

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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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.

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.



Dear Friends in Christ, in last week's Corner I wrote extensively about indulgences and how a person can acquire them whenever they fulfill the prescribed conditions and perform the required works. Indulgences can either be plenary (a full remission of temporal punishment due to sins) or partial. They can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth. In all the cases previously mentioned, it is the person who must be the one doing the required work. There is, however, another type of indulgence unbeknownst to many Catholics. **The apostolic blessing (aka the apostolic pardon) is a special indulgenced blessing that the Church grants to those who are dying. Only a priest can administer it and usually during the Last Rites.**

The Last Rites consist of a series of sacraments and prayers that the Church offers the dying to help them prepare for their eventual encounter with the Lord. The priest administers the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation to forgive mortal sins; the Anointing of the Sick to grant spiritual and sometimes physical strength; and the Viaticum, the final Holy Communion the dying person receives as she makes her final journey home. The priest may give the apostolic blessing or pardon for the dying at the end of Confession.

It is important to note that while the dying person receives many consoling and powerful acts of mercy in the Last Rites, the effects from confession and the apostolic blessing are different. In confession, the priest removes the guilt of sin, and all confessed sins are forgiven and grace is restored to the person's soul, when he says the words of absolution, "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit." Since an apostolic blessing or pardon carries with it a plenary indulgence, a complete remission of all the temporal punishment due to sin is granted when it is administered by the priest.

The remission of all temporal punishment is clearly seen by the two formulae that a priest can use when granting the "final blessing". In the first option, the priest says, **"Through the holy ministries of our redemption, may almighty God release you from all punishments in this life and in the life to come. May he open to you the gates of paradise and welcome you to everlasting joy, Amen".** While in the second option, he says, **"By the authority which the Apostolic See has given me, I grant you a full pardon and the remission of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit, Amen."** Both blessings effectively seek to grant the dying person a full remission of the temporal punishment due to his/her sins.

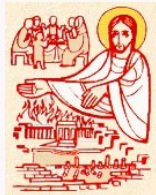
There is a historical and theological basis for making the apostolic blessing part of the Church's pastoral practices. Shortly after Simon Peter confessed Jesus as "Christ, the Son of the living God" at Caesarea Philippi, Jesus told him, *"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven"* (Mt. 16:19). The apostolic blessing at death and the absolution in confession both flow from this same authority, which Jesus gave to Peter and the apostles at that time, and later passed down to their successors and the Church. The apostolic blessing also manifests the Church's final maternal act and deepest care for the dying person. She helps them meet the Lord not empty handed, but filled with the treasury of Christ's merits and those of the saints, thus hastening the penitent's journey to heaven.

I invite you to take a moment and to reflect on the great love and solicitude that the Church offers us. Not only does the Church give us so different ways to acquire countless indulgences throughout our lives; she also gives us one final opportunity to receive an apostolic blessing or pardon when the inevitability of death comes knocking at our door. Pray and ask St. Joseph to give you the privilege of experiencing a good death - one that includes the opportunity to celebrate confession, to receive the apostolic blessing, and to die as a friend of Christ in a state of grace and freed from all temporal punishment due to your sins. This is what I ask St. Joseph each night before I go to bed, and I pray that you might make it your practice too (if you are not already doing so).

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ NOVEMBER 16, 2025

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

LUKE 21: 5 - 19



The terrible persecutions that Christ tells us his followers should expect will lead to one great thing: "to your giving testimony." The ability to speak a word of wisdom that we do not prepare beforehand—that Jesus himself will give us and that leaves our adversaries powerless to resist—is an irrefutable sign of the authority and majesty of Christ.

"The day is coming when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble." The words of wisdom of Jesus are what turn the wicked to stubble. But for those who fear God's name, "there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays." Christ calls us to be confident in his provident care of us: "Not a hair on your head will be destroyed."¹

I discepoli ammirano l'architettura del tempio. Gli occhi di Gesù si spingono più in là: egli vede la distruzione di Gerusalemme, i cataclismi naturali, i segni dal cielo, le persecuzioni della Chiesa e l'apparizione di falsi profeti. Sono manifestazioni della decomposizione del vecchio mondo segnato dal peccato e dalle doglie del parto di nuovi cieli e di una terra nuova. In tutte le pressioni e le estorsioni esercitate sulla Chiesa, noi non dovremmo vedere qualche cupa tragedia, perché esse purificano la nostra fede e confortano la nostra speranza. Esse sono altrettante occasioni per testimoniare Cristo. Altrimenti il mondo non conoscerebbe il suo Vangelo né la forza del suo amore. Ma un pericolo più grande incombe su di noi: si tratta dei falsi profeti che si fanno passare per Cristo o che parlano in suo nome. Approfittando delle inquietudini e dei rivolgimenti causati dalla storia, i falsi profeti guadagnano alle loro ideologie, alle loro idee pseudo-scientifiche sul mondo e alle loro pseudo-religioni. La vera venuta di Cristo sarà invece così evidente che nessuno ne dubiterà. Gesù incoraggia i suoi discepoli di ogni tempo a rimanere al suo fianco sino alla fine. Egli trasformerà tutte le infelicità, tutti i fallimenti e persino la morte del martire in risurrezione gloriosa e in adorazione.³

¹<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/dedication-of-the-lateran-basilica-.html>

² Magnificat - November 2025 Edition | ³ <https://www.lachiesa.it/calendario/20251109.html>



The Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, the Month of Holy Souls, we invite you to record the names of your deceased family members and friends, who you wish to be remembered at Mass, in our Book of Remembrance.

