

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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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.



Message for the Archdiocesan Day for Palliative Care

26 October 2025

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo

Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

I am writing to you in anticipation of the upcoming Archdiocesan Day for Palliative Care which was introduced last March and to be observed on the last Sunday of October throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. This new observance is born out of a deep pastoral concern for those who suffer and for those approaching the end of life. It is my hope that this day will inspire every parish community to pray, reflect, and act with renewed compassion toward those in need of comfort, dignity, and accompaniment in their final journey. It is imperative that we raise awareness and encourage prayerful dialogue among the faithful and the larger community about what to do when someone we love is suffering, especially in a life-threatening manner. With its proximity to the month of November when we remember those who have gone before us, the Archdiocesan Day for Palliative Care connects the suffering of this world and in our bodies and souls, with the hope that we have in the world to come.

Our Christian faith teaches that every human life is a precious gift from God, to be cherished and protected from conception until natural death. In a culture that increasingly views suffering as something to be eliminated rather than embraced with love, the Church must give witness to the truth that life retains its dignity even amid illness, pain, and decline. Palliative care is a profound expression of this belief that seeks not to hasten death, but to relieve suffering through medical, emotional, and spiritual support. Currently, only a third of Canadians have access to quality palliative care. We know that if those who are sick and dying are surrounded by loving care, in a community setting imbued with compassion, possess an understanding of what effective pain management looks like as well as the meaning of redemptive suffering, fewer would seek euthanasia and assisted suicide as a solution to their pain, guilt or loneliness.

To help foster this awareness, a brochure entitled Palliative Care and a Catholic Response to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide has been created and distributed to all parishes. This brochure explains the beauty and importance of authentic palliative care, the moral reasons for rejecting euthanasia and assisted suicide, and the compassionate presence the Church offers to those at the end of life. It also includes practical resources such as HopeLine (416-619-5700), as well as guidance for families and parish ministers who accompany the sick and dying. I encourage you all to seek out this valuable resource and share it with others.

Ideally our Archdiocesan Day for Palliative Care will provide our parish communities with the opportunity to pause and reflect on and commit to compassionate care for the dying. We need to enter into conversations around the difficult question of "What do I do when someone I love is dying and suffering horrific pain?" While larger legislative and structural issues may seem daunting, we know that grass roots initiatives and kitchen table conversations are far more effective and attainable. Our first Archdiocesan Day for Palliative Care represents a concrete step in integrating the Church's pastoral mission with the urgent medical, ethical, and spiritual challenges associated with end-of-life care.

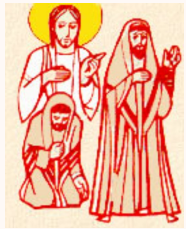
Finally, just as those who are suffering need to know they are not alone, families and parishes need to recognise they are not alone. The larger archdiocesan family is here to help, I am committed to ensuring that help and support, care and comfort reach those who are most vulnerable. Part of our support is the ongoing "Horizons of Hope" program which encourages all the faithful to deepen their understanding of end-of-life issues and to accompany others with faith and tenderness. When it comes to euthanasia and assisted suicide, there are a lot of myths surrounding what we believe and encourage. I want everyone to know the truth, to be "Good Samaritans" who stand beside their brothers and sisters in their most vulnerable moments and effect to them the compassion of the Lord and his gift of life, both earthly and heavenly.

May the Lord bless all who are facing end-of-life decisions and those who accompany them and may Our Lady wrap you all in her mantle of love and care.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 26, 2025

The tax collector, not the Pharisee, went home justified.

LUKE 18: 9 - 14



The tax collector, completely aware of his unworthiness, beats his breast and prays, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." Where does he get the confidence to do this? His experience of limitation and failure has led him not to despair, but to depend. He remains certain that there is something beyond "every evil threat" and that the Lord will rescue him. Maybe he had in mind the promise of Sirach: "The Lord hears the cry of the oppressed. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds." This is why the formerly anti-Christian Paul can say without boasting: "From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me." For "whomever humbles himself will be exalted."

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La parola del Signore che ci invitava, domenica scorsa, a perseverare nella preghiera - Dio ascolterà coloro che perseverano nella loro preghiera - risuona ancora alle nostre orecchie mentre il testo evangelico di oggi completa l'insegnamento sulla preghiera: bisogna certamente pregare, e pregare con insistenza. Ma questo non basta, bisogna pregare sempre di più. E il primo ornamento della preghiera è la qualità dell'umiltà: essere convinti della propria povertà, della propria imperfezione e indegnità. Dio, come ci ricorda la lettura del Siracide, ascolta la preghiera del povero, soprattutto del povero di spirito, cioè di colui che sa e si dichiara senza qualità, come il pubblicano della parabola.

