

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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PASTORAL TEAM:

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*Chaplain to the Faithful participating in
the Extraordinary Rite of the Latin Mass*

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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.



Dear Friends in Christ, last Friday (October 10th) I came back to Toronto after leading 45 pilgrims throughout Italy. By all accounts, it was a fantastic experience for many of them. The pilgrimage took us through many different medieval towns, which incredibly remained virtually unchanged from the days when the local saints walked the streets some hundred years ago. The weather was unusually hot and sunny for this time of year and the food magnificently delicious. While it would be relatively easy for me to share with you the numerous wonderful places we visited, I would like instead to share with you some of the spiritual lessons, which I believed the pilgrims learned from our journey of faith together.

Shortly after arriving in Rome, we went to Florence for the day and then quickly set out for three important medieval towns closely associated with Eucharist miracles that took place there over the centuries. Our first stop was the Church of St. Christina in Bolsena, the site where one of the most famous Eucharistic miracles in Catholic history took place. According to tradition, in 1263 a German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, was traveling to Rome, struggling with doubt about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. When he reached Bolsena, he celebrated Mass in the Church of St. Christina. As he consecrated the Host, blood began to flow from it, staining the corporal and the altar. Astonished and deeply moved, the priest wrapped the bleeding Host in the corporal and immediately went to nearby Orvieto, where Pope Urban IV was residing.

Upon hearing of the miracle, the Pope sent delegates to investigate. When the evidence was presented, including the bloodstained corporal, Urban IV declared it a true miracle. The relics were solemnly brought to Orvieto, where they remain preserved today in the Cathedral of Orvieto. The Church of St. Christina holds a part of the marble altar, and a few slabs of marble floor, which were stained by the precious blood of Christ.

Deeply moved, Pope Urban IV established the universal Feast of Corpus Christi in 1264 and also commissioned St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the liturgical texts for the feast, including the famous hymns *Pange Lingua* and *Tantum Ergo*, songs that many faithful in the world continue to sing during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until this day. We can say that Fr. Peter of Prague's moment of doubt became a moment of profound faith for the entire Church and the Miracle of Bolsena continues to affirm Catholic belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and stands as a powerful sign of faith overcoming doubt, inspiring devotion for over seven centuries.

Our second stop was the great medieval town of Siena, a place synonymous with the great figure of St. Catherine. Providentially, our scheduled Mass that day was to take place in the Basilica of St. Francis. The basilica is the location where the Eucharistic Miracle of Siena took place in 1730, one of the most extraordinary and scientifically verified Eucharistic miracles in the history of our Church.

The Eucharist miracle took place on August 14, 1730, the eve of the Feast of the Assumption, when thieves broke into the Church of St. Francis. The criminals stole the ciborium containing 351 consecrated Hosts from the tabernacle, with the theft discovered the following day. Three days later, on August 17, a parishioner found the missing Hosts in a poor box near the Church of St. Mary in Provenzano, still miraculously intact and unsoiled. They were solemnly returned to the Church of St. Francis with great reverence and public procession.

The most remarkable aspect, however, is that the consecrated Hosts have remained perfectly preserved for nearly 300 years. Numerous scientific studies and ecclesiastical investigations have confirmed that the Hosts show no natural sign of decay, maintaining their original freshness, texture, and color as if they had been recently consecrated. The miracle continues to be visible today with the Hosts preserved in a special reliquary, which we had the privilege of adoring with our own eyes. The perpetual Eucharistic miracle of Siena is effectively a living testimony of Christ's real and enduring Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Our third stop was Lanciano, the town where the oldest and most Eucharistic miracles in the Catholic Church took place in the 8th century. According to tradition, a Basilian monk was celebrating Mass in the Church of St. Legontian (now called San Francesco Church). Like many priests throughout history, he struggled with doubts about the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

During the consecration, as he pronounced the words of institution - "This is My Body... This is My Blood" - the Host visibly turned into flesh, and the wine in the chalice turned into actual blood before his eyes. Overwhelmed by awe and fear, the monk invited the congregation to witness what had occurred.

