

# 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

## CONFESIONS:

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](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.**

### REGNUM CHRISTI DAILY MEDITATIONS

*Matthew 3:13-17*

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” Jesus said to him in reply, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

**Opening Prayer:** Jesus, come to my soul and teach me to do your holy will.

#### Encountering Christ:

1. **It Is Right and Just:** We hear these words in the Holy Mass: “It is right and just, always and everywhere to give you thanks for your great glory...” Praise to God is the proper and just response to so great a God. Yet, in this passage Jesus is not inciting people to praise him. He approaches John to be baptized. He puts himself in the place of the unrighteous who need repentance. Jesus’ response to John reveals what it truly means to be righteous: “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Jesus takes the place of sinners to fulfill God’s saving plan. That is the meaning of righteousness—obedience to the Father’s will.
2. **Revelation and Reward:** The Father proclaims his joy at the obedience of his Son. Suddenly a voice is heard: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Jesus did not even hold onto his own “reputation” as the righteous one. He accepted the role of repentant sinner by asking to be baptized. His obedience is rewarded by the appearance of the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, and the affirmation of his Father. A Trinitarian revelation takes place. We get a glimpse into the dialogue of love that takes place in the communion of persons in the Trinity.
3. **Trinitarian Epiphany:** The Dynamic of Self-Gift: Jesus’ abasement for the sake of his Father’s plan of salvation reflects his eternal gift of self to the Father. The revelation of the Father’s audible affirmation of his Son reflects the eternal love for his Son. And the Son receives that affirmation with joy and continual surrender to the Father’s desire. The Holy Spirit’s presence reflects the eternal love that exists in the dialogue of self-gift between the Father and the Son. We are invited to enter into this dynamic of self-gift. It began in our baptism. Our everyday response to be obedient to the Father creates, in a mystical sense, this Epiphany of the Trinity in our soul. Far from an abstraction and mere idea, it is a profound yet unseen reality taking place within.

**Conversing with Christ:** Holy Trinity dwelling in me, grant me the grace to respond with the same righteousness as Jesus. Help me to hear and be obedient to your will throughout my day and respond with an intentional and loving self-gift.

**Resolution:** Lord, today by your grace I will be attentive to the ways I may be living a false sense of righteousness in my judgments towards others, and the ways I can live a true righteousness in my efforts to be obedient to the Father, with charity in thought, word, and deed as the touchstone of my self-giving.

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*After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God coming upon him.*

MT 3:13-17 Jesus joins the people going out to John the Baptist in the gesture of repentance, not because there is sin in him, but to make it possible for us to share in his relationship with the Father, announced from the heavens. He goes to the Baptist as a beggar because he takes upon himself our misery. The Lord Jesus lowers himself in his baptism and acknowledges his

Father so that we will never hesitate to do the same. In baptism, Jesus gives us an efficacious approach to the Father. The Father knows us as his beloved sons and daughters.<sup>1</sup>

Gesù chiede a Giovanni di battezzarlo, ma non ha bisogno alcuno di tale battesimo di penitenza perché, dall'inizio, tutto si realizzi e perché si manifesti la Santa Trinità che egli è venuto a rivelare. Giovanni invitava il popolo a prepararsi alla venuta imminente del Messia. A lui è concesso di contemplare ciò a cui aspira ogni uomo che prega e che contempla: Giovanni percepisce e insieme accoglie il mistero di Dio, quello del Padre, del Figlio e dello Spirito Santo. Giovanni vede il Figlio, il Verbo eterno di Dio, e lo indica già come il Salvatore. Sente il Padre, che nessuno riesce a vedere, testimoniare e attestare che quello è davvero suo Figlio (Gv 5,36-37). Percepisce poi la presenza dello Spirito che si posa sulla superficie dell'acqua, madre di ogni vita (Gen 1,2). È lo Spirito che è sceso su Maria, generando in lei la vita umana e divina (Lc 1,35). È lo Spirito che scenderà un giorno sugli apostoli perché fecondino la terra e le diano vita eterna (At 2,4). E, pur avendo avuto un altro battesimo, altrimenti efficace (Mc 10,39), anche noi siamo stati battezzati "nel nome del Padre e del Figlio e dello Spirito Santo" (Mt 28,19). E, secondo la promessa, la Santa e Divina Trinità pone in noi la sua dimora (Gv 14,23). Essa trasforma la nostra vita, affidandola a Dio e attirandoci verso di lui con la forza di attrazione della risurrezione.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Magnificat - January 2026 Edition | <sup>2</sup> <https://www.lachiesa.it/>

### The Baptism of the Lord Gina Loehr

Ever since I was a child, I have felt a note of melancholy when Christmas comes to an end. I struggle to look ahead while all the excitement appears to lie behind. Recently, I have pondered what wisdom Mother Church has to offer in this tough season of transition. The answer, it seems, comes with her feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

This celebration on the Sunday after Epiphany is the Christmas season's liturgical conclusion. It's a bridge laid down by the Church to move us from Jesus' joyous childhood to his public ministry as an adult—from the Joyful to the Luminous Mysteries of the rosary, we might say. Thus, the last hours of Christmas become the first hours of mission and ministry in daily life. One flows seamlessly into the other, less a sharp break and more a smooth transition.

