

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.

ANointing 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 COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)~ NOVEMBER 2, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ, in last weekend's Corner I included for your reference the pastoral letter that Cardinal Leo wrote concerning the first ever Day of Palliative Care in the Archdiocese of Toronto. As a follow up to his letter, I would like to offer a few additional thoughts for your consideration.

The Church teaches that every human person is created in the image and likeness of God (Gen. 1:27). Every person is willed and loved by God, not merely as something but as someone. "Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator" (CCC 2258). Since life is a gift and not an absolute property, we are stewards and not masters of our own lives (CCC 2280-2281), thus making any form of intentional killing through euthanasia or assisted suicide a morally wrong act (CCC 2276-2279).

As stewards of God's gift of life, one of the most difficult decisions that some of us may have to make is deciding when to continue or withdraw a particular medical treatment. The Church helps in this regard by distinguishing between two kinds of care: ordinary and extraordinary means.

Ordinary means involve treatments that offer some reasonable hope of benefit that can be obtained without causing the person to suffer from excessive burden. A dying person, for example, must always receive food and water (even artificially administered, if they sustain life and are not excessively burdensome), and basic medical care. A young trauma victim should be placed on a ventilator and undergo surgery, if there is a good probability that these means will afford him a high possibility of recovery and restoration of life. In both these two different scenarios, the ordinary means are morally obligatory.

Extraordinary means involve treatments that do not offer reasonable hope of benefit, involve excessive burden, suffering, or cost to the patient or family, and/or are disproportionate to expected outcomes (e.g., experimental or invasive treatments that only prolong dying or impose severe suffering). A terminal cancer patient, for example, can decide to stop aggressive chemotherapy when it no longer slows the disease, or if the treatments cause severe pain, or are no longer effective. A patient does not have to remain on a ventilator indefinitely, especially when it is evident that the body can no longer sustain itself and death is imminent. Extraordinary means like these two examples are morally optional and a person may legitimately refuse them. "To forgo extraordinary or disproportionate means is not the equivalent of suicide or euthanasia; it rather expresses acceptance of the human condition in the face of death" (John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* §65).

A reader might get the impression that choosing between an ordinary and extraordinary means is a relatively straightforward exercise. In some cases, yes! In many other cases, however, the reality is more complicated and nuanced. What is important to note is that the Church does not necessarily define what is ordinary and extraordinary in the abstract. How can she given the endless possibilities of cases that exist? Each situation requires prudential judgement that incorporates a host of differing factors into the equation. These factors include, for example, the person's case (e.g., age, prognosis, pain level, consciousness); whether a treatment is effective or not; the imposed burden (e.g., physical, psychological, financial, or emotional); and the intent (e.g., is the treatment to sustain life or to postpone inevitable death?). Given the countless different possible scenarios, it is conceivable that what is ordinary means for one person can be an extraordinary means for another. That is why it is so important that individuals, who are unsure, confused, or overwhelmed by difficult choices, call the parish and speak to a priest (or someone well-versed with Catholic teachings), in order to get additional help and insight before deciding which means to choose.

Finally, one last thought on the difficult topic of pain and suffering. Pain and suffering, in themselves, have no moral or spiritual value. Like sin, imperfection, concupiscence and death, they are the result and consequences of the Fall and Original Sin. While God does not wish pain and suffering as such, nevertheless, He does permit them in some cases. As the writer of Wisdom astutely noted, "God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living" (Wis. 1:13).

During his agony in Gethsemane, Jesus prayed "Father, if it is possible, let this chalice pass from me; yet not my will but yours be done" (Mt 26:39). In these words, we can clearly see that Jesus recoiled from suffering, that is, in his human nature Jesus also naturally dreaded pain, suffering and death. Yet Jesus did not reject the bitter chalice of suffering that awaited him, but freely embraced the Father's will. In doing so, Our Lord radically transformed his acceptance of suffering into an act of obedient, self-giving love. His Passion became salvific not simply because He suffered, but because He chose to suffer out of love. In other words, the merits that Jesus obtained through the Cross did not come from the suffering itself, but through the obedience, love and trust with which Our Lord endured it.

It is only through the prism of Our Lord's Paschal mystery - Passion, Death, and Resurrection - that we are able to make sense of our Catholic understanding of suffering. While we should never actively seek pain and suffering, if God permits us to experience it, it can become a means of purification and grace, when we readily accept our suffering and unite it to that same mystery.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

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Everyone who believes in the Son will have eternal life and I shall raise him up on the last day.

JOHN 6: 37 - 40



"I would go so far as to say that if there was no purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God? And yet we don't want to be, to use an image from Scripture, 'a pot that turned out wrong,' that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right. Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again.

That he can cleanse us in such a way that we are able to be with him and can stand there in the fullness of life. Purgatory strips off from one person what is unbearable and from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them a pure heart is revealed, and we can see that we all belong together in one enormous symphony of being."—*Pope Benedict XVI*

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Fino a quando il Signore Gesù verrà nella gloria, e distrutta la morte gli saranno sottomesse tutte le cose, alcuni suoi discepoli sono pellegrini sulla terra, altri che sono passati da questa vita stanno purificandosi, altri infine godono della gloria contemplando Dio. Tutti però comunichiamo nella stessa carità di Dio. L'unione quindi di coloro che sono in cammino con i fratelli morti non è minimamente spezzata, anzi è conservata dalla comunione dei beni spirituali (cfr Conc. Vat. II, Costituzione dogmatica sulla Chiesa, «Lumen gentium», 49).

