a time of gathering - of harvest in our fields - and, most importantly, of the fruits of the Spirit within our parish family.

As we begin this new season together, I invite each of you to ask: **"How can I grow deeper in my relationship with the Lord?"** Just as autumn calls us to look beneath the surface of the earth to the roots that nourish life, so too does our faith call us beyond the surface of routine into a deeper understanding of God's truth and love. To cultivate a deeper union and relationship with Christ does not happen without time and effort on our part. We need to be willing to allow Jesus into our busy life and to let the Master teach us on how to become better followers.

In the Gospel for this past Tuesday (September 9th), we heard how: *"Jesus went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he named apostles"* (Lk. 6:12). The word *disciple* comes from the Latin *discipulus*, meaning student or learner. The word *apostle* comes from the Greek *apostolos*, meaning one who is sent. While all apostles are disciples, not all disciples are apostles. That day, Jesus chose twelve specific disciples and gave them a unique mission: to be his apostles, entrusted with preaching, teaching and leading the early Church after his resurrection. The Holy Father and the bishops -successors of Peter and the other apostles - continue to carry out this mission even until today.

The Church reminds us that we are lifelong disciples, always invited to learn, to question, and to be renewed in the richness of our Catholic tradition. The sad reality is that many Catholics fail in being good students of Christ. In fact, too often, formal learning of the faith stops in childhood or youth resulting in many people having a very rudimentary understanding of it. Yet, our faith is suppose to mature with us, offering wisdom and strength for every stage of life.

This year at our parish, I want to place a special emphasis on adult faith formation. Over the upcoming few months through a series of catechetical talks, you will have the opportunity to explore and learn more about the various teachings of the Church, Scripture, and the Sacraments in ways that are practical, engaging, and deeply relevant to your daily spiritual life. While more details will follow, I wish to note that two guest speakers will be part of our series. Fr. Giuseppe Scollo (Professor of Biblical Studies at St. Augustine Seminary) on Thursday, October 23rd at 7pm will offer the first talk titled, "The Jubilee Year of Hope (2025): Old Testament Roots, New Testament Fulfillment, and Ecclesial Practice". Even more exciting is the fact that Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins will offer his time, talents and treasure by leading our parish community in a three day Advent Retreat scheduled for December 8th to 10th.

My pastoral desire for this year's adult faith formation is quite simple: I pray that you will accept my invitation to learn and discover the richness and beauty of our Catholic faith. In doing so, not only will you become a better disciple/student of Christ, but you will also receive the grace to discover something deeper for your soul. I will faithfully prepare the talks and ensure that the church doors remains opened. I offer this with hope, faith and love and acknowledge that the rest now is out of my control and rests with your response. Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



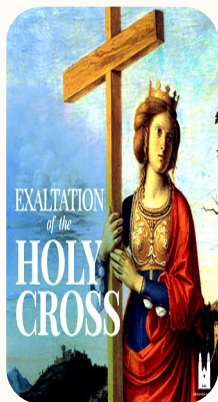
to our
Parish
SLM

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

Date, Times, Subjects
To Follow...
Stay tuned!

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John 3:13-17



So the Son of Man must be lifted up.

In this gospel-reading we are listening in to a conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus, a Pharisee who came to Jesus by night (presumably because he did not want his colleagues to know. Do you mind your colleagues knowing that you are a Christian?). Jesus is talking about an incident during the Exodus journey, when the Israelites were struck by a plague of snakes. Moses hoisted a bronze snake on a pole as a recovery-totem. It sounds superstitious, but presumably to depend on it was an expression of trust in God. Jesus now says that this snake is to be seen as a promise of the salvation to be won by trusting in his Cross. The Cross remains our sign of victory. To wear it and welcome it is increasingly, in this increasingly material world, a statement of where our heart and our confidence lies. However, the Cross is not complete in itself. Some people find it 'morbid' or 'morose', but to Christians it contains also the victory and reassurance of the Resurrection. The Cross makes sense not by the crumpled figure on the wood, but by God's acceptance of that obedience. The triumph of the resurrection is too glorious to be represented by anything visible.

