

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.

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.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ, Thank you for supporting our BELL TOWER FUND. Within only a few short months, we successfully reached our goal of raising \$300,000 and completed the repairs of our bell tower. Now we can rest assured that our church bell tower foundation can last another 65 years, hopefully more!

As we mentioned at the beginning of our Campaign, part two will consist of replacing our 20-year-old parish heating and cooling systems. Since my arrival in July 2022, both systems have broken down on a number of occasions, with the repair costs being quite substantial as a result. In 2024, for example, the parish spent more than \$50,000 to replace some aging and leaking valves. The manufacturer told us that although the systems might be able to provide a few additional years of service, we should nevertheless expect future problems to occur. Moreover, they informed us that our parish would most likely have to incur additional costs in order to maintain the system, as the technology continue to improve on newer systems.

We began a 2-year pledged donation program and we are continuing with it for part two of our Campaign. I am grateful to all those who signed up for this program that continues to support the needs of the Campaign. If you are interested in signing up to support our church and for the convenience it provides, please send an email to slmparishfund2024@gmail.com. Dividing an amount by 12-24 months makes for easier payment of larger gifts.

A few days ago, I received the much-anticipated proposal on how to upgrade our systems from our engineering consulting firm. They estimated that the cost of the project would be approximately \$700,000. I have forwarded the proposal to each member of our parish Finance Committee and to a handful of parishioners, who have a great deal of expertise and knowledge in the heating and cooling industry. I am looking forward in hearing their inputs, feedback, concerns, etc. Be assured that I will take everything they offer into consideration before making a final decision on how to proceed with the project.

Once the details are finalized, I will provide you with an update. Meanwhile, I encourage you to continue to support our SACRED JOURNEY CAMPAIGN. The target for our CLIMATE CONTROL FUND is set at \$700,000. While this number is certainly a larger goal to raise, these funds will undoubtedly help ensure that St. Lawrence Martyr continues to be a vibrant place for worship and community fellowship for years to come. Please note that ALL your donations, that is, 100% of it are directed to the Campaign. No administration expenses are incurred because the campaign is run by our wonderful volunteers under my direction, except for software and banking fees.

You can continue to make a donation: Online through our website; Parish Campaign envelopes; By submitting to the parish office a completed donation form downloaded from parish website, or picked-up from foyer; Square POS (Point of Sale) terminal for donations with a credit card or interact at parish office. * Please make sure to enclose your completed donation form in a sealed envelope to protect your personal/financial information. * If you choose to donate via the debit option, please make sure to include a void cheque.

Although my hope is that you won't, nevertheless, you can cancel your donation or pledge at any time, no questions asked. Just complete the Change Form available on the website and send it to the parish office. A consolidated (Sacred Journey, offertory, special projects, etc.) official charitable tax receipt will be sent to you following the end of each year. If you have questions, send an email to slmparishfund2024@gmail.com and our volunteers will respond within the next business day.

Let's pull through together in order to make the second part of our Campaign another success story. Again, Thank you for your kindness and love for St. Lawrence Martyr Church. Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



Cardinal Leo encourages you to reach out to your neighbour in need

"We cannot turn away from the suffering around us, especially when so many struggle just to eat. Our Catholic family is called not only to witness God's love but to live it boldly: feed the hungry, restore dignity, and stand shoulder to shoulder with those in need. As Scripture reminds us in Isaiah 58:10, 'If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness.' Together, through these grants and our generous hearts, we bring hope where despair threatens to take hold." Please give generously and wholeheartedly through sharelife.org/donate or our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel.

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Luke 16:1-13



You cannot serve both God and mammon.

This parable can be deeply disquieting if we take it as an allegory, that is, if every element in the story is meant (as in Matthew's Parable of the Wheat and the Tares) to have an equivalent in reality. We can't have God praising the steward for his frauds! No, the point of the story is simply the steward's energy and inventiveness, his shrewdness as a 'child of this age'. A lot more thought goes into how to make money than into how to spend it to the best advantage of others! The danger and encumbrance of wealth is such that inventiveness and energy is needed in using it to win friends in heaven. The full cleverness of the story is more subtle: Jews were forbidden to lend to Jews at interest. The steward cuts off the interest from the bills of his master's debtors, for oil was commonly lent at 100% interest, and wheat at 25%. It was easy to return olive oil adulterated with cheap sesame oil, but if I scatter handfuls of chaff in the grain I give you back, you will spot it immediately. So the steward makes his master obey the Law! The sayings added at the end hit the nail on the head: no slave can serve two masters, God and money.

