

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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PASTORAL TEAM:

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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

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.

REGNUM CHRISTI DAILY MEDITATIONS

Matthew 5:17-37

Opening Prayer: Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to embrace your most holy will, confident that what you ask of me is for my ultimate good.

Encountering Christ:

1. **The Commands of God:** Jesus' Sermon on the Mount echoes Exodus 24:15-18, which recounts how God's glory appeared as a consuming fire on top of Mount Sinai. On the seventh day, the Lord called out to Moses, who ascended, went to the center of the cloud for forty days, and returned with the Ten Commandments. The commandments are like a moral compass, establishing boundaries in accordance with our dignity. But when Moses descended from God's presence to the valley of the people, he was disappointed to find an unfaithful people. They had fallen into idol worship. How easy it is to fall below the baseline when there is no one to instruct, encourage, or motivate us. How do I perceive the commands of God, of the Church? Do I feel like they are impositions and demands of God? Do I experience any resistance towards Jesus' words, towards the Church's teachings? What do I wrestle with?
2. **The Power of God's Word:** God is not a cruel master who imposes his demands. He seeks our fulfillment as persons created in his image. Therefore, he never leaves us alone and without aid to accomplish his will. Isaiah foretold of the efficacy of God's Word: "So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isa 55:11). The Father could see his children struggling, and so he sent his Son, not merely to remind us of the law and the prophets, but to fulfill the law. Jesus is the Word of God. His commands are not external demands made upon us, but a way to fulfill us, to "beautify" us by grace as we fight against selfishness. He allows us to participate in the efficacy of his Word at work within us as we consent with the obedience of faith.
3. **The Assent:** Jesus calls his listeners to live by a higher standard, yet he merely reveals what is already present within us: our internal compass for living as children of God. His commands are like "train tracks" that keep us from derailing into idol worship, the idol of self. Do Our Lord's commands resonate with me? Do I seek to understand these words of Jesus, particularly through the teaching magisterium of the Church, as the God-given authority to interpret and teach revelation?

Conversing with Christ: Jesus, I desire to assent so as to "ascend" to meet you on that Mount. You call me out of the valley of selfishness to the heights of intimacy by inviting me to be one in mind and heart. Help me to be a faithful son or daughter of the Church.

Resolution: Lord, today by your grace I will recognize a teaching of the Church that I wrestle with or do not understand and resolve to pray and study about it.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026

MT 5: 17 - 37



God predestined wisdom before the ages for our glory.

Through Sirach, the Lord says: "If you choose you can keep the commandments.... He has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose stretch forth your hand!" God's grace enables us to "observe his law and keep it with all our heart." We stretch forth our hand to the fire of the Holy Spirit, to the water of our baptism, letting our Yes mean Yes. Those who refuse to let lust master them, who are quick to reconcile with their brother or sister, and who obey and teach the commandments will enter the kingdom of heaven. God prepares those who love him to be willing to sacrifice their own comfort and pleasure for the sake of perfection. This is the righteousness that "surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees."¹

L'ideale religioso degli Ebrei devoti consisteva nell'osservare la legge, attraverso la quale si realizzava la volontà di Dio. Meditare, adempiere la legge, era per l'Israelita la sua "eredità", "una lampada per i suoi passi", suo "rifugio", la sua "pace" (cf. Sal 119).

Gesù è la pienezza della legge perché egli è la parola definitiva del Padre (Eb 1,1). Paolo ci dice che "chi ama il suo simile ha adempiuto la legge... Pieno compimento della legge è l'amore" (Rm 13,8-10).

Ed è anche in questo senso che Gesù è la pienezza di ogni parola che esce dalla bocca di Dio: "Perché Dio ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il suo Figlio unigenito... perché il mondo si salvi per mezzo di lui" (Gv 3,16-17).

Il cristiano è prima di tutto il discepolo di Gesù, non colui che adempie la legge. I farisei erano ossessionati dalla realizzazione letterale e minuziosa della legge; ma ne avevano completamente perso lo spirito. Di qui la parola di Gesù: "Se la vostra giustizia non supera quella degli scribi e dei farisei...".

