

# 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**

*John 1:29-34*

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’ I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.” John testified further, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”

**Opening Prayer:** Lord Jesus, who am I to receive such a gift as new life in you through baptism? Help me to renew my baptismal promises with a deeper conviction and commitment to discipleship.

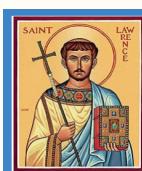
**Encountering Christ:**

1. **Behold the Lamb:** John refers to Jesus the Lamb, giving allusions to the paschal lamb slaughtered on Passover (cf. Ex 12). The blood of the lamb, spread on the door lintels, was as a “pass” from the angel of death. They consumed the lamb as nourishment as they fled from their state of slavery under the Egyptians. The lamb could also conjure images of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah 53 that was led to slaughter as an offering for the sins of the people. John’s reference makes clear that Jesus is the one who will bring a new freedom from sin through a baptism that only he can perform. That baptism will be one of fire. Thank you, Lord, for being the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”
2. **Baptism of Fire:** John points to Jesus as the one upon whom the Spirit came down. And he makes the distinction between his baptism with water and Jesus’ baptism with the Holy Spirit. In this passage, the Holy Spirit is manifest as a dove, a symbol of peace. True peace comes only from a life lived fully in God, which implies a turning away from sin and a turning to God. It is the path of repentance and purification. The Holy Spirit is also manifested as fire, reflecting the purifying power of God that sets our hearts ablaze with his love. It is no wonder that Jesus expresses his intention to set the earth on fire (cf. Lk 12:49). But he would never put us through what he himself did not endure first. Hence, he proclaims, “There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!” (Lk 12:50)
3. **A True Disciple:** John the Baptist reveals qualities of a true disciple: faith, humility, and witness. John testifies that he did not know Jesus, and yet his entire life was oriented towards preparing the way. He walked in the darkness, but for the conviction of his faith. His faith was strong because he knew who he was in relation to Jesus: the one “not worthy to untie his sandal strap.” Humility was the foundation of all his other virtues, bearing fruit in a powerful witness to the Savior of the world, even to the point of death. We can pray for John’s kind of humility to live as a true disciple.

**Conversing with Christ:** Jesus, send your Spirit upon me. Renew my faith and deepen my love for you. How can I thank you for the gift of the baptism that you endured so that I might have eternal life in you, the Father, and the Holy Spirit?

**Resolution:** Lord, today by your grace I will renew my baptismal promises and make of them a prayer of thanksgiving.

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

### *Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*

JN 1: 29 - 34



Because God formed John the Baptist "as his servant from the womb," John's whole being is ordered to God. Thus, when John "saw Jesus coming toward him," he instantly cried out, "Behold, the Lamb of God." John immediately recognizes that Christ is the one the world has been waiting for. This leads John to "testify that he is the Son of God." The same grace has been given to us. By baptism, we "have been called to be holy with all those who call upon the name of the Lord." By professing the one "who takes away the sin of the world," we become a light to the nations, through whom God's salvation reaches to the ends of the earth. As we glorify the Lamb of God, God shows his glory through us.<sup>1</sup>

Il Dio che viene ad incontrarci nella Bibbia non regna, indifferente alla sofferenza umana, in una lontananza beata. E' un Dio che, al contrario, si prende a cuore tutta questa sofferenza. Lui la conosce (Es 3,7). La notizia di Dio che si fa uomo in Gesù non ci lascia di sasso: Dio viene nel cuore della nostra vita, si lascia toccare dalla nostra sofferenza umana, si pone con noi le nostre domande, si compenetra della nostra disperazione: "Mio Dio, perché mi hai abbandonato?" (Mc 15,34). Giovanni Battista dice di Gesù: "Ecco l'Agnello di Dio, che toglie il peccato del mondo". Ecco questo Dio che si lascia ferire dalla cattiveria dell'uomo, che si lascia commuovere dalla sofferenza di questa terra.

Egli ha voluto avvicinarsi il più possibile a noi, è nel seno della nostra vita, con i suoi dolori e le sue contraddizioni, le sue falle e i suoi abissi.

È in questo che la nostra fede cristiana si distingue da qualsiasi altra religione. Gesù sulla croce - Dio nel mezzo della sofferenza umana: questa notizia è per noi un'incredibile consolazione. È vicino al mio dolore, egli mi capisce, sa come mi sento. Questa notizia implica allo stesso tempo un'esistenza scomoda: impegnati per coloro che, nel nostro mondo, stanno affondando, che naufragano nell'anonimato, che sono torturati, che vengono assassinati, che muoiono di fame o deperiscono... Sono tutti tuoi fratelli e tue sorelle!<sup>2</sup>

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

### ONLINE DISCERNMENT GROUPS

#### Men's Winter Discernment Group

From Wednesday January 14 - February 11, 2026,  
we are offering a weekly Online Discernment Group  
for single men aged 18+

We will be journeying with the book  
"Discernment Do's and Don'ts" by Fr. George Elliott.

Register at <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/mdg>

#### Women's Discernment Group

From Wednesday January 19 - February 16, 2026,  
we are offering a weekly Online Discernment Group  
for single women aged 18-29

We will be journeying with the book

"Pray, Decide & Don't Worry" by Bobby & Jackie Angel.

Register at <https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/wdg>

All books can be purchased through the Office of Vocations for \$20

All meetings will run from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

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

5:00 P.M. + Alfonso Corsetti

#### SUNDAY JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. Lee Fung Lien

10:00 A.M. Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia  
Tony Lamanna  
Antonio Savella  
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo  
Vito De Nardo e famiglia  
Totonno e Rosaria Francella  
Teresa Pagliaro  
Franco, Elisabetta e  
Salvatore Sinopoli e famiglia

11:30 A.M. + Anton Lautenbach

1:00 P.M. Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. For All Our Parishioners

#### MONDAY JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Gloria G. Peters

12:00 P.M. John Miceli

#### TUESDAY JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Fr. Bob Menezes S.J.

12:00 P.M. Bettina Geniza & Family

#### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Alfredo Fugaccia  
+ Millicent Plummber

12:00 P.M. Tatiana Rossi & Family

#### THURSDAY JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> - GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:30 A.M. + Ronit Fabro

#### FRIDAY JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> - VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Filomena Gaerlan

7:00 P.M. Kateri Marie Dominguez

#### SATURDAY JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Florence Bahingawan

10:00 A.M. Ion Mazare

#### OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$ 5,488.75

 This Week Second Collection:  
Climate Control Fund

Thank  
you

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

### 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



4 Seats Left

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 ~*



### *A Celebration of Marriage* in the Archdiocese of Toronto

#### MASS WITH BISHOP JOHN BOISSONNEAU

Sunday, February 8, 2026, 2:30 p.m.  
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica  
65 Bond Street, Toronto

#### ALL ARE WELCOME!

*Special recognition and reserved seating available for couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ anniversaries in 2026*

For more information and registration  
visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)



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of Toronto

#### 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...

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)