The local bishop conducted an investigation and officially recognized the miracle. The precious relics - the flesh and coagulated blood - were carefully preserved and have been displayed ever since in a reliquary above the altar of the Church of San Francesco in Lanciano. Scientific analyses conducted in 1970-1971 by Dr. Edoardo Linoli, a professor of anatomy and pathology, confirmed that: the flesh is human heart tissue (myocardium); the blood is human blood type AB, the same type found on the Shroud of Turin. The relics contain no preservatives and have remained intact for over 1,200 years. The Church venerates the Miracle of Lanciano as a powerful and enduring testimony to the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

To say that we had a great privilege of witnessing these three great Eucharistic miracles - a bleeding Host, consecrated Hosts that remained uncorrupted for more a few centuries, and a Host that changed into flesh and coagulated blood - within the first few days of our pilgrimage is an understatement. Yet, having said this, it is important for us to remember dear Friends that we continue to have the same privilege of seeing these miracles taking place each time we attend the Holy Mass of Jesus Christ, especially when we see them through the eyes of faith. Let us then ask our Lord to bless us with a vibrant faith, so that we can always show Him a tender love and devotion for his loving Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Pax Christi, Fr. Thomas

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 19, 2025

God will bring justice to his chosen ones who call out to him.

LUKE 18: 1 - 8



“Will not God secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?” The Lord teaches us to imitate the persistent widow who “keeps bothering” the judge until he delivers a just decision. Such persistence shows that we are not afraid or discouraged by our dependence on God, but driven by that dependence to call out to him all the more. We persist “whether it is convenient or inconvenient.” Moses witnesses to this: as long as he remains cruciform no harm comes, for the Lord is the “guardian of Israel.” “Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed” – we belong to God and are “equipped for every good work.”

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Cristo si definisce di fronte ad un mondo diviso in due: quello degli oppressori senza Dio e senza cuore, e quello degli oppressi senza protezione. Egli scopre un peccato: il peccato sociale, più forte che mai, antico quanto l'uomo; ed egli lo analizza in profondità nell'ingenuità di una parabola dalla quale trae un duplice insegnamento. Quello del clamore che sale verso Dio gridando l'ingiustizia irritante in una preghiera fiduciosa e senza risentimento, tenacemente serena e senza scoraggiamenti, con la sicurezza che verrà ascoltata da un giudice che diventa il Padre degli orfani e il consolatore delle vedove. D'altro canto, Gesù stesso prende posizione, rivoltandosi come una forza trasformatrice dell'uomo su questa terra deserta di ogni pietà, per mezzo della risposta personale della sua propria sofferenza, agonizzante, in un giudizio vergognoso, senza difesa e senza colpa. Neanche lui viene ascoltato, ma si abbandona ciecamente a suo Padre, dalla sua croce, che ottiene per tutti la liberazione. La sua unica forza viene dal potere di una accettazione, certa, ma profetica, denunciante. Ci chiede, dalla sua croce: quando ritornerò a voi troverò tutta questa fede, che prega nella rivolta?

**Vocation Reflection...** God will answer the prayers of those who cry out. Ask for men and women to respond to the call to service as priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters. 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)

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES WEEK

**LECTORS WEBINAR - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 7 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION WEBINAR**

- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

**FORMATION FOR MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY WEBINAR**

- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 7 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT: [FORMATION@ARCHTORONTO.ORG](mailto:FORMATION@ARCHTORONTO.ORG) OR 437-900-4287



*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 OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO**

**5:00 P.M.** Carol Durham

#### **SUNDAY OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> - DOMENICA**

**8:30 A.M.** + Victorine & Vanitha Singarayer

**10:00 A.M.** (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Luigi e Maria D'Addario

Tony Lamanna - Leonardo Cornacchia

Benito Cortese - Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Giuseppe Canini e famiglia - Antonio Savella

