

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.

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 World Day for Consecrated Life

2 February 2026

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo

Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Consecrated Life,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

In anticipation of the upcoming celebration of the 30th World Day of Consecrated Life, celebrated annually on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, along with the faithful of the archdiocese, and indeed the universal Church, I wish to reach out to you with gratitude and recognition. We prayerfully consider the gift that you have made of your lives to God and his Church. The Gospel account relates how in the Temple, Simeon and Anna recognize the child Jesus to be the Light destined for the nations (cf. Lk 2:22-38). Today the Church recognizes in the many and varied forms of consecrated life a living reflection of that same light – radiant, faithful, and enduring—offered for the salvation of the world.

Your vocation places you at the heart of the Church's mystery (cf. CCC, 916, 932). By your profession of the evangelical counsels, you proclaim that God alone is sufficient, that the Kingdom of Heaven is already present and growing among us, and that the ultimate horizon of human life is communion with God (cf. LG, 44). In a world often marked by division, relentless busyness, perpetual dissatisfaction, and unbridled self-assertion, your consecration speaks a different language: one of radical availability, obedience and humble service, prophetic witnessing, and true joy found in simplicity of life – modeled after that of Our Lord and Our Lady. Consecrated life is not a retreat from the world, but a prophetic way of loving the world as God loves it, and in so doing inviting others to a more authentic way of life (cf. *Vita Consecrata*, 80, 109).

The Feast of the Presentation reminds us that consecrated life is fundamentally an offering (cf. *Vita Consecrata*, 22). Just as Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple, you continually place your lives into God's hands in complete love and surrender for the salvation of the world. In your daily fidelity to the Gospel, to the Church, to your charism and rule/constitutions of your community, you make visible the beauty of Christ's own choice—a life poured out to the Father in love for all. Simeon's proclamation of Jesus as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel” (Lk 2:32), has guided the mission of consecrated men and women throughout the history of the archdiocese. Finally, Anna's witness, done within the context of her calling (Lk 2:38), reminds us of the transformative power of encounter in the ordinary and everyday circumstances of life.

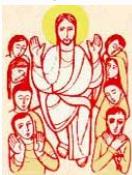
In the Archdiocese of Toronto, your offering, proclamation and encounter have shaped generations of the faithful and continue to guide us today, especially as we embrace the call to be disciples who belong to the Lord in a very special way all the while being engaged in the world spreading Christ's Kingdom, working in unison, in a synodal manner, with other ecclesial instances thus reflecting the holiness of God to every man, woman and child on our path.

On this World Day of Consecrated Life, the Archdiocese of Toronto, and I personally, thank you most sincerely. We are grateful for your faithfulness, prayerfulness, and sacrifices known only to God. For all the spiritual and temporal works of mercy you accomplish, for your spirit of welcoming and generosity, for your willingness to go the extra mile and radiate the face of Christ to our polarized, frustrated and anxious world, for the love you bring to those who suffer and have no one to turn to – our gratitude is immense. I entrust you anew to the intercession of the Blessed ever Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse. May Christ, the Light whom you have chosen above all things, continue to illuminate you personally and your communities, renew your joy, and draw many hearts closer to Him through your loving witness.

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

MT 5: 1 - 12



Pope Benedict XVI once noted that each Beatitude is the fruit of Christ looking upon his disciples: "The Beatitudes express the meaning of discipleship. What the Beatitudes mean cannot be expressed in purely theoretical terms; it is proclaimed in the life and suffering, and in the mysterious joy, of the disciple who gives himself over completely to following the Lord." The Beatitudes demonstrate conclusively how God, in choosing the weak of the world, "shames the strong." Therefore, with great certainty and conviction we, "the humble of the earth," from the stance of our utter nothingness, "seek the Lord." For it is due to him that we are in Christ Jesus—through his gaze on the mountain we become like him.¹

