

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
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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.



Lenten Message 2026
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

As we enter into the holy season of Lent, I would like to share some words of spiritual nourishment and encouragement. Each year, while Ash Wednesday emphasizes repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, on the First Sunday of Lent especially, we are invited to pursue our journey of faith into the desert with Christ. However, it is not a solitary journey, nor are the three Lenten practices purely a “private affair”. Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition teaches us that God never saves individuals in isolation, rather, he gathers a people to himself (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 9). Recently, the universal Church has reflected on the meaning of synodality and emphasized the ecclesial and social togetherness of our journey together to God, thus recalling the importance of the community in the salvific plan of God (cf. CCC 781). With this in mind, I would ask us to consider how Lent is not only about our personal conversion but also the healing and renewal of our relationship with God and one another. We would do well to ask ourselves: how do we live Lent together?

Conversion or repentance is frequently framed within the context of individual acts such as sacramental confession, penance, self-denial or acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Old Testament already understood the human person within the context of the community which is very different from the modern understanding of a radical individualism. The Hebrew Scriptures, in fact, narrate a strong sense of community and its fidelity or sinfulness in the eyes of God. This is because from the beginning, God relates to Israel as a collective body (cf. Ex 6:7). Sin is never merely a private act because the covenant binds people together, and one person’s infidelity affects the whole body. Fidelity and infidelity are corporate realities. In this way sin, though personal, is likewise always social inasmuch as it always wounds the Body. And conversion, if it is real, always restores relationships. Lent teaches us that to return to the Lord is also to return to one another, and journey together.

Today, many experience the social or communal fragmentation caused by sin: families strained by silence or envy, communities divided by fear or resentment, parishes weakened by absence or disengagement. We may live or work in close proximity to others and yet carry unspoken distances in our hearts. Lent invites us to name this reality honestly—not to assign blame, but to seek healing and forgiveness. The call of the Gospel is not simply “to be better,” but “to be reconciled” (cf. 2 Cor 5:20). Part and parcel of our journeying together is the experience of authentic and daily conversion, both personal and communal, embodied beautifully in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. While Confession is deeply personal, it is never private because sin wounds not only our relationship with God but also our communion with the Church (cf. CCC, 1440; 2 Cor 5:18–20).

As we begin this Lenten season, we pray for the grace not only of conversion, but for the healing of our relationships; not only to examine our consciences, but to rebuild communion; not only to walk toward Easter individually, but to arrive there together. For it is together—as one Body in Christ—that we are led from the desert to the joy of the Resurrection. May the Blessed Mother be our inspiration, guide, model and companion on this journey of spiritual and social renewal.

For the full article:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/message-for-lent-2026-from-his-eminence-frank-cardinal-leo/>

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026

Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights and was tempted.

MT 4: 1 - 11



Pope Benedict XVI called the temptation of Jesus in the desert “a descent into the perils besetting mankind.” This happened so that we may be counted among those “who receive the abundance of grace, coming to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.” The “one righteous act” that Saint Paul speaks about in the Letter to the Romans is Jesus’ unflinching fidelity to the Father’s will. As the serpent comes close, we will not be duped by the suggestion that somehow God is jealous at the prospect that we “will be like gods.” For God himself planted that hope in our hearts. The Lord’s greatest joy and glory is that we share his image and likeness, not through self seeking but through the obedience by which “many will be made righteous.”¹

Gesù viene presentato come il nuovo Adamo che, contrariamente al primo, resiste alla tentazione. Ma egli è anche il rappresentante del nuovo Israele che, contrariamente al popolo di Dio durante la traversata del deserto che durò quarant’anni, rimette radicalmente la sua vita nelle mani di Dio - mentre il popolo regolarmente rifiutava di essere condotto da Dio.