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L'esaltazione della santa Croce ci fa conoscere un aspetto del suo cuore che solo Dio stesso poteva rivelarci: la ferita provocata dal peccato e dall'ingratitude dell'uomo diventa fonte, non solo di una sovrabbondanza d'amore, ma anche di una nuova creazione nella gloria. Attraverso la follia della Croce, lo scandalo della sofferenza può diventare sapienza, e la gloria promessa a Gesù può essere condivisa da tutti coloro che desideravano seguirlo. La morte, la malattia, le molteplici ferite che l'uomo riceve nella carne e nel cuore, tutto questo diventa, per la piccola creatura, un'occasione per lasciarsi prendere più intensamente dalla vita stessa di Dio.

Con questa festa la Chiesa ci invita a ricevere questa sapienza divina, che Maria ha vissuto pienamente presso la Croce: la sofferenza del mondo, follia e scandalo, diventa, nel sangue di Cristo, grido d'amore e seme di gloria per ciascuno di noi.



**Vocation Reflection...** God is the Father with the open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.



*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 13<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO**

5:00 P.M. + Maria & Michael Abreu

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> - DOMENICA**

8:30 A.M. - The Noranho Family

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Giulia Benedetti

Rosario Vella - Vito e Mike Cuoppolo Gio-

vanna Costantin Giuseppe Canini

Annarosa Volpe - Dora Cuoppolo -

Elisabetta Barbieri Fanco, Elisabetta e

Salvatore Sinopoli e famiglia Vito De Nar-

do e famiglia - Vito e Rosa Spano Vito e

Rosa Sestito - Vincenza Di Tacchio—

Lorenzo Volpe - Agostino Battaglia

Battaglia e Garofalo-Marco, Edda Carle-

varis e Nevodini, L'Anima del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. - Celsa Lobo

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

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

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> - LUNEDÌ**

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

12:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> - MARTEDÌ**

8:30 A.M. + Evelyn Martinez

12:00 P.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

**WEDNESDAY SEPT 17<sup>TH</sup> - MERCOLEDÌ**

8:30 A.M. + Florilinda Caparas

+ Ernesto Buenaventura

+ Jeff Pretti

12:00 P.M. + Aldwyn Marhin

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> - GIOVEDÌ**

7:00 A.M. + Sydney De Souza

8:30 A.M. + Bruce Benton

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> - VENERDÌ**

8:30 A.M. - In Thanksgiving

7:00 P.M. - Rosalind Hanratty

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO**

8:30 A.M. + Flaviano Calingayan

10:00 A.M. - Fred Chan



**OFFERTORY LAST WEEK**

Regular: \$5,608.00

Building Fund: \$3,351.85



### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*I chose to take the name Leo XIV...mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers...the treasury of [its] social teaching in response to...new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor.*

ADDRESS TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS,  
ROME, MAY 10, 2025



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### St. Lawrence Martyr Parish ~ Ministry Harvest 2025

*"As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received." - 1 Peter 4:10*

*Join us for our Ministry Fair on October 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> after all Masses.*

Discover the ways you can share your **time** and **talent** in our community.



#### 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.



#### Stewardship Sunday September 21, 2025

**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

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.](#)



#### SEASON OF CREATION SEPTEMBER 1-OCTOBER 4

The annual event of the Season of Creation begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.

This year's theme is "Peace with Creation" and the symbol is "Garden of Peace", inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18. An introductory video and resources to observe this season at home, church and school may be found at the following links:

[Celebration Guide: https://bit.ly/SoC-Guide](https://bit.ly/SoC-Guide)

[Video: https://bit.ly/SoC-Video](https://bit.ly/SoC-Video)

## Dear Padre

September 14, 2025

**A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?**

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life "as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus' death was payment for our sins doesn't mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. "It is love 'to the end' (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice "that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices," when "the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself," and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father "in reparation for our disobedience" (CCC 614). Christ "bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ's death has meaning in eternal life's triumph over sin. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

**DON'T  
FORGET!**

**BELL TOWER  
Envelopes  
Offertory  
Next Weekend  
September 21<sup>st</sup>!**

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**

#### 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 ~*