Beati i poveri davanti a Dio... Che messaggio! Lascia che Dio ti colmi! Egli ti ama malgrado la tua povertà, malgrado i tuoi limiti. Quando sei addolorato dall'effimero della felicità umana sempre minacciata, quando ti senti povero, quando l'afflizione ti paralizza, ascolta la grande promessa di Dio: sarete consolati, sarete sfamati, vedrete Dio... Questa promessa è nel cuore della nostra fede. Tutto il lieto messaggio di Gesù si riflette nelle beatitudini come uno specchio ardente. Colui che ha accolto la buona novella nel più profondo di sé stesso e nel quale questa verità raggiunge le radici dell'esistenza, diventerà naturalmente misericordioso e indulgente nel giudizio che ha sugli altri. Sarà capace di diffondere la pace, perché egli stesso la possiederà. Se solamente fossimo in grado di vivere seguendo l'atteggiamento fondamentale delle beatitudini! Se solamente potessimo amare e avere fiducia come Gesù! Forse allora molti uomini che la vita ha reso amari e chiusi, ai quali le numerose delusioni hanno fatto perdere la fede in Dio e negli uomini, forse potrebbero ugualmente ricominciare a credere nella bontà di Dio e nella sua sollecitudine, attraverso la bontà e la sollecitudine umane. Forse allora molti uomini potrebbero ugualmente contare su Dio per instaurare su questa terra il bene, e offrirci quello che abbiamo sperato e atteso durante tutta la nostra vita: la sicurezza e la gioia. Una gioia che regna.²

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

Vocation Reflection... "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being 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 www.vocationstoronto.ca

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.



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 31ST - SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Robert & Vince D'Andrea

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1ST - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. Janina Foronda

10:00 A.M. Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Susanna, Gianni e Assunta Onitso

Vito Sciuto e famiglia

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Agostino Battaglia e defunite famiglie

Battaglia e Garofalo

Lorenzo Volpe

Eleonora Ruberto

Giustino Ruberto

11:30 A.M. + Pat Mancuso

1:00 P.M. Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. For All Our Parishioners

MONDAY FEBRUARY 2ND - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners

12:00 P.M. Pro Populo

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3RD - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. Charlie Cowser

12:00 P.M. + Roman Dobrodziey

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4TH - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. Norma Cruz

+ Vilma Buenerazo

12:00 P.M. + Lilia Silveira

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5TH - GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. + Anita Kossecka

8:30 A.M. + Marie De Souza

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6TH - VENERDI

8:30 A.M. Odette Solis

7:00 P.M. Joseph Leung & Family

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Verrell Fitz-charles

10:00 A.M. Michael De Souza

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$ 2,993.45



Thank you

Second Collection: Building Fund

Next Sunday: Heating

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026

FAITH FORMATION SERIES

IT IS ALL ABOUT JESUS

SPEAKERS & TOPICS

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
MAR 12, 2026 FR. TOMASZ SKIBINSKI	EXODUS, THE PRIMORDIAL EXPERIENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM
SAVE THESE DATES THURSDAYS @ 7:00PM	Mar 12 & 26 Apr 16 & 30

Reminder **PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CHILDREN**

* Please keep your email inboxes up-to-date. A few emails are bouncing back due to recipients inbox having no space.

Confirmation Sponsor Weekend is Next Weekend Feb 7th/8th

Confirmation students, their sponsors and families are invited to attend one of the weekend Masses.

Please keep all our children preparing for the Sacraments in your prayers.

St. Lawrence Young Adults
Are you 19 - 39 years?

Come and Join us **Saturday February 7th 2026.**

Our gathering will take place in parish hall from 6:30—8:00 PM.

For questions contact: stlm.yagroup@gmail.com

EDGE

St. Lawrence Edge Program is a Catholic youth ministry for **Grades 6-8**.

Edge Nights are every other Friday from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

2026 Schedule:

Jan 30 | Feb 27 | Mar 13 | Mar 27
Apr 10 | Apr 24 | May 22 | Jun 12

For **registration forms** see our parish website or **email us at stlawrenceedge@gmail.com** for the Edge night schedule, registration forms, annual registration fees or any questions you may have.

Coins for Life



Would you, your family and friends put aside your toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during the **next 4-6 weeks**, and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a Culture of Life in Canada. If so **Coins for life 2026 boxes** will be handed out at the **back counters next weekend (February 7th/8th)**.

Every coin makes a difference and helps CLC to run the annual **National March for Life in Ottawa May 14, 2025**. For more information on the march contact CLC at 416 204 9749 .

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

PASTA & SALSA NIGHT

SACRED JOURNEY CLIMATE CONTROL FUND

Saturday Feb 14
6:30 PM Parish Hall

TICKETS \$40 Adult | \$20 Child
stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/Valentines2026






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 ~

