

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.

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.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 26TH, 2026

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends in Christ, in last weekend's Corner, Aylin offered us her journey of faith - one that can be described as a gradual movement from interior longing to a lived faith. Aylin transitioned from many moments of quiet melancholy in her early years to a sense that reality points beyond the visible. Her ability to recognize God's Presence in various moments of wonder, such as seeing a cross-like image in the moon, convey the nascent sign of faith before understanding. Like so many other people, Aylin struggled in reconciling the problem of suffering and the reality of evil in our broken world with an omniscient and omnipotent God. Nevertheless, she did not allow herself to remain trapped in these tensions. Time gave Aylin the necessary space for her perspective to shift, as she came to see human freedom, not God, as a source of much suffering. Aylin's attentiveness to subtle spiritual experiences as meaningful "signs" allowed her to realize that God is present in the ordinary life, revealing a deeper order beneath daily event. Her brother's invitation to baptism became a turning point opening her to the Catholic Church. Despite being a neophyte - someone who has just entered the Church and is beginning their life in Christ - Aylin has a remarkable understanding of faith, not simply as an assent of mind and heart, but as a transformation of the heart, which is manifested in a lived experience as expressed through love, compassion, and a quiet witness to God's presence.

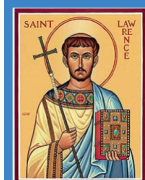
Today reflection comes from Jerome, a young man who recently entered the Church and also became a father. Jerome wrote: "My journey of faith through the RCIA program began after a long period away from belief, greatly influenced by my wife Ellaine. Watching the show 'The Chosen' together led me to reflect on my beliefs and lifestyle. It also brought me back to the example of my grandmother Peggy, whose deep faith and constant prayers for others left a lasting impression on me.

At first, I was nervous about joining RCIA. However, from my early meetings with Father Thomas and those first sessions, I immediately felt welcomed and grateful to share this experience with others on a similar journey. Through learning about the faith, I began to understand the importance of having a relationship with God and that He meets us where we are - in our questions, struggles, and everyday lives. I have learned that faith is not about perfection, but about being open, trusting, and a willingness to grow.

Experiencing such a welcoming and supportive community has meant a lot to me. Walking alongside others in faith helped me realize that I am not alone and that God has been guiding me, even when I didn't realize it. This journey has changed my perspective on life. It has helped me become more patient, grateful, and mindful of the blessings I have received. I have come to better understand the importance of love, forgiveness, and trusting in God's plan, even when things feel uncertain.

I know that this is only the beginning of my faith journey. I am grateful for this moment, the people who have supported me, and the opportunity to grow closer to God as part of this parish family. I look forward with hope to what lies ahead, trusting that God will continue to guide me and my family."

Pax Christi, *Jr. Thomas*



SACRED JOURNEY
Climate Control Fund

GOAL \$1,000,000

FUNDS RAISED: \$131,443.54

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 26TH, 2026

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

I am the gate for the sheep.

JN 10: 1 - 10



Peter stands up with the Eleven and preaches about Jesus, our “Lord and Christ.” When the people hear that it is by Christ’s wounds that they have been healed, they themselves are “cut to the heart.” They beg, “What are we to do, brothers?” They have found in the witness of the apostles an authority they are eager to follow. This is what Jesus means when he says that the Good Shepherd walks ahead of his sheep, and that the sheep follow him “because they recognize his voice.” Good Shepherd Sunday celebrates the fulfillment of “the promise made to us” that God will send a Shepherd who will give us life “more abundantly.”¹

Gesù si presenta come il Mediatore tra Dio e gli uomini. Egli è “la porta” dell’ovile.

Non ci è dato di incontrare Dio in modo immediato. Non possiamo stabilire noi il modo in cui comunicare con lui.

Dio si rivela e si dona a noi attraverso il Cristo che vive nella Chiesa.

Raggiungiamo la comunione con lui mediante la strumentalità della Chiesa in cui è presente e opera Cristo.

Gesù non è soltanto il Mediatore del disvelarsi e dell’offrirsi di Dio a noi. È la realtà stessa del Verbo divino che ci raggiunge, ci illumina con la fede, ci trasforma con la grazia, ci guida con la sua parola, i suoi sacramenti e la sua autorità.

Egli è la “porta” e il “Pastore” che “cammina innanzi” alle pecore.

Gesù, come Buon Pastore, ci conosce per nome, ci ama e per noi offre la propria vita in una dilezione che si spinge sino alla fine.

Noi credenti siamo chiamati ad “ascoltare la sua voce” e a “seguirlo” senza porre condizioni.

Egli ci conduce al “pascolo”. È la croce, dopo la quale, però, giunge la gioia senza limiti e senza fine: una gioia che ha le sue anticipazioni anche nell’esistenza terrena.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 25TH - SABATO

5:00 P.M.+ Mary Nancy Reyes

SUNDAY APRIL 26TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory
10:00 A.M. Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Leonello Pecorari
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo
Luigi e Maria D’Addario
Mario Massari
Fedele e Clementina Colangelo
Vincenza Di Tacchio
Luigi Cornacchia

11:30 A.M.+ Marissa Del Spiritu

1:00 P.M. Pro Popolo

5:00 P.M. For All Our Parishioners

MONDAY APRIL 27TH - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Silverio Miguel

12:00 P.M.+ Margaret Wolfram

TUESDAY APRIL 28TH - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Joan Teixeira

12:00 P.M. Beverly Corriero

WEDNESDAY APRIL 29TH - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Romualda & Gavino Anino
+ Grandparents of Thomas Le
Solomon Iwegim

12:00 P.M.+ Pam Pereira

THURSDAY APRIL 30TH - GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M.+ Emilia Gomes

8:30 A.M.+ Mary & Marlene Munro

FRIDAY May 1ST - VENERDI

8:30 A.M. The Howsinchev Family

7:00 P.M.+ Kenneth Griffith

SATURDAY May 2ND - SABATO

8:30 A.M. Ursula Lauren Hare

10:00 A.M.+ David Jose



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!

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

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$ 6,081.60

Climate Control Fund: \$ 18,182.10

Holy Mary Oratorio: \$ 3,760.00



Today's Second Collection:
Sharelife 2026

Next Week's Second Collection:
Building Fund

Thank you

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 26TH, 2026

FAITH FORMATION SERIES
IT IS ALL ABOUT
JESUS

SPEAKERS & TOPICS

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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	
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stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/holymary




SHARELIFE SUNDAY COLLECTIONS
 March 22 / April 26 / May 31

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.


Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218
Write your Member of Parliament Today!
 Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca

You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**, which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. We are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable.

Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today
and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.



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 ~




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

Pre-Planning Seminar





Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make confident, faith-informed decisions.

Learn about:

- Funeral and burial options
- Planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones
- Catholic teachings on cremation
- Flexible payment options (including 0% financing options)

Date & Location:
Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home
 211 Langstaff Rd E, Thornhill
Saturday May 30, 2026, at 9:00 AM

You must RSVP to attend at 905-889-7467 ext. 1 or by email atholycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca

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