La preghiera del pubblicano, che Gesù approva, non parte dai suoi meriti, né dalla sua perfezione (di cui nega l'esistenza), ma dalla giustizia salvatrice di Dio, che, nel suo amore, può compensare la mancanza di meriti personali: ed è questa giustizia divina che ottiene al pubblicano, senza meriti all'attivo, di rientrare a casa "diventato giusto", "giustificato".

**Vocation Reflection... WANTED:** Humble sinners who know the forgiveness of God. These make good servants of the Gospel. They can be priests, deacons, brothers or 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)



*During the Month of November  
The Book of Remembrance  
will be available.*



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

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

#### **SUNDAY OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup> - DOMENICA**

**8:30 A.M.** Francis Hsieh & Family

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

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Lorenzo Volpe

Anna Maria Benedetti - Luciano Vincenzi

Marino e Flavia D' Attolico

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo - Leonello Pecorari

**11:30 A.M.** St. Michael the Archangel Prayer Group

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

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

#### **MONDAY OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup> - LUNEDI**

**8:30 A.M.** Mark & Eppie Blackwell & Family

**12:00 P.M.** Eric Mazare

#### **TUESDAY OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> - MARTEDI**

**8:30 A.M.** Lancy D'Cunha

**12:00 P.M.** Pro Populo

#### **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> - MERCOLEDI**

**8:30 A.M.** Greg & Agni Clovis & Family

+ Franciska Dimitrov

+ Stanka & Frank Kosik

+ Paul & Pauline Lam

**12:00 P.M.** + Maggie Lee

#### **THURSDAY OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> - GIOVEDI**

**7:00 A.M.** + David Jose

**8:30 A.M.** + Aurora Vergara

#### **FRIDAY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> - VENERDI**

**8:30 A.M.** Candida Lobo

**7:00 P.M.** Fred Leung

#### **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> - SABATO**

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

**10:00 A.M.** For All Our Parishioners



#### **OFFERTORY LAST WEEK**

**Regular: \$5,549.35**

**World Mission: \$2,801.25**

*Thank  
you*



**Don't  
Forget!**

**Time Change**

**Fall Back is Next weekend**

**Change your clock on**

**Saturday November 1st back 1 hr**

## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 26, 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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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Oct 16 &amp; 30</b>                                              | <b>Jan 8 &amp; 22</b>                            |
| <b>Nov 13 &amp; 27</b>                                              | <b>Feb 5 &amp; 19</b>                            |
| <b>Dec 8, 9, 10</b><br><b>(Monday, Tuesday<br/>&amp; Wednesday)</b> | <b>Mar 12 &amp; 26</b><br><b>Apr 16 &amp; 30</b> |

### SLMC CRAFT GROUP



## Warm Hearts Warm Feet

Now accepting NEW men's socks.

Please place them in the box at the entrance of the Church.

**2025 Sock Collection: October 18<sup>th</sup> - Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025**

## Dear Padre

October 26, 2025

**Is it wrong for children to dress up  
as zombies and devils and other evil  
creatures for Halloween?**

No. It is perfectly acceptable to choose these  
kinds of costumes and to participate in the festi-  
vities of Halloween. Halloween is primarily a secu-  
lar celebration. Although it is true that the origi-  
nal celebration is deeply rooted in the Christian  
tradition, that tradition is more properly celebrat-  
ed during the great feast days of the Church that  
follow Halloween: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Mythological representations, and the cos-  
tumes that remind us of these kind of characters,  
are to be understood with a sense of fun and mis-  
chief. There is no difference between a ghost, a  
goblin, a zombie, Captain America, Superman, or  
one of the Mario Brothers. They are all fiction-  
al characters in the very human stories we share  
with each other. The meaning we assign to them  
must be proportional to what they represent. On  
Halloween, they represent nothing more than a  
person in costume. It could be an entirely differ-  
ent story under different circumstances in which  
there might be the possibility of a misunder-  
standing about the meaning of such a costume.  
Halloween pretty much blurs that distinction and  
takes away the misunderstanding. It is meant to  
be entertaining and fun. That is all. ●

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**

**You are  
the voice of  
persecuted  
Christians!**

Join us on  
**November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**RED WEDNESDAY**  
**#RedWednesday**



**November 19, 2025 | 5:30 p.m. EST**  
**Mass for Persecuted Christians**  
**St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**  
65 Bond Street, Toronto, ON, M5B 1X1

Come pray with us.  
All are welcome.



acn-canada.org/rw/

**LAST  
CHANCE**

**Be a part of our 2025 SLMC Cookbook!**

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**SUBMIT**



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and \$35 after Oct 31

[stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/cookbook](http://stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/cookbook)



### 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 ~