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Vi è prima una parabola e poi una serie di ammonimenti che commentano un elemento della parabola stessa e cioè l'uso del denaro. La parabola, come è ovvio, non loda il fattore perché è disonesto, ma perché ha la chiarezza e la decisione di imboccare l'unica via di salvezza che gli si prospetta. Si sa che l'arte di cavarsela è molto applicata nelle ambigue imprese di questo mondo. Lo è molto meno nella grande impresa della salvezza eterna. Perciò Gesù ci rimprovera di essere più pronti a salvarci dai mali mondani che dal male eterno, lui che da parte sua ha fatto di tutto perché fossimo salvati, fino a salire in croce per noi. Non ci decidiamo a credere che, se non portiamo il nostro peccato davanti a Dio, siamo perduti. Cominciamo le nostre Messe confessando i peccati che abbiamo commessi, ma usciti di chiesa ricominciamo a parlare di quelli altrui.

Un "test" decisivo dell'autenticità della nostra decisione cristiana è proprio l'uso del denaro.

Non è disonesta la ricchezza in sé, né maledizione la ricchezza esteriore. Ma lo è la ricchezza come idolo, innamoramento e progetto, come deformazione interiore del cuore e della mente, che vogliono a tutti i costi essere produttori di potenza e quindi di potere economico.

Occorre decidersi a scegliere: o mammona o Dio; cioè: o essere il signore per signoreggiare o servire il Signore e godere della sua onnipotenza d'amore.

C'è un solo modo di liberarsi dalla schiavitù della ricchezza: farsi "amici" per mezzo di ciò che si ha, cioè con l'impegno della solidale condivisione.



**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.

Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) ~ [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



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

5:00 P.M. + Barry Kean

#### **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> - DOMENICA**

8:30 A.M. - Sacha & Kayla Bagasan

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Giulia Benedetti

Tony Lamanna Antonio Savella

Benito Cortese - Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Totonno e Rosaria Francella

Luigi Cornacchia

Nunziata e Domenico Masellis

Luigi e Maria D'Addario

Vincenza Di Tacchio - Lorenzo Volpe

Loreno e Giovanna Romagnolo e famiglia

11:30 A.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

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

#### **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> - LUNEDÌ**

8:30 A.M. - St Michael Archangel Group

12:00 P.M. - Fr. Russell Asch

#### **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> - MARTEDÌ**

8:30 A.M. - Fr. Daniel Adayi

12:00 P.M. - Henrietta Asch

#### **WEDNESDAY SEPT 24<sup>TH</sup> - MERCOLEDÌ**

8:30 A.M. - Carmen Pereira

+ Ernesto Buenaventura

+ Jett Gallenero

12:00 P.M. - The Jose Family

#### **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> - GIOVEDÌ**

7:00 A.M. - Stephen Griffith

8:30 A.M. - Greg & Aghi Clovis Family

#### **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> - VENERDÌ**

8:30 A.M. - Mark & Eppie Blackwell

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

#### **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO**

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

10:00 A.M. + For the Unborn Children



**OFFERTORY LAST WEEK**  
Regular: \$6,197.50



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BISHOPS' COLLECTION  
FOR THE NEEDS OF  
THE CHURCH  
IN CANADA

### Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: Weekend of September 27 and 28.

#### Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission Across the Country

This annual initiative helps support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Thank you for your support of this important work.

### SCHOOL REGISTRATION For all New and Returning Students Is Still ONGOING!

St. Lawrence Catholic School is currently accepting registration for students in JK born in 2021 and all grades to Grade 8. Please apply at [soar.tcdsb.org](http://soar.tcdsb.org). For information please call the school at 416 393 5264.

### Coming Soon to SLM Parish!

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

Dates, Times, and Subjects to follow...



*St. Lawrence Martyr Parish  
Ministry Harvest 2025  
October 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>  
after all Masses.*

AND EVERY DAY, WHEN YOUR HEART  
ESPECIALLY FEELS THE LONELINESS OF  
LIFE, PRAY.

**st. padre pio**

### FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. LEARN:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**

#### 3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. Scan the QR code
2. Follow this QR link: [qrco.de/WebSept27](http://qrco.de/WebSept27)
3. Send an email to: [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write "webinar September 27" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



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

We are now accepting registrations for the 2025-2026 RCIA Program. Please visit our [website](#) for information and to download the [RCIA Initial application form](#)



### 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 ~*