La Chiesa fin dai primi tempi ha coltivato con grande pietà la memoria dei defunti e ha offerto per loro i suoi suffragi (ibidem, 50). Nei riti funebri la Chiesa celebra con fede il mistero pasquale, nella certezza che quanti sono diventati con il Battesimo membri del Cristo crocifisso e risorto, attraverso la morte, passano con lui alla vita senza fine. (Cfr Rito delle esequie, 1). Si iniziò a celebrare la Commemorazione di tutti i fedeli defunti, anche a Roma, dal sec. XIV.



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

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

#### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> - DOMENICA**

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

**10:00 A.M.** Per Tutti I Nostri Parrocchiani

**11:30 A.M.** For All Our Parishioners

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

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

#### **MONDAY NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - LUNEDI**

**8:30 A.M.** Carol Morra

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

#### **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> - MARTEDI**

**8:30 A.M.** Randy Montalbo

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

#### **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> - MERCOLEDI**

**8:30 A.M.** + Harold Thin Hsien Liao

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

#### **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> - GIOVEDI**

**7:00 A.M.** Holy Souls in Purgatory

**8:30 A.M.** + Sebastiana Moncada

#### **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> - VENERDI**

**8:30 A.M.** Fr. Joseph Moncada

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

#### **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO**

**8:30 A.M.** + Antonio & Carmela Scarano

**10:00 A.M.** Holy Souls in Purgatory

### **Vocation Reflection...** Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me?

Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters? Can I respond to God 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)



### **OFFERTORY LAST WEEK**

**Regular: \$5,841.50**  
**Climate Control: \$4,970.30**

*Thank You*



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

On November 19, 2025, communities across Canada will unite with the world for Red Wednesday, a day of solidarity with persecuted Christians. The Archdiocese of Toronto invites the faithful to attend Holy Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, celebrated by Bishop John Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. Parishes, schools, and families across the country can also participate by organizing prayer services, lighting buildings in red, or wearing red as a visible sign of support. Together, these gestures defend religious freedom and show solidarity with persecuted Christians.

Resources: [www.acn-canada.org/rw](http://www.acn-canada.org/rw). Contact: [el@acn-canada.org](mailto:el@acn-canada.org) or (416) 785-0498. An ACN Canada initiative with archdiocesan support.

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## 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>NOV 13</b><br><b>FR. THOMAS LIM</b>                     | THE BIBLE: GOD'S LOVE LETTER TO HUMANITY              |
| <b>NOV 27</b><br><b>FR. THOMAS LIM</b>                     | THE STORY OF SALVATION: CREATION, FALL AND REDEMPTION |
| <b>DEC 8, 9 &amp; 10</b><br><b>THOMAS CARDINAL COLLINS</b> | THE MANY FACETS OF ADVENT                             |

## The Many Facets of Advent

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins

**December 6** | Mass @ 5:00pm  
**December 7** | Mass @ 8:30, 11:30am & 5:00pm  
**December 8-10, 2025**  
 Mass @ 7:00pm | Talk @ 7:30pm  
[www.stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/adventretreat](http://www.stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/adventretreat)

## 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

## 2025 SLMC Cookbook!

Pre-Order \$30 | Sep 15 - Oct 31  
and \$35 after Oct 31  
[stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/cookbook](http://stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/cookbook)

## FAMILY Christmas PARTY

Saturday | Nov 29, 2025 | 6PM  
Parish Hall

Dinner, Dance, Games, Silent Auction & so much more!

Tickets: Adult \$60  
Children 12 & below \$30

## CHRISTMAS MARKET CAFE

December 13 & 14, 2025  
After all Masses | Parish Hall

Specialty Coffee, Baked Goods, Plants, Crafts and More!

We are accepting donations for our Silent Auction table, and baked goods, plants, and crafts for the Market

## All Souls' Day Mass

**Saturday November 8, 2025 at 2:00 PM**

All Souls' Day is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed. Through prayer, intercessions, alms and visits to cemeteries, people commemorate their loved ones that have passed.

**All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:**

- \* ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CEMETERY
- \* CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CEMETERY
- \* HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CEMETERY
- \* QUEEN OF HEAVEN CATHOLIC CEMETERY
- \* RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CEMETERY

## Embrace MOTHERHOOD

Learn what to expect in the early stages of motherhood

FOR EXPECTANT MOMS MOMS WHO RECENTLY BAPTIZED THEIR CHILD OR MOMS WHO HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN

**DATE: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2025** (Child care available)  
**LOCATION: ALL SAINTS PARISH**  
 1415 Royal York Rd, Etobicoke, ON M9P 3A7  
**TIME: 10AM - 12PM**  
**REGISTRATION FEE: \$20** includes morning coffee, muffins, full colour 65 page publication & more!

## What are Indulgences?

Indulgences are the remission before God for the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven. The faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains the indulgence under prescribed conditions for either [themselves] or the departed. Indulgences are granted through the ministry of the Church which, as the dispenser of the grace of redemption, distributes the treasury of the merits of Christ and the Saints. CCC 1471—1479, 1498

## YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

**RENEW TORONTO**  
**NOVEMBER 21-23**  
**ignite**  
 REGISTRATION CLOSING NOVEMBER 5



## 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 ~