Totonno e Rosario Francella - Lorenzo Volpe

**11:30 A.M.** + Patrick Leo

**1:00 P.M.** Pro Populo

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

#### **MONDAY OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> - LUNEDI**

**8:30 A.M.** Cheryl Anne Trevino

**12:00 P.M.** Theresa Burlton

#### **TUESDAY OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> - MARTEDI**

**8:30 A.M.** Sacha Bagasan

**12:00 P.M.** + Carmen Poblette Jose

#### **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup> - MERCOLEDI**

**8:30 A.M.** Kayla Bagasan

Otto Lam & Family

+ Juvylyn Millado

**12:00 P.M.** + Marcos Tolentino Lobo

#### **THURSDAY OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> - GIOVEDI**

**7:00 A.M.** Trudy Chan

**8:30 A.M.** + Nanette Dua

**1:00 P.M.** + Denise Nake

#### **FRIDAY OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup> - VENERDI**

**8:30 A.M.** Robert Epstein

**7:00 P.M.** Pro Populo

#### **SATURDAY OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO**

**8:30 A.M.** Stephanie Bagasan

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

**12:00 P.M. WEDDING**

Kevin T. Saflor & Maria Joyce A. Verendia

**2:00 P.M. WEDDING**

Stephen A. Bruyeta & Nicole E. Bass



### OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

**Regular: \$5,140.50**

**Building Fund: \$3,594.90**

*Thank you*



*Don't Forget!*

**Next Sunday:**



**SACRED JOURNEY**  
Restoring the House of God

**Climate Control Fund**

## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 19, 2025



### FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Registration OPEN for children  
in Grade 2 or older

Parents **MUST** register online, bring all the requirements  
and attend **ONE** of the registration dates  
in the Parish Hall:

**Wednesday, November 12, 2025,**  
from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM

**Saturday, November 15, 2025,**  
from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM

Registration forms are only online on our website.

### CONFIRMATION



Registration OPEN for children  
in Grade 7 or older

Parents **MUST** register online, bring all the requirements  
and attend **ONE** of the registration dates  
in the Parish Hall:

**Wednesday, November 19, 2025,**  
from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM

**Saturday, November 22, 2025,**  
from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM

Registration forms are only online on our website.

### FAITH FORMATION SERIES

## IT IS ALL ABOUT JESUS



#### SPEAKERS & TOPICS

|                                                                |                                                                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>OCT 30</b><br><b>FR. GIUSEPPE SCOLLO</b>                    | JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025:<br>OLD TESTAMENT ROOTS, NEW<br>TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT AND<br>ECCLESIAL PRACTICE |
| <b>NOV 13</b><br><b>FR. THOMAS LIM</b>                         | THE BIBLE: GOD'S LOVE LETTER<br>TO HUMANITY                                                               |
| <b>NOV 27</b><br><b>FR. THOMAS LIM</b>                         | THE STORY OF SALVATION:<br>CREATION, FALL AND<br>REDEMPTION                                               |
| <b>DEC 8, 9 &amp; 10</b><br><b>THOMAS CARDINAL<br/>COLLINS</b> | THE MANY FACETS OF ADVENT                                                                                 |

SAVE THESE DATES  
THURSDAYS @ 7:00PM

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|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Oct 16 & 30                                      | Jan 8 & 22                 |
| Nov 13 & 27                                      | Feb 5 & 19                 |
| Dec 8, 9, 10<br>(Monday, Tuesday<br>& Wednesday) | Mar 12 & 26<br>Apr 16 & 30 |

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## Dear Padre

October 19, 2025

**What is the Church's view on having  
crystal stones or sage in the home to  
bring in positive energy?**

The Church does not have an official position  
on every possible human action or activity. The  
Church believes in the discerning principle of ma-  
turity and fully expects that the people of God  
will use the ability that has been entrusted to  
them by the Creator in a positive manner. The  
Church understands the power of mystery and  
the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any  
"energy" that mystery and symbols may gene-  
rate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate  
objects, by the very definition of "inanimate,"  
do not generate energy. They may be symbols  
of energy, but they do not have energy in and  
of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or  
because of the way they diffuse light, then there  
is no harm in having them in your house. If you  
like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All  
symbols have different meanings, depending on  
how they are understood and used by the people  
who gathered, collect, and store them for use.  
These symbols have no power in and of them-  
selves for good or for evil. However, if you live  
in a culture that has identified the meaning of a  
symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts  
Christian belief and practice, it would be best to  
avoid that symbol. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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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**

### SLMC CRAFT GROUP

## Warm Hearts Warm Feet

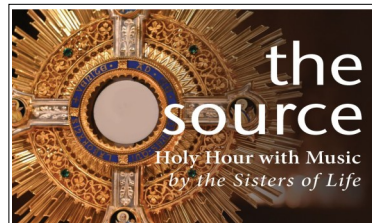


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the Lord's Mercy & Healing

OCTOBER 23, 2025  
7:00 PM—9:00 PM

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### 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 ~



YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE // AGES 18-39 // NOVEMBER 21-23



EARLY BIRD ENDS SEPTEMBER 30 // REGISTRATION CLOSES NOVEMBER 5