

# 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.**

## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ, two years ago, I shared with you a principle that I first learned as a Finance student at the University of Toronto: the Pareto Principle, or the “80/20 rule”.

Simply put, it suggests that 80% of results often come from 20% of the effort. This principle has far-reaching application including, for example: in taxation (80% of all tax revenue comes from 20% of society), in business (80% of income comes from 20% of one’s customers), and in IT (80% of system failures caused by 20% of computer viruses and bugs) [see Pastor’s Corner for 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time 2022, Stewardship Sunday]. At the timing of my writing, I asked aloud whether this principle would also hold for St. Lawrence Parish. Is this is a church where 20% of the parish base actively participates in 80% of the parish’s many ministries and events?

Over the past two years, I can say with joy that our community has grown. Many new families and individuals have joined our parish family in that time. I see many new faces at Mass and I personally meet so many new people after each Mass. Truly, our parish has increased in numbers and become more vibrant and active as a result. At the same time, as our parish grows, so too do the demands of parish life. More ministries, more programs, and more opportunities to serve means that we need more hands and hearts.

This past May 24, 2025, we held a Volunteer Mass and Reception for all our volunteers. More than 150 volunteers from all the different parish ministries participated. Although this is a good number, we still need more however. Imagine the difference if far more of us gave of our time, our talents, and our treasure for the good of this community and for the mission of Christ.

This weekend, you will find in the parish bulletin an additional “Sip and Serve” handout. It contains a description of all the various ministries we have at our parish. I ask you to please take it home, read it carefully, and reflect prayerfully on where the Lord may be calling you to become more involved. Whether it is in liturgy, music, outreach, hospitality, youth ministry, catechesis, or service to the poor, there is a place for you. And we need you!

To help you learn more, I warmly invite you to come and join us in the church hall for our “Sip and Serve” gathering that will take place after each Mass during the October 11-12 weekend. Come fill your cup and fill a need. There, you will be able to meet ministry leaders and volunteers, ask questions, and discover how your gifts can make a real difference. Come fill your cup and enjoy some light refreshments. Share in some fellowship and consider how you can respond to Christ’s call to serve both Him and our neighbour.

The 80/20 rule does not need to define St. Lawrence Parish. The Lord has already abundantly blessed our parish with growth; now He is inviting us to build upon that growth together. If more parishioners answer “yes,” we will be able to strengthen our parish family and extend Christ’s mission far beyond what a small group of volunteers alone could accomplish.

I ask you to pray, reflect, and respond. The future of our parish should not be determined by the few, but by the many who are willing to offer their time, talents, and treasures in love of the Lord. St. Theresa of Calcutta once aptly remarked, “*The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, and the fruit of love is service.*” Let your “yes” today bear much fruit at St. Lawrence Parish for years to come.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

*Our parish family has grown, and with it our ministries and programs — but we need more parishioners to step forward to keep them strong. In this weekend’s bulletin you’ll find a brochure listing all our ministries; please take it home and reflect on where you might serve. Then join us for our “Sip and Serve” weekend on October 11–12 after every Mass to meet ministry leaders, enjoy refreshments, and discover how you can get involved.*



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Luke 16:19-31



*You received what was good, Lazarus what was bad;  
now he is comforted, whereas you are tormented.*

This story of Jesus comes only in Luke, another of those dreadful warnings of the danger of wealth, for Luke gives us always the Gospel to the poor: contrast the welcome given to Jesus by the shepherds and the fabulously wealthy King Herod! Luke shows us those who blithely turn down their invitation to the banquet of the Kingdom in order to try out their new holiday cottage, their latest Porsche or the re-fitted yacht. Through the Crafty Steward he reminds us that those who want to make money are often sharper than those who want to make the Kingdom. Through the Rich Fool he reminds us that well-stocked barns are no remedy against death. For me there are three particularly horrible features of today's parable: firstly, the flea-ridden dogs licking Lazarus' sores: there are no pets in Palestine; dogs are either bristling guard-dogs or mangy curs. Secondly, the Rich Man's continuing self-absorption: even after death he still does not recognise Lazarus' existence and thinks only of his own burning tongue; contrast Abraham's gentleness: it almost looks as though he would cross the chasm if he could. Thirdly, the obdurate brothers; they are just not willing to listen, even to the most startling event; nothing will distract them from their own selfish pre-occupations.

