

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. Fr. Thomas Lim, **Pastor**

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*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

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.

GREAT CONVERSION STORIES

JOHN BAPTIST YI BYEOK

John Janaro

Korea was virtually unknown to Catholic missionaries in the 18th century, but Korean scholars (fluent in Chinese) had access to Western scholarly texts. The Jesuits had been in China for two hundred years and had published translations of European books on the natural sciences and mathematics, together with Catholic catechetical works and the “dialogues” of Matteo Ricci and others on the true God and the human vocation. The late Joseon dynasty had turned Korea into a moribund Chinese tributary state, and aristocratic scholars who sought reform and openness to the larger world turned to this “Western Learning.” They found the science and mathematics fascinating and useful, but they mostly misunderstood and rejected the religious and philosophical texts. After all, they had to ponder these Catholic writings without the help of preachers or teachers, without external guidance, and without any direct contact with Jesus’ living presence in the Catholic Church. But towards the end of the 18th century something new happened. The Holy Spirit empowered a few persons to hear the voice of Christ’s truth in those religious texts, and compelled them to seek out and enter the Church.

The story of the birth of the Church in Korea has numerous protagonists, and it’s easy to miss the foundational significance of Yi Byeok. He was born to an aristocratic family in 1754, was classically educated, and used his brilliant mind to search for truth. He began studying the Western Learning in 1774, and he entered with an open mind into the dialogues of Ricci and the other “Catholic” books. He was struck by the reasonableness of recognizing a transcendent God (the “Lord of Heaven”) who creates all things, and the immortality and destiny of the human soul. He thought he had found “the true philosophy,” but already he had found more: he was confronted with the divine summons to eternal life.

In 1779 he formed a small study group with a few friends; they gathered regularly over the next four years in a Buddhist monastery for more intensive discussion and meditation. The Holy Spirit was also at work in them, and by 1783, Yi Byeok and his companions had found faith in Christ and decided to join his Church. One of them—Yi Seung-hun—was traveling to Beijing that winter as part of a diplomatic delegation. Yi Byeok urged him to find the Catholic Church there, talk to the priests, ask for baptism, and bring back books and whatever other aids might enable them to practice the Catholic faith, with the hope that Catholic priests would come to Korea. Peter Yi Seung-hun returned in the spring of 1784, instructed and baptized by a French Jesuit and urged by the Beijing Jesuits to baptize his friends without delay.

John Baptist Yi Byeok emerged from these baptismal waters on fire with his new faith. He spent the whole of 1784 witnessing with great zeal to family members and fellow scholars, and baptizing numerous converts. But his father opposed his work and confined him under house arrest. Yi Byeok was thus persecuted at the very beginning of Korean Christianity. He died the next year, separated from his companions, possibly a martyr. Nothing is known of his final agony, but God had set in motion through him the beginning of the Catholic Church in Korea, with all its glories and all its sufferings to come.¹

(John Janaro is associate professor emeritus of theology at Christendom College and author of Never Give Up: My Life and God’s Mercy (Servant Books). He blogs at www.johnjanaro.com.)

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026

Excerpt from Pope Leo XIV's Message for World Day of the Sick 2026

Let us raise our prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, asking her to assist all who suffer and are in need of compassion, consolation and a listening ear. Let us seek her intercession with this ancient prayer, that has been invoked in families for those living with illness and pain:

*Sweet Mother, do not part from me.
Turn not your eyes away from me.
Walk with me at every moment
and never leave me alone.
You who always protect me
as a true Mother,
obtain for me the blessing of the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

You are the light of the world.

MT 5: 13 - 16



The Prophet Isaiah speaks to people steeped in anguish—those “in the darkness,” stuck in “the gloom.” “Bestow your bread on the hungry,” he says, and “satisfy the afflicted.” In other words, no matter how bleak your present state, “you are the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world.” By tending the wounds of others, our wound “shall quickly be healed” and our “light shall break forth like the dawn.” When we make our own Saint Paul’s resolve “to know nothing except Jesus Christ crucified,” we “shall never be moved.” Our hearts will be firm, full of trust in the Lord.¹

Se metto un grosso cucchiaino di sale nella zuppa, sarà immangiabile. Ce ne vuole solo un pizzico, che basta ad insaporirla. O, senza utilizzare un’immagine, anche se non ci sono che pochi uomini a sopportare con buon umore, bontà e indulgenza le debolezze del loro prossimo (e le loro, in più!), a non essere solo preoccupati di imporsi, di perseguire i propri scopi e i propri interessi, questo pugno di uomini ha la possibilità di cambiare il proprio ambiente, contribuendo a che il nostro mondo resti umano. Il nostro mondo sarebbe povero, inumano e freddo se non ci fossero uomini che danno prova di questa cordialità e di questa generosità spontanee. Essere il sale della terra: siamo abbastanza fiduciosi per credere al carattere contagioso della bontà? O ci accontentiamo di temere il potere contagioso del male? Un pizzico di sale basta a dare gusto a tutto un piatto.

Ognuno di noi, anche se si sente isolato, ha la fortuna di poter cambiare il clima che lo circonda! Gesù ci crede capaci: voi siete il sale della terra, voi siete la luce del mondo! Lo siamo?²

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



*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 FEBRUARY 7TH – SABATO

5:00 P.M.+ Marjorie & Thomas Reilly

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8TH – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. Neil & Shenelle Noranho

10:00 A.M. Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Dino Barbieri - Rosario Vella
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo
Giovanna Costantino e famiglia
Vincenzo e Giuseppe De Vito
Giuseppe Canini e famiglia
Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie
Carlevaris e Nevodini
L'Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M.+ Anton Lautenbach

1:00 P.M. Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. For All Our Parishioners

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9TH – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. Ed Williamson

12:00 P.M. John Miceli

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. Carol Durham

12:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Mirco Bolcic

Angela Bolcic - Escolastica Penecilla

12:00 P.M. Siromi Ameresekere

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M.+ Teresa Wegrzyn

8:30 A.M.+ Herbert & Emily Lobo

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M.+ Jolanta Nowakowska

7:00 P.M. John Miceli

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M.+ Artur Nowakowski

10:00 A.M.+ Martin Pytel

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK



Regular: \$ 6,378.70

Building Fund: \$ 3,170.60

*Thank
you*

Today's Second Collection: Heating
Next Sunday: Climate Control Fund

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026

FAITH FORMATION SERIES

IT IS ALL ABOUT JESUS

SPEAKERS & TOPICS

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
MAR 26, 2026 FR. HANSOO PARK	JESUS, THE FACE OF THE FATHER'S MERCY
SAVE THESE DATES THURSDAYS @ 7:00PM	
	<div>Mar 12 & 26</div> <div>Apr 16 & 30</div>

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.



During the **next 4-6 weeks**, would
you help to contribute 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 at the **back**
counters. Every coin makes a difference and helps CLC to
run the annual **National March for Life in Ottawa May 14**.

PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN



Lenten Promise is
Next Weekend Feb 14th/15th

First Communion students and families are invited to
attend one of the weekend Masses. Children please
bring your Lenten Promise.

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

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



St. Lawrence Edge Program is a Catholic youth min-
istry 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.

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH

SACRED JOURNEY CLIMATE CONTROL FUND

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SALSA NIGHT

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 ~

