

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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In Residence

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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:

Visitation and/or Holy Communion for the sick upon request.

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.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 19TH, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ, in last weekend's Corner, Dustin offered us some profound and deep truths in his beautifully written reflection. Life can indeed feel like a confusing journey marked by uncertainty, suffering, and the temptation to measure worth through success or status. This often leads to emptiness and loss of purpose. Dustin's discovery that such a view is incomplete, finding instead beauty in ordinary moments and meaning beyond material pursuits is remarkable given his youthfulness. Faith in God becomes the missing piece, offering dignity, direction, and hope.

Dustin's younger sister, Aylin, also received full reception into the Catholic Church this past Easter Vigil. In her reflection titled, "My Journey to Faith & the Catholic Church", she offered the following thoughts: "For the first sixteen years of my life, before I came to know God in any meaningful way, there existed within me a quiet yet persistent melancholy. It was not born of any singular hardship, but rather a subtle interior restlessness, an unarticulated longing that seemed to inhabit the deeper chambers of my heart. Many nights I would sit beside the window of my room and gaze into the stillness of the sky, watching the moon suspended in its quiet radiance. Beneath that immense expanse, I often felt profoundly small, yet strangely aware that I was standing within a reality far greater than what my senses alone could grasp. The moon, in particular, held a peculiar fascination for me. Its light would spread outward in a soft halo, and within that glow I would notice what appeared to be the outline of a cross. At the time I lacked the language to understand why the image remained so deeply impressed upon my memory. Yet it lingered there with a quiet insistence, as though it were a symbol whose meaning had not yet fully revealed itself. Even in those years of uncertainty, I carried within me the intuition that existence pointed beyond what was merely visible. Yet this intuition coexisted with a profound tension. I struggled with anger toward the very idea of a God described as both omnipotent and omnipresent. I found it difficult to reconcile the notion of a loving Creator with the suffering and cruelty I witnessed in the world. If God governed all things, how could such darkness persist? These questions remained with me for many years, as they do for anyone who confronts the reality of human suffering.

Over time, however, my understanding began to deepen. I came to recognize that much of the suffering that marks our world does not originate from God, but from the freedom He has entrusted to humanity. Free will, though a sacred gift, carries within it the possibility of misuse, and through that misuse disorder enters the human story. As the years passed, I began experiencing moments that I can only describe as spiritual encounters, subtle yet unmistakable experiences that made it increasingly difficult to dismiss the possibility that God was present within the unfolding details of my life. They were not dramatic revelations, but quiet moments that seemed to carry a deeper meaning. Following these experiences, I began noticing striking signs around me: white butterflies unexpectedly following me, doves repeatedly crossing my path, and encounters with others that felt internally significant. Through these moments I began to sense that God often reveals Himself not through spectacle, but through subtlety. Gradually, life began to feel less random and more interconnected, as though beneath the surface of ordinary events there existed a deeper order that the human eye alone cannot fully perceive. Even before fully understanding my faith, I had always tried to live in a way that felt morally right. Yet as my relationship with God deepened, I began to realize that simply striving to be a "good person" by society's standards was not the fullness of what faith demanded. I felt a growing desire to care for the purity of my mind, body, and soul, and to live in a way that honoured the sacredness of life itself. The turning point in my journey came through my brother. After the loss of a close friend, he began having spiritual experiences of his own that drew him closer to the Church. As he began attending regularly, he asked whether I would consider being baptized as well. That invitation marked the true beginning of my journey with the Catholic Church.

For me, faith is not merely a religious identity, it is a transformation of the heart. Titles, achievements, and the superficial measures of this world do not determine the imprint we leave on others. What ultimately endures is the love we extend, the compassion we embody, and the faith we carry within us. My deepest desire is to live a holy life, not out of obligation, but out of love. I hope to become the kind of person whose faith is felt even in silence, someone through whom others might encounter a quiet reflection of God's peace through the way I live, the kindness I offer, and the light I strive to carry into the world."

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

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PARISH OFFICE OPEN ON SUNDAYS - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

They recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread.

LK 24: 13 - 35

He Walks
Beside Us



The disciples on the road to Emmaus hear the Scriptures interpreted in a way that had never occurred to them before. It causes their hearts to burn within them; it is what they have been waiting to hear all their lives. It moves them to beg Jesus, "Stay with us." Our hearts burn as we hear Peter interpret Psalm 16 with the same striking authority. The words that speak of Christ's Resurrection—"You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence"—have totally revived Peter himself. The Eucharist is the enduring proof that we have been "ransomed from all our futile conduct by the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb." ¹

La scena di Emmaus è un capolavoro di catechesi liturgica e missionaria. Vi è descritto l'itinerario di due discepoli che lasciano Gerusalemme illusi e delusi e vi ritornano per ripartire gioiosi e fiduciosi verso la testimonianza, perché sono stati incontrati dal Crocifisso-Risorto, spiegazione di tutta la Scrittura e presenza perenne tra i suoi nel sacramento del "pane spezzato".

L'inizio del cammino è un allontanarsi dal Crocifisso. La crisi della croce sembra aver seppellito ogni speranza. Colui che l'ha fatta nascere, l'ha portata con sé nella tomba. Non bastano voci di donne per farla rinascere. Gesù raggiunge i due subito a questo inizio e chiede di spartire con loro domande e scandalo.