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Con questa parabola Gesù ci richiama l'irreparabile eternità delle pene dell'inferno. È un discorso duro, ma viene dalle labbra di Gesù. Il ricco Epulone, che durante la vita terrena non ha praticato la carità, soffre irrimediabilmente nell'oltrevita. Egli, come i suoi fratelli, conosceva la legge e le profezie che specificano i modi della giustizia divina: forse riteneva che per lui si sarebbe fatta un'eccezione, e invece tutto si compie alla lettera. Siamo avvertiti anche noi: non possiamo edulcorare la legge di Cristo, affidarci a una "misericordia" che non trovi corrispettivo nella nostra carità. Finché siamo quaggiù abbiamo tempo per compiere il bene, e in tal modo guadagnarci la felicità eterna: poi sarà troppo tardi. Gesù dà un senso anche alle sofferenze di Lazzaro: le ingiustizie terrene saranno largamente compensate nell'altra vita, l'unica che conta. Abbiamo il dovere di far conoscere a tutti, cominciando dalle persone che amiamo, la logica della giustizia divina: e questa è la forma più squisita della carità.



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

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

#### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Daniel Noranho

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

San Cosimo, San Damiano e San Michele

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Giulia Benedetti

Marino e Flavia D'Attolico

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Defunti famiglie Longo e Russo

Defunti famiglie Tamburro e Caccavella

Leonello Pecorari - Paolo Modica

Luigi e Maria D'Addario

Vincenza Di Tacchio - Lorenzo Volpe

11:30 A.M. + Dulce Enriquez

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

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

#### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> - LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. + FrankTeresiaJoseph Lovrek

12:00 P.M. - Cedric De Souza & Family

#### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> - MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Elizabeth Robles

12:00 P.M. - Maria Georgina Jose

#### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> - MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Mr. Abner

+ Ernesto Buenaventura

+ Editha Pan Delloro

12:00 P.M. + Joe V.

#### THURSDAY OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> - GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M. - Pro Populo

8:30 A.M. + Sebastiana Moncada

#### FRIDAY OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M. - Cees Oudejans

7:00 P.M. - Cedric De Souza & Family

#### SATURDAY OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Rob Epstein

10:00 A.M. + Michael De Souza



### OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$6,177.60

Sacred Journey: \$4,973.15



MEN'S WEEKEND DISCERNMENT RETREAT AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

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DISCERNING AND  
LEARNING MORE  
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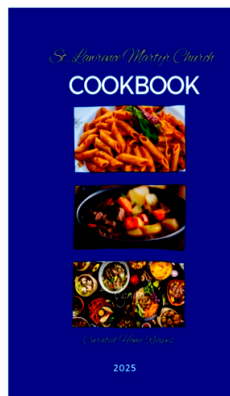


**Volunteer Engagement Weekend**  
**October 11 & 12, 2025**  
**After All Masses**  
**Parish Hall**



**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](#)



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## LIFE CHAIN

♦ SUNDAY · OCT · 5 · 2025 ♦ 2-3 PM

Join thousands across Canada standing against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration!



**Meeting Place - SLM Parish before 2PM**

When It is in your power to  
do good, do not hold it back!  
~ St. Polycarp ~



**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**

**Adult Faith  
Formation  
Coming to SLM  
Parish!**

IT IS ALL ABOUT  
**JESUS**

**Faith Formation Series**

**Oct 16, 2025 - Apr 30, 2026**

**What would happen if we encountered Jesus in a way that transformed our hearts and minds?**

More information will  
be provided soon!



**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 ~*