

# St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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## PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. Fr. Thomas Lim,  
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*Chaplain to the Faithful participating in  
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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)

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.*

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~ MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2026



### Message for the March for Life 14 May 2026 His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.*

I am writing to you on the occasion of the March for Life taking place on 14 May 2026 in Ottawa. The theme of this year's annual march is "Follow Me" (*Mt 4:19-20*), taken from the Gospel of St. Matthew which recounts Jesus' call to the first disciples. The call of our Lord is ever present in the busyness and chaos of our world; this year's theme reminds us that amidst the cacophony of voices and ideologies vying for our attention, Our Lord's deepest desire is for us to live out of our relationship with him, to freely, joyfully, courageously and generously follow him. As faithful pro lifers from across the country prepare to meet on Parliament Hill, I would like to encourage you and reflect together on the witness we are to bear to the inviolable dignity of human life.

One of the aspects that is striking about the call of Simon (St. Peter) and St. Andrew, and a little later, St. James and St. John, is the immediacy and totality of their initial response. Of course, their discipleship was not perfect, and later we hear how they failed; nevertheless, they answered the call, strived to be loyal and loving. The call of Christ is not a suggestion among many; it is a summons that demands a response of the whole person – mind, heart, and will (*Mt 22:37; CCC 142-143*). To follow Christ is to entrust one's life to him as the definitive truth about God and fullest revelation of our own humanity (*Gaudium et Spes 22; Jn 14:6*). If we extrapolate from the first disciples (their call, life with Christ, and mission to the world), to our present situation, we quickly see that failures, setbacks, and obstacles are part and parcel of what it means to both live in a pluralistic society and be fully committed to Our Lord and his Gospel.

Furthermore, the call of Christ does not diminish human freedom; it fulfills it (*Veritatis Splendor, 41; cf. St. Augustine, Tractates on John, 41.8*). To follow him is not to abandon reason or compassion, but to allow both to be purified and elevated by truth (*Fides et Ratio, 7*). Jesus reveals that authentic freedom is found not in self-assertion detached from truth, but in self-gift rooted in love (*Evangelium Vitae, 96; CCC 1733*). To follow our Lord is an invitation to see reality as God sees it – especially the dignity of human life – to banish false gods, self-deception, and live life to its fullest (*cf. Jn 10:10*).

This has profound implications when considering issues such as abortion, in vitro fertilization (IVF), artificial conception and euthanasia. Each of these reflects a broader cultural tendency to place human control at the centre of life's beginning and end (*Evangelium Vitae, 22*). Abortion asserts a right to decide whether a life is worthy to continue (*CCC 2270; Didache, 2, 2*). IVF, while often motivated by a deep desire for children, treats human life as a product rather than a gift that is received (*Donum Vitae, II.B.5*), and tears asunder the miracle of life (*cf. Maximus, Ambiguum, 42*). Artificial birth control denies a crucial dimension of the very profound meaning of married sexuality and harms the unity in which the couple is called to nourish as it undermines the total, mutual gift of two persons in its integrity, separating, as it were, the unitive and procreative ends of marriage. Euthanasia (MAID) presents death as a solution to suffering, suggesting that some lives are no longer worth living (*Iura et Bona, II; CCC 2277*).

Our presence at the *March for Life* in Ottawa is a sign that we stand firmly, yet compassionately, for the sacrosanct dignity of every human person from conception to natural death (*Evangelium Vitae, 57*). It is to affirm the fundamental truth that life is not ours to create or destroy at will, but a sacred trust given to us by God. This stance is not merely a set of prohibitions; it is a coherent vision of love and true freedom – one that recognizes each human being as willed for his or her own sake and called to live in God (*Gaudium et Spes 24*).

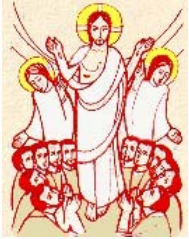
Like the first disciples, we are asked to leave our "nets" – those attachments, assumptions, and cultural comforts – that prevent us from fully embracing the truth (*Mk 1:17-18*). In a pluralistic society as ours, this may involve standing apart from prevailing norms, sometimes at great personal cost (*Rom 12:2*). But it also opens the way to a deeper participation in Christ's mission: to be "fishers of people" (*Mt 4:19*) drawing others not by coercion, but by the radiant witness of truth lived in love (*Dignitatis Humanae 1*).

In closing, I would like to thank those who participate in this year's *March for Life*, and the many volunteers and who prophetically witness to the love of God, answering his call, and giving a voice to the weakest in our society. Your determination, advocacy and fidelity are an inspiring example to us all. To those unable to attend, please pray for those who will be in Ottawa. May the Blessed Mother protect you under her mantle on May 14 and through her powerful, maternal intercession may you stand firm in your courage and conviction as you give witness to the life-giving love of God. Be assured of my prayers and support.