Vocation Reflection... "By your endurance you will gain your souls." Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the sign of your call. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

2025 Parish Collection - November 15/16



The Shepherds' Trust
Caring for those who always cared for us

There will be a second collection today, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.



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 15TH - SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Xavier & Zita D'Souza

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. Michael Ramsbotham

10:00 A.M. Pietro e Elvia Fugaccia

Tony Lamanna - Antonio Savella

Benito Cortese - Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Giovanna Costantino e famiglia

Giuseppe Canini e famiglia - Longo e Russo

Totonno e Rosaria Francella - Defunti famiglie

Defunti famiglie Tamburro e Caccavella

Defunti famiglie Ciciretto e Cuppolo

Franco, Elisabetta e Salvatore Sinopoli e famiglia

Vito De Nardo e famiglia

Vincenzo e Domenica Trentadue e famiglia

Giseppe e Isabella Pantaleo e famiglia

Agostino Battaglia e defunti famiglie Battaglia e Garofalo

11:30 A.M. +Geraldine Senewiratne

1:00 P.M. Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. For All Our Parishioners

MONDAY NOVEMBER 17TH - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. +Msgr Renato Fugaccia

12:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18TH - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. +Sarah Hou Lein Chu Hsieh

12:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19TH - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. Mary Lou Gorobia

+ Orlando Gaerlan + Jose Gutierrez

+ Jamina Obiso + Maria de Jesus Faria

+ Mary & Mohan Selvaraj

12:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20TH - GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:30 A.M. +Roberto Flores

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21ST - VENERDI

8:30 A.M. Otto Lam & Family

7:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22ND - SABATO

8:30 A.M. +Juvylyn Millado

10:00 A.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory



OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$6,465.40
Building Fund: \$3,895.10

Thank you

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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.](#)



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 18th - Nov 23rd 2025

FAITH FORMATION SERIES

IT IS ALL ABOUT JESUS

SPEAKERS & TOPICS

NOV 27, 2025
FR. THOMAS LIM

THE STORY OF SALVATION:
CREATION, FALL AND
REDEMPTION

DEC 8, 9 & 10, 2025
**THOMAS CARDINAL
COLLINS**

THE MANY FACETS OF ADVENT

JAN 8, 2026
FR. MATT MCCARTHY

THE CENTRAL THEME OF THE
GOSPELS

SAVE THESE DATES
THURSDAYS @ 7:00PM

**Jan 8 &
22**

**Feb 5 &
19**

**Mar 12
& 26**

**Apr 16
& 30**



PILGRIMAGE ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & IRELAND

With Fr. Thomas Lim

May 31 - June 14,
2026: 15 days

Tour Coordinator:

Theresa Sisca

Tel. 416-731-8252

[Learn more here](#)



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

Make your gift to ShareLife and DOUBLE your impact!

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 3 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

For those who turn to ShareLife agencies, the challenges are great - uncertainty feels heavy, hope feels far away. You can ease the struggles of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Your support for ShareLife becomes a saving grace for at-risk children and youth, refugees in crisis, and survivors of domestic violence, ensuring they receive the care and resources they need.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at share-life.org/donate.



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

FAMILY Christmas PARTY

Saturday | Nov 29, 2025 | 6PM
Parish Hall

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



Dinner
Tickets

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*

Inquiries:

slmparishfund2024@gmail.com

www.stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/christmas2025

Saint Simon Stock Priest and religious († 1265) ~ Feast: May 16

Simon was born in Aylesford, England, and took up the life of a hermit as a teenager. It seems he traveled as a pilgrim to the Holy Land and discovered a group of men living on Mount Carmel. These hermits were inspired by the life of the Prophet Elijah. Simon joined their community.

As Muslims expanded their territories, Christians were forced to leave the Holy Land. Simon and the other hermits returned to England and entered the Carmelite order, of which Simon eventually became superior general. According to tradition, he also received a vision of the Mother of God, who gave him the scapular and said, "Whoever dies clothed in this shall not suffer eternal fire; rather, he shall be saved." Of course, wearing the scapular must accompany a living faith. As Pope Benedict XIV later clarified: "Good works and perseverance in well doing are still necessary for salvation."

Clearly, Christians should have a healthy fear of spending eternity in the fires of hell. But as he founded Carmelite monasteries, Simon also preached about fearing the purifying flames of purgatory, which we deserve for our unrepented venial sins. That's why Simon encouraged Christians to turn to the Blessed Mother for spiritual protection. (Magnificat - November 2025 Edition)

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 ~