

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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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)

5:00 pm (English)

DAILY MASSES:

English: 8:30 am Monday to 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.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 10TH, 2026



Message for Mother's Day 10 May 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 celebrate Mother's Day, we welcome this opportunity to pause and give thanks for the women who gave us life, nurtured us, and helped us become who we are. Mothers play a crucial role in our society and our Church. Religiously and spiritually, they contribute so very much to shape our Christian identity (*cf. 2 Tim 1:5*). We live in a pluralistic, multicultural and complex society where the Christian faith can no longer be assumed or simply inherited from the surrounding culture, where Christian ideals and truths are presented as one among many. In this setting the formation of Christian identity is of paramount importance (*Rom. 12:2; Familiaris Consortio, 17*).

The reality of who we are in Christ is multi-faceted, and at face value many mothers may feel helpless when faced with the onslaught of never-ending influences upon their children. To those mothers I want you to know and remember that long before your child encounters secular social media, harmful trends or ideologies, your child experiences your love, trust, forgiveness, and belonging within your family (*Amoris Laetitia, 174*). These early experiences shape the heart and imagination in ways that make faith intelligible later in life. When a child learns what love is through the patience of a mother, the words of the Scripture about God's love begin to make sense (*1 Jn 4:7-11*). When a child experiences mercy and reconciliation at home, the message of Christ's forgiveness is no longer abstract (*Is 66:13*).

While the concept of the *domestic church* expresses a profound truth – it is the place where the faith is first shaped, practiced, and transmitted – many forget that these experiences are formative of identity (*LG, 11; CCC 1655-1658*). Christian identity is the framework through which a young person begins to interpret the world in the light of faith (*Christifideles Laici, 8,28*). In a secular culture where identity is frequently presented as something fluid or self-created, children are encouraged to define themselves according to personal preference, achievement, or social recognition. Yet the Christian vision of identity is very different, it is far more profound and holistic (*Amoris Laetitia, 56*). At the heart of the Gospel lies the conviction that each person is first and foremost a beloved child of God (*Augustine, Confessions I,1*). Our identity is not invented; it is received as a gift (*CCC 1700*).

Mothers often become the first witnesses to this truth. When a child is loved not for what he or she accomplishes but simply for who they are, a profound lesson is learned (*Redemptor Hominis, 10*). The child begins to understand that dignity does not depend on success, popularity, or performance. This experience of love prepares the heart to receive the Christian proclamation that every human person is created in the image of God and redeemed by Christ (*Athanasius, De Incarnatione, 54*).

Our Christian identity helps to navigate the tensions between faith and culture, where Christian values are sometimes misunderstood or dismissed (*cf. Familiaris Consortio, 17*). The formation of Christian identity often happens through example and experience rather than argument and persuasion (*Matt 5:16*). Children may forget many words, but the memory of a mother who trusted God in difficult moments can remain for a lifetime.

For Christians, the ultimate model of motherhood is found in Mary, Mother of Jesus. Her *Magnificat* recalled her "soul" (*nephesh*), her very being, her very identity. It was her "spirit" (*ruach*), the very core of her being that gave us her fiat (*Lk 1:38; 46-47*). Mary provides a powerful example of how our truest self, indeed our very identity, is found in God's will, truth and provident plan for us.

On this Mother's Day, and each day of the year, our gratitude goes far beyond appreciation for the many sacrifices mothers make. We recognize their essential role in helping us discover who we truly are. In a world where identity is very often presented as uncertain or fragmented, mothers provide the first and most enduring witness to the truth that every human life is a gift and that every person is called into a relationship with God. I give thanks to all the mothers in the Archdiocese of Toronto; I pray for you and your families and ask that you continue to pray for me.

Happy and Blessed Mother's Day to all our mothers.

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I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

JN 14: 15 - 21



When Philip “proclaimed the Christ” to the crowds, “with one accord” they “paid attention to what was said.” Their full acceptance of the Word of God inspired Peter and John to go to them and lay hands on them so that they would receive the Holy Spirit. This fulfills what Jesus promised us the night before he died: “The Father will give you the Spirit of truth. He will be in you.” The “reason for our hope” is a

Person we have met: Christ the Lord, whom we sanctify in our hearts and whose commandments we keep. Just as the crowds are transfixed by the attraction of Philip, so we are captivated by the One who has loved us and revealed himself to us. He is the source of our “great joy.”¹

L'uomo vive d'amore dal suo primo respiro fino all'ultimo. Amato, si sente protetto ed accettato. Amando, sente di appartenere e trova un senso ad offrirsi. Poiché l'amore non può restare chiuso nel suo cuore; esso pervade il quotidiano. L'amore che si porta all'uomo spinge ad impegnarsi. L'amore che si porta a Dio si manifesta nella considerazione che si ha dei suoi comandamenti. Si manifesta anche nella giustizia, nel rispetto della vita, nell'azione per la riconciliazione dei popoli e per la pace. Le conseguenze dell'amore che si porta a Dio possono prendere l'aspetto di un lavoro, perfino di una lotta. Lavoro e lotta sembrano spesso esigere troppo dall'uomo e superare le sue forze. Egli vede le sue debolezze ed ha voglia di rinunciare, ma quando lavoro e lotta sono le conseguenze dell'amore, conferiscono all'esistenza un respiro profondo, mettono la vita in un contesto più vasto e la rendono importante tanto sulla terra quanto in cielo. Cose apparentemente infime acquistano un significato quando sono il risultato dell'amore per Dio. Ogni buona azione, anche quella che facciamo senza pensare a Dio, è in relazione all'amore che gli portiamo.