In ognuno dei tre tentativi di seduzione, si tratta della fiducia in Dio. Si dice, nel Deuteronomio (Dt 6,4): “Ascolta, Israele: Il Signore è il nostro Dio, il Signore è uno solo. Tu amerai il Signore tuo Dio con tutto il cuore, con tutta l’anima e con tutte le forze”. Significa esigere che Dio sia il solo ad essere amato da Israele, il solo di cui fidarsi. Ciò significa anche rinunciare alla propria potenza, a “diventare come Dio” (Gen 3,5).

A tre riprese, Satana tenta Gesù a servirsi del suo potere: della sua facoltà di fare miracoli (v. 3), della potenza della sua fede che pretenderebbe obbligare Dio (v. 6), della dominazione del mondo sottomettendosi a Satana e al suo governo di violenza (v. 9). Gesù resiste perché Dio è nel cuore della sua esistenza, perché egli vive grazie alla sua parola (v. 4), perché egli ha talmente fiducia in lui che non vuole attentare alla sua sovranità né alla sua libertà (v. 7), perché egli sa di essere impegnato esclusivamente a servirlo (v. 10).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 21ST – SABATO

5:00 P.M.+ Clarence Towsley

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22ND – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners

10:00 A.M. Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Tony Lamanna - Antonio Savella
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo - Leonello Pecorari
Luigi e Maria D’Addaro
Mario Massari - Lucia e Luigi Cuoppolo
Totonno e Rosaria Francella
Concetto Gurrieri - Vito Mastromartino

11:30 A.M. Living & Deceased
of the 11:30am Choir

1:00 P.M. Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY FEBRUARY 23RD – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Edward Emmanuel

12:00 P.M. Theresa Burlton

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Nick Di Pietrantonio

12:00 P.M. Dana Mazare

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Monica Coutinho-Soares

+ Maria Leticia DeSa - + Giulia Fugaccia

+ Wladyslawa Kaczmarczyk

+ Therese Collin

Cheng Jie Yin

12:00 P.M. James Burlton

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26TH – GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M.+ Deceased of the Butcher Family

8:30 A.M. Tess Foronda

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M.+ Maxima Enriquez

7:00 P.M. Fred Leung & Family

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M.+ Marie De Souza

10:00 A.M. Seamus & Ross Hanratty



JOIN US
FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY AT 6PM
FOLLOWED BY
7PM LATIN MASS

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.

Vocation Reflection... “Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him 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

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$ 6,505.45

Climate Control: \$ 3,792.80



Thank you

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026

FAITH FORMATION SERIES IT IS ALL ABOUT JESUS	
SPEAKERS & TOPICS	
MAR 12, 2026 FR. TOMASZ SKIBINSKI	<i>EXODUS, THE PRIMORDIAL EXPERIENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM</i>
MAR 26, 2026 FR. HANSOO PARK	<i>JESUS, THE FACE OF THE FATHER'S MERCY</i>
APR 16, 2026 FR. ANTONELLA MURGIA	<i>WHY IS EASTER THE CENTRE OF OUR FAITH</i>
APR 30, 2026 DEACON DOUG MCMANAMAN	<i>DIFFICULT TOPICS AROUND CATHOLIC SEXUAL ETHICS</i>



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.



**ShareLife Turns 50:
 Announcing the 2026
 ShareLife Campaign**

2026 marks the 50th anniversary of ShareLife. As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 22, let us come together in celebration and compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal.

By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- uplift young mothers and their babies
- enable more men to pursue priestly vocations
- connect seniors with dignity-affirming resources
- fight against hunger in our communities
- help families in times of need

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.




Lenten Reflection with Sacred Art

All are invited to attend an online Lenten reflection using works of sacred art and the Via Matris. Mr. Les Miller, author of Northern Lights, will lead the reflection. The event takes place on **Wednesday, February 25th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** **There is no cost, but registration is required,** visit <https://bit.ly/LRSA-RegisterFeb2026>




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: \$63,890.86

TO DONATE SCAN THE QR CODE