Ecco la prima tappa, quella del problema posto ad ogni persona dall'evento Gesù, il Crocifisso. L'appello di Cristo ci raggiunge sulla strada della nostra fede incompiuta e della sua domanda. Gesù non arriva di faccia, ma da dietro, come dice il testo greco, e cammina a fianco, da forestiero. Il passaggio al riconoscimento ha bisogno della spiegazione delle Scritture. Solo il Risorto ne è l'interprete adeguato. Il cuore riscaldato e riaperto dal segno della Parola spiegata implora il viatico di un segno più intimo, quello del pane spezzato. Gesù, però, sparisce. La Chiesa non può trattenere Gesù nella visibilità storica di prima. Deve sapere e credere che egli è vivo con essa e la vivifica nell'Eucaristia. I discepoli capiscono e tornano a Gerusalemme per condividere con gli apostoli la testimonianza.

Emmaus è un capolavoro di dialogo confortante. Emmaus assicura tutti che, quando ascoltano la Scrittura nella liturgia della Parola e partecipano allo spezzare del pane nella liturgia eucaristica, sono realmente incontrati da Cristo e ritrovano fede e speranza. ²

¹Magnificat - April 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 APRIL 18TH - SABATO

5:00 P.M.+ Emily & Herbert Lobo

SUNDAY APRIL 19TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. The Noranho Family
10:00 A.M. Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Rosario Vella - Vito De Nardo e famiglia
Franco, Elisabetta e Salvatore Sinopoli e famiglia
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo - Michelina Ciccone
Totonno e Rosaria Francella - Angelo Burdo
Rocco e Giuseppina Burdo - Giuseppe Morra
Michelina Mosca - Costanza Morra
Luca Caccamo - Carmela e Euplio Raffaele
Benito Cortese - Romolo e Antonio Doria
Gaetano, Agata e Filippo Lopresti-Costantino
Anna Cianfarani - Vincenza Di Tacchio
11:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners
1:00 P.M. Pro Populo
5:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY APRIL 20TH - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Nadine Weir
12:00 P.M.+ Anthony Sestan

TUESDAY APRIL 21ST - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Marie De Souza
12:00 P.M.+ Josephine & Crawford Mar

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22ND - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Daniel Cruz
+ Rose & Anthony Galekovic
Lilibeth Gaerlan - Hans Christian Gagui
Edythe Leclerc
12:00 P.M.+ Jeremy Mar

THURSDAY APRIL 23RD - GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M.+ Valerie D'Vauz
8:30 A.M. Juliane Foronda

FRIDAY APRIL 24TH - VENERDI

8:30 A.M.+ Maria Ester Nucul Alvarez
7:00 P.M.+ Salcino Dominguez

SATURDAY APRIL 25TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M.+ Carmela & Antonio Scarano
10:00 A.M.+ Salcino Dominguez

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$ 6,030.50

Building Fund: \$ 3,429.35



Today's Second Collection:

Climate Control Fund

Next Week's Second Collection:

Sharelife 2026

*Thank
you*

Vocation Reflection... Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called - as 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

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FAITH FORMATION SERIES
IT IS ALL ABOUT
JESUS

SPEAKERS & TOPICS

APR 30, 2026 DEACON DOUG MCMANAMAN	<i>DIFFICULT TOPICS AROUND CATHOLIC SEXUAL ETHICS</i>
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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

SACRED JOURNEY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Romulo Delgado's
HOLY MARY

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

SATURDAY | MAY 23, 2026 | 7:30 PM

For Tickets

Deluxe \$100
(Limited Quantity)
 Regular Adult \$60
 Child \$30



stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/holymary



A DAY WITH MARY


Mark your calendars:
Date: Saturday, May 30, 2026
Location: Villanova College, King City, ON
Registration Open's Online April 8th
www.archtoronto.org/mary


This family-friendly day will include Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, the Rosary, confessions, a keynote address and children's catechesis. Enjoy music, fellowship and more!

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 ~





SHARELIFE SUNDAY COLLECTIONS



March 22 / April 26 / May 31

Through ShareLife, you helped Tara rebuild her life

Tara's childhood was anything but safe. Conflict and fear filled her days, and as she grew older, home became unbearable. She waited, hoping things would change, but she had to leave once she became a teenager. Because of your warm heart, Tara found safety at Covenant House Toronto, a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife. After a short stay in the crisis shelter, she moved into the Rights of Passage (ROP) program, determined to rebuild her life.

You gave Tara the strength to take charge of her future—adding her name to waitlists for affordable housing and taking steps to stand on her own. In the meantime, she balanced multiple part-time jobs while staying in school, saving every dollar she could. With your caring support, she connected with a counsellor to begin working through the challenges that had forced her to leave home. Today, she's living independently and building the future she once thought was out of reach.

ShareLife Sunday special collections are taking place next weekend on April 26. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at share-life.org/donate.

The Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV established a **special Jubilee Year of St. Francis**, beginning on 10 January 2026 and concluding on 10 January 2027 to commemorate the 8th centenary of his birth into eternal life (dies natalis). We pray that this will be a time of abounding blessings in which “we are all called to become saints in the contemporary world, following the example of the Seraphic Patriarch.” see [Decree](#)

Pilgrimage Churches – as per the Decree by the Apostolic Penitentiary, Cardinal Francis Leo has identified in the Archdiocese of Toronto a number of sacred places of worship which are either named after St. Francis of Assisi or are currently ministered by Franciscans.

These locations are as follows:

- Northern Region St. Francis Centre, Orangeville**
- St. Francis of Assisi Mission, Washago
- St. Peter's Parish, Woodbridge
- Central Region Immaculate Conception, Toronto
- St. Bonaventure, Toronto
- St. Francis of Assisi, Toronto
- Western Region Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Toronto**
- St. Francis of Assisi, Mississauga
- St. Jane Frances, North York
- St. Philip Neri, North York