Ogni atto di amore, anche quando sembra minimo - come quando si porge un bicchiere d'acqua a qualcuno che ha sete - assume un significato per l'eternità.

Noi ci chiediamo spesso: che cosa rimarrà del nostro mondo?

È vero che crediamo di poter vivere e risuscitare grazie all'amore di Dio, con tutto ciò che è esistito grazie a questo amore che non si è accontentato di restare sentimento: contatti, relazioni, avvenimenti, cose. Quando risusciteremo, tutto un mondo risusciterà con noi, un mondo fatto di amore responsabile. Sarà magnifico: una “terra nuova”, che abbiamo il diritto di chiamare anche un “cielo nuovo”.²

¹Magnificat - May 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.**

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



Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY MAY 9TH - SABATO

5:00 P.M.+ Beverly, Edward & Richard Lafrance

SUNDAY MAY 10TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners

10:00 A.M.

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia - Maria Ciciretto
Rosario Vella - Vito e Mike Cuoppolo
Lucia Cuoppolo - Carlevaris e Nevodini
Giovanna Costantino e famiglia
Marco Pagliaro - Maria Lamanna
Clementina Colangelo - Emma Francesci
Giuseppe Canini e famiglia
Maria Baroni - Agata Lopresti-Costantino
Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie
L'Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M.+ Geraldine Senewiratne

5:00 P.M. Enid Reis

MONDAY MAY 11TH - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. Emma Cowser

TUESDAY MAY 12TH - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Girolamo & Carmela Tamburro

WEDNESDAY MAY 13TH - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. Marylou Gaerlan

THURSDAY MAY 14TH - GIOVEDI

8:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners

FRIDAY MAY 15TH - VENERDI

8:30 A.M.+ Dino Barbieri

SATURDAY MAY 16TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M. Zack Noranho

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK



**Regular: \$ 6,470.10
Building Fund: \$ 5,666.80**

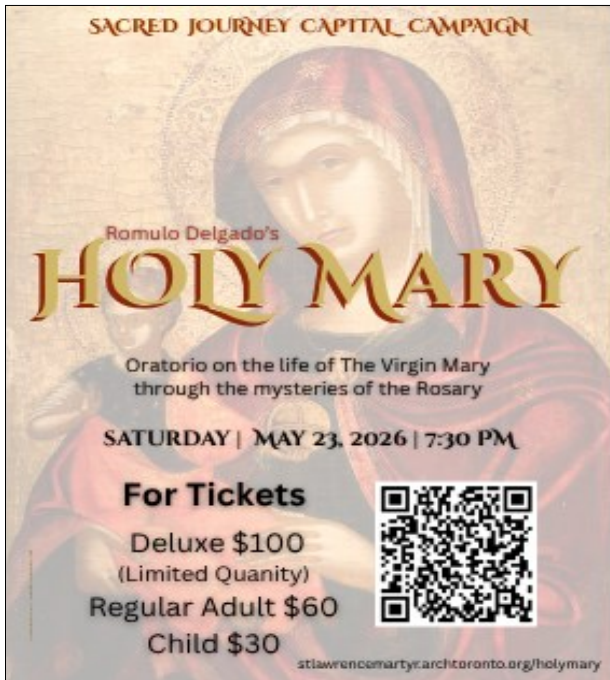
Thank you

**Next Week Second Collection:
Pope's Pastoral Works**

Vocation Reflection...“The Lord said, “I will not leave you orphaned.” Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. 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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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



stlawrencecatholic.archtoronto.org/holymary

29TH NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE | MAY 14, 2026


Our theme for the 2026 National March for Life is **"FOLLOW ME"**



And He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. (Matthew 4:19-20)


If you need a bus there are several bus options see
<https://marchforlife.ca/buses/>

POPE PASTORAL WORKS



The *Pope's Pastoral Works* collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity.

Next week May 16th & 17th, there will be a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.



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**



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.

**JOIN US
MAY 23
2026**



Young Adult Events



St. Lawrence Young Adults May Event coming soon...

Young Adult Spiritus Events

Topic: *Angels and Dragons*

Location: St. Theresa Shrine Parish

Date: Wednesday May 13th @ 7PM

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!

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.

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

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 ~