L'amore non è prima di tutto un sentimento diffuso per fare sempre quello di cui abbiamo voglia, ma al contrario il motore del servizio del prossimo, secondo i disegni divini. Ed è per questo che Gesù enumera sei casi della vita quotidiana - noi vedremo oggi i primi tre - in cui si manifesta questo amore concreto: la riconciliazione con il prossimo, non adirarsi, non insultare nessuno, non commettere adulterio neanche nel desiderio, evitare il peccato anche se vi si è affezionati come al proprio occhio o alla propria mano destra, non divorziare da un matrimonio valido...

Il contrasto con i criteri che reggono il mondo attuale non potrebbe essere maggiore. Per quali valori i cristiani scommetterebbero? Ancora una volta siamo confortati dalla affermazione di Cristo: "Il cielo e la terra passeranno, ma le mie parole non passeranno" (Mt 24,35).²

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

Vocation Reflection... "No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, 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.

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 FEBRUARY 15TH - SABATO

5:00 P.M.+ Maria, Paul & Terrance Dalgado

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners

10:00 A.M. Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Rosario Vella - Noemio Valadao

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Franco, Elisabetta e Salvatore Sinopoli e famiglia

Vito De Nardo e famiglia

Benito Cortese - Maria Lamanna

Clementina Colangelo - Angelo Lamanna

11:30 A.M.+ Geraldine Senewiratne

1:00 P.M. Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. Gil & Lucia Buslon & Family

MONDAY FEBRUARY 17TH - LUNEDÌ

8:30 A.M. Art & Erika Hare

12:00 P.M.+ Marie De Souza

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH - MARTEDÌ

8:30 A.M.+ James Byerly

12:00 P.M.+ Jose & Fe Burgos

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 19TH - MERCOLEDÌ

8:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners

12:00 P.M. Pro Populo

3:00 P.M. Per Tutti I Nostri Parrocchiani

7:00 P.M. For All Our Parishioners

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20TH - GIOVEDÌ

7:00 A.M.+ Doreen Burlton

8:30 A.M.+ Rodney Tavares

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21ST - VENERDÌ

8:30 A.M.+ David Lue

7:00 P.M.+ Joe, Clara & Anthony De Mello

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND - SABATO

8:30 A.M. Andrea Walker

10:00 A.M. Cornelia & Peter Ferreira

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$ 4,848.20

Heating: \$ 2,878.50



Today's Second Collection:
 Climate Control Fund



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 15TH, 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	Mar 12 & 26 Apr 16 & 30



Things to Know about Ash Wednesday

Michelle Brylowski

What do the ashes on the forehead represent?

Biblically, ashes symbolize mourning, mortality and penance. One would put ashes on one's head (or even sit in ashes) as an outward demonstration of penance. In the early centuries of the Church, when penance was a very public act, penitents were sprinkled with ashes to identify to the community as someone who was doing penance.

Where do the ashes that parishes use on Ash Wednesday come from?

Ashes that are distributed on this day are made from the burned palms that were distributed on Palm Sunday of the previous year. This symbolic action creates a visible and tangible link between the season of Lent, and its purpose in preparing us for the commemoration of the passion and death of Christ, and our celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter.

Is there anything we should do before receiving ashes?

Spending time in quiet reflection is always a good way to open one's self to the Holy Spirit, at work in and through this sacramental rite. Meditating on Psalm 51 – the psalm for the Mass of the day – is a concrete way to focus on the penitential character of Lent.

For more questions and answers about Ash Wednesday see <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/archdiocesan-blog/archdiocesan/seven-things-to-know-about-ash-wednesday/>



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.



Thank You

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank you for your continuous support. We have sent Tax receipts for 2025, please let us know if you did not receive yours. Call us at 416-410-3589 and leave a message. In 2025, we helped 305 families, visited 398 adults and 561 children. We gave out \$28,000 in charitable works. At Christmas, 142 families were assisted with food vouchers, Christmas baskets, presents for children, and boxes of chocolates. The families were very grateful. God bless you, and blessings from the families in need in our area.

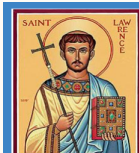


During the **next 4-6 weeks**, would you help to contribute to help in the struggle to end abortion and to create a Culture of Life in Canada. If so **Coins for life 2026 boxes** will be at the **back counters**. Every coin makes a difference and helps CLC to run the annual **National March for Life in Ottawa May 14**.

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 ~



SACRED JOURNEY
Climate Control Fund

GOAL \$1,000,000

FUNDS RAISED: \$60,098.06

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