

# 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

## 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](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.*

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

### *Lectio Divina*

A Prayerful Reading of Sacred Scripture

The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent John 9:1-41

*As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him...." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash...." So he went and washed, and came back able to see.*

The disciples can see only two causes for this man's blindness, but Jesus sees the purposes of God: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways" (Is 55:8). Saint John Chrysostom ponders the disciples' question: "Had the man therefore suffered unjustly? Rather...blindness was a benefit to him: for by it he was brought to see with the inward eye [of faith]." Indeed, the Psalmist acknowledges to God, "It was good for me to be afflicted, in order to learn your statutes" (Ps 119:71). While the mystery of suffering remains a mystery, this story demonstrates a Gospel truth: "All things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28).

He...made clay: At the beginning of the world, God created man "from the dust of the ground" (Gn 2:7). Christ came to recreate his fallen creatures: "The mixture of his spittle with clay is the mixture of supernatural grace...with our carnal knowledge" (Gregory the Great). This man blind from birth begins a journey not simply towards bodily sight, but towards the fullness of faith. Saint Augustine sees -sacramental exemplarity in Christ's actions: "Our Lord spat upon the ground, and made clay of the spittle, because he was the Word made flesh. The man did not see immediately as he was anointed; he was, as it were, only made a catechumen." The trials he suffers after his bodily healing prepare his soul for the gift of faith.

*His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"... He said, "I am.... The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.'..."*

While the man does not yet fully know who his healer is, his story proves the presence of God's Messiah: "I, the Lord, have...set you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind" (Is 42:6-7). The healing does not erase the man's past but redeems it, and he begins to tell his story. He joins his voice to that of the Psalmist: "Come and hear, all you who fear God, while I recount what has been done for me" (Ps 66:16). God's actions move us to bear witness. Although witnesses to God often face contradiction, their voices also provide the most compelling preaching. That was true throughout the centuries; that is true today.

*They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.... So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?"... So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."*

Jesus is often accused of breaking the sabbath, but as he says elsewhere, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath" (Mt 12:8). The sabbath laws belong to Jesus, who "is the Logos in whom and through whom the Father proclaimed the Law" (Erasmus Leiva-Merikakis). While the man born blind reverences his healer, he recognizes him only as a prophet. Jesus, however, claims more than the mantle of a prophet and will not rest until this man knows him in his divinity.

*Now the Jews...summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight.... His parents...said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now.... Ask him, he is of age."... So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him... "How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "...Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too? ... If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.*

Even though his own parents seem to shy away from him here, through Jesus the man born blind has come to know God's faithfulness: "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you" (Is 49:15). His parents evade the questions of the Pharisees, but their son grows in confidence: "For they were fainthearted; not like their son, that intrepid witness to the truth, the eyes of whose understanding had been enlightened by God" (Theophylact of Ohrid). Aware of God's mercy towards him, his boldness increases, and he suggests that he is now a disciple of Jesus. He suffers the exclusion from the synagogue that Jesus later prophesies will happen to his disciples (Jn 16:2).

*When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."...*

By referring to himself as "the Son of Man," Jesus both concealed his mystery and...gradually made it accessible.... He spoke in riddles and parables so as to lead gradually to the hidden reality that can truly be discovered only through discipleship" (Pope Benedict XVI). By now, the man stands at the cusp of faith, and Jesus' presence and question lead him into the fullness of belief. We can only declare such faith if God has opened the eyes of our heart. As Jesus tells Peter after the apostle's own profession of faith: "Blessed are you...for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father" (Mt 16:17). The man's vocal expression of faith serves as the climax of the journey of salvation that began when Jesus put clay on his eyes. "For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved" (Rom 10:10). The gift of sight received by the man born blind catalyzes his entrance into the life of the Kingdom: "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation" (2 Cor 5:17).

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### EXCITING NEWS

Parish Office Now Open  
on Sundays 9:00 AM— 1:00



*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.

LENTEN

## DAY OF CONFESSIONS



Saturdays following the 8:30 am Mass

Saturdays 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm (or by appointment)

#### Additional Confession Times:

Fridays in Lent - 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM |

Friday March 27th - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM | 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM



*Mass Intentions  
for the week*



#### SATURDAY MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

5:00 P.M.+ Howard Steinman

#### SUNDAY MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. Leander Hare

10:00 A.M. Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Franco, Elisabetta e Salvatore Sinopoli e famiglia

Vito De Nardo e famiglia

Benito Cortese

Giuseppe e Maria Doria

Domenico e Carmela Piroso

11:30 A.M.