I love that the Church here encourages us to contemplate how the joys of Christmas mature and progress into public action and service. Will I move out of spiritual infancy and join Jesus in his ministry?

I can carry Christmas with me into ordinary time. I can see the mission of my life as being, in a real way, the fruit of Christmas. My vocation as wife and mother is a gift I give to others as I am energized and inspired by what I received at Christmas—the gift of Christ himself.

(Gina Loehr lives on a century-old dairy farm with her husband and children. She has authored five books and writes at [www.HearthandField.com](http://www.HearthandField.com).)



**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 JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

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

#### SUNDAY JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> - DOMENICA

**8:30 A.M.** Raymonde How

**10:00 A.M.** Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Dino Barbieri - Rosario Vella

Giovanna Costantino e famiglia

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Maria e Angelo Baroni

Agostino Battaglia e defunti famiglie

Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie

Carlevaris e Nevodini

L'Anime del Purgatorio

**11:30 A.M. +** Geraldine Senewiratne

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

**5:00 P.M.** Wendy Bahingawan

#### MONDAY JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> - LUNEDI

**8:30 A.M.** Bozena Petrinel

**12:00 P.M. +** Maria De Souza

#### TUESDAY JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> - MARTEDI

**8:30 A.M. +** Victor Cruz

**12:00 P.M. +** Jerzy Kaletka

#### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> - MERCOLEDI

**8:30 A.M.** Peter & Vivian Riseborough

**12:00 P.M.** Thomas De Ruiter

#### THURSDAY JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> - GIOVEDI

**7:00 A.M. +** Zofia Kaletka

**8:30 A.M. +** Eva Nueva Bermeo

#### FRIDAY JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> - VENERDI

**8:30 A.M.** In Thanksgiving from Saul

**7:00 P.M. +** Tai Mui Lai

#### SATURDAY JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

**8:30 A.M. +** Alfred El-Deir

**10:00 A.M. +** Anita & Stephen Lee

### OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

**Initial Offering: \$ 3,000.00**

**Solemnity of Mary: \$ 5,931.30**

**Regular: \$ 5,579.85**

**Building Fund: \$ 2,883.40**



**Second Collection:  
Climate Control Fund**

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### FAITH FORMATION SERIES

## IT IS ALL ABOUT JESUS

### SPEAKERS & TOPICS

JAN 22, 2026  
**FR. THOMAS LIM**

MARY, THE SAINTS, AND THE  
CALL TO HOLINESS

FEB 5, 2026  
**FR. THOMAS LIM**

A REFLECTION ON MARRIAGE IN  
THE LIGHT OF JESUS' LOVE FOR  
HIS BRIDE, THE CHURCH

FEB 19, 2026  
**FR. THOMAS LIM**

THE STORY OF JESUS' LOVE IN  
THE EUCHARIST

**SAVE THESE DATES**  
THURSDAYS @ 7:00PM

Mar 12 & 26

Apr 16 & 30



### PILGRIMAGE TO ENGLAND, SCOTLAND & IRELAND

With Fr. Thomas Lim

**May 31 - June 14, 2026: 15 days**

Tour Coordinator: Theresia Sisca

Tel. 416-731-8252 [Learn more here](#)

### 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 ~*



# Thank You

### The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The volunteer members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to thank you for your continuous support. The Christmas collection was \$3,420. Thank you!



*We would like to wish you a New Year filled with health, joy, and peace. May our Good Lord always keep you safe.*

### St. Lawrence Martyr Craft Group



The St. Lawrence Martyr Craft Group thanks all who generously donated new men's socks, for the Good Shepherd Refuge Centre, in our 2025 Campaign of 'Warm Hearts Warm Feet'. Your kindness has helped 353 people with warm socks—our biggest ever!

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### 2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES PICK-UP!

Parishioners please pick up your 2026 Offertory Envelopes at the Entrance of the Church.

**Is important that you discard all previous 2025 envelopes.**

If you don't have offertory envelopes and would like a box, please complete the [registration form](#) found on the parish website or at the back of the Church and return in the Sunday Collection.

### Vocation Reflection...

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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