+ Deceased of the Magistrado & Busi families

1:00 P.M. Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. For All Our Parishioners

#### MONDAY MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. The Di Serio Family

12:00 P.M.+ Marie De Souza

#### TUESDAY MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. The Edge Family

12:00 P.M.+ Bayardo Valle Noguera

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. The Di Serio Grandchildren

Cheng Jie Yin - Helan Tan

+ Michael Abreu - + Boleslaw Kaczmarczyk

12:00 P.M.+ Johnny & Chrissie Ameresekere

#### THURSDAY MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> - GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. Pro-Populo

8:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners

#### FRIDAY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> - VENERDI

8:30 A.M.+ Elvira Fugaccia

7:00 P.M.+ Arthur Canite

#### SATURDAY MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> - SABATO

8:30 A.M.+ Arthur Calderon

10:00 A.M.+ Henry & Sonia Sava



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

JN 9: 1 - 41



### *Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.*

When Jesus sees the blind man, he says, "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Once the blind man is healed, the people ask, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" They betray their own blindness: "Man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." The blind man answers using words that Christ uses of himself; he says, "I am." Is this a coincidence? The man was born blind "so that the works of God might be made visible through him." "Light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." The Light who is Christ produces a goodness in us by which we come to resemble Christ himself. We beg for the ability to look into the heart of each person we meet and to see reality the way God does. <sup>1</sup>

La "luce" è uno dei simboli originali delle Sacre Scritture. Essa annuncia la salvezza di Dio. Non è senza motivo che la luce è stata la prima ad essere creata per mettere un termine alle tenebre del caos (Gen 1,3-5). Ecco la professione di fede dell'autore dei Salmi: "Il Signore è mia luce e mia salvezza, di chi avrò paura?" (Sal 28,1). E il profeta dice: "Alzati, Gerusalemme, rivestiti di luce, perché viene la tua luce, la gloria del Signore brilla sopra di te" (Is 60,1). Non bisogna quindi stupirsi se il Vangelo di san Giovanni riferisce a Gesù il simbolo della luce. Già il suo prologo dice della Parola divina, del Logos: "In lui era la vita, e la vita era la luce degli uomini; la luce splende nelle tenebre, ma le tenebre non l'hanno accolta" (Gv 1,4-5). La luce è ciò che rischiarava l'oscurità, ciò che libera dalla paura che ispirano le tenebre, ciò che dà un orientamento e permette di riconoscere la meta e la via. Senza luce, non c'è vita.

Il racconto della guarigione del cieco è una "storia di segni" caratteristica di san Giovanni. Essa mette in evidenza che Gesù è "la luce del mondo" (v. 5, cf. 8, 12), che egli è la rivelazione in persona e la salvezza di Dio - offerte a tutti. <sup>2</sup>

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

**Vocation Reflection...**The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, [Director of Vocations](#), Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$ 6,464.85

Climate Control: \$ 5,186.33



Today's Second Collection:  
Easter Flowers

Thank  
you

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

FAITH FORMATION SERIES  
IT IS ALL ABOUT  
**JESUS**

**SPEAKERS & TOPICS**

<b>MAR 26, 2026</b> <b>FR. HANSOO PARK</b>	<i>JESUS, THE FACE OF THE FATHER'S MERCY</i>
<b>APR 16, 2026</b> <b>FR. ANTONELLA MURGIA</b>	<i>WHY IS EASTER THE CENTRE OF OUR FAITH</i>
<b>APR 30, 2026</b> <b>DEACON DOUG MCMANAMAN</b>	<i>DIFFICULT TOPICS AROUND CATHOLIC SEXUAL ETHICS</i>

## EASTER FLOWERS

*Help decorate our Church for Easter.*

Sponsor a Lily or Hydrangea in memory  
of a loved one or in thanksgiving.



Lilies	6"	\$10
Lilies	8"	\$20
Lilies	10"	\$30
Hydrangeas	6"	\$20
Hydrangeas	10"	\$30

To sponsor an Easter flower visit or Call the parish office.



### Grades 6-8. Edge Nights

Every other Friday from 6:30-8:00 PM

#### 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](mailto:stlawrenceedge@gmail.com)



**Coins for life 2026 boxes** are still available on the back counters. **Pick up yours today!**

Please bring back coin boxes weekends of March 22nd and 29th and give the boxes to the ushers.

### 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 ~



### Through ShareLife, you ensured Tyler didn't face his hardships alone

Many of our brothers and sisters are struggling in silence. Because of your support of ShareLife, Tyler didn't face his hardships alone. When he first came to counselling at a

Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife, he was withdrawn and guarded—reluctant to open up. But slowly, with support, he began to share the weight he carried: the trauma of losing his father to a drug overdose and the pain of repeated loss in his family life.

Over time, Tyler found the courage to face his story, make sense of his struggles, and take steps toward healing. Today, he says counselling has become something he looks forward to—even when it's hard—because it's helping him grow. Through ShareLife, you help people in our community access mental health services. You offer healing to those who feel forgotten and hope to those who are hurting.

The first **ShareLife Sunday** collection is on **March 22**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



[stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/holymary](http://stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/holymary)

### SACRED JOURNEY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

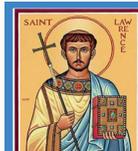
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# HOLY MARY

Oratorio on the life of The Virgin Mary  
through the mysteries of the Rosary

SATURDAY | MAY 23, 2026 | 7:30 PM

If you wish to honour your family or a loved one, ad spaces are available in the event programme.  
Email [slmparishfund2024@gmail.com](mailto:slmparishfund2024@gmail.com)



## SACRED JOURNEY Climate Control Fund

**GOAL \$1,000,000**

**FUNDS RAISED: \$77,876.44**

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