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### *Father, glorify your Son*

JN 17: 1 - 11



It is after the Ascension. The remaining apostles “have kept the Father’s word”; “they have believed that the Father sent Jesus.” They witness to the Father’s glory by enacting their own sort of “triumphal” entry into Jerusalem, redolent of Christ’s on Palm Sunday. It was triumphant “when they entered the city” because the Eleven were deeply united in faith and charity, resolved to do the will of the Father. It is not a coincidence how their actions mimic those of the Savior: They go to the Upper Room and there devote themselves to prayer with one accord. Persecution is soon to follow, but they will rejoice to the extent that they “share in the sufferings of Christ.”<sup>1</sup>

Il Signore risorto è ritornato nella Galilea pagana. È qui che egli aveva cominciato ad annunciare la conversione e il Vangelo del Regno (cf. Mt 4,15.17.23). È qui, in questo luogo di frontiera, che egli aveva dato appuntamento ai suoi discepoli, che si erano dispersi quando egli, il pastore, era stato ferito (cf. Mt 28,8-10). È ritornato sui luoghi dell’inizio, per dare loro la pienezza: il Risorto è la luce decisiva che rischiarava tutti coloro che camminano nelle tenebre e nell’ombra della morte.

Egli ha convocato i discepoli - in numero di undici - su una montagna, come all’inizio li aveva condotti sulla montagna, quando parlò loro per annunciare la via della felicità del regno dei cieli (cf. Mt 5,1). Dio ha anche convocato il popolo ai piedi del Sinai quando ha voluto fare di lui la sua “ekklesia” (cf. Es 19). Il Risorto è su questa montagna in Galilea, che simboleggia l’incontro tra il cielo e la terra, dichiarandosi, solennemente, come colui che ha ricevuto tutta l’autorità nei cieli e sulla terra (cf. Mt 28,18).

Da questa montagna egli invia i discepoli - e in loro, e con loro, noi tutti che li seguiamo lungo la storia - a convocare la Chiesa per riunirla dai quattro punti cardinali del mondo nel regno; nessuno è escluso dalla parola e dalla partecipazione alla vita della famiglia divina: la comunione del battesimo con il Padre, il Figlio e lo Spirito Santo (cf. Mt 28,19-20).

Oggi noi, come gli undici discepoli sulla montagna, lo adoriamo e riaffermiamo la nostra obbedienza al suo comando missionario. Egli sembra assente ma è in realtà sempre presente tra di noi (cf. Mt 28,20). È per questo che si è fatto uomo nel seno della Vergine Madre: per essere l’Emmanuele, il Dio con noi (cf. Mt 1,23), fino alla fine del mondo.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Magnificat - May 2026 Edition | <sup>2</sup> <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 16<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO**

**5:00 P.M.+** Victor Nazareth

### **SUNDAY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> - 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

Matilde Pagliaro

Benito Cortese

Paola Piroso

Franco, Elisabetta e Salvatore Sinopoli e famiglia

Vito De Nardo e famiglia

**11:30 A.M.+** Horst Schnelzer

**5:00 P.M.** Holy Souls in Purgatory

### **MONDAY MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> - LUNEDI**

**8:30 A.M.+** Moses Devachandran

### **TUESDAY MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> - MARTEDI**

**8:30 A.M.+** Segundino Berardino

### **WEDNESDAY MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> - MERCOLEDI**

**8:30 A.M.** Vivienne Riseborough

### **THURSDAY MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> - GIOVEDI**

**8:30 A.M.+** Family Members of Thomas Le

### **FRIDAY MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> - VENERDI**

**8:30 A.M.** Perigrin Bagasan

### **SATURDAY MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> - SABATO**

**8:30 A.M.** Roman Cruz

**Vocation Reflection...** Jesus said, “Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” If you are discerning God’s call for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, 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: \$ 6,606.75**



**This Week Second Collection:**  
Pope’s Pastoral Works

*Thank you*

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



### 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.

### DAY OF REFLECTION

**Monday, May 25, 2026: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre  
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

**Topic:** *Receive the Holy Spirit* | **Facilitator:** Mary Bastedo  
A suggested offering of \$75 per person. Includes break, lunch and mass along with the program.

**REGISTER:** <http://manresa-canada.ca>

**CONTACT:** [registration@manresa.ca](mailto:registration@manresa.ca)

**PHONE:** 905-839-286



### 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 ~



### Young Adult Event

**St. Lawrence Young Adults May Event**

**Saturday May 16th at 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Topic: Reigniting Our Zeal in the Spirit**

**Guest Speaker: Fr. James Cyfko**

### 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](http://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](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### 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.

#### Dates & Locations:

##### 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 at [holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca](mailto:holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca)

##### Christ the King Catholic Cemetery & Reception Centre

7770 Steeles Ave. E, Markham (Entrance off Reesor Road)

Saturday June 13, 2026, at 9:00 AM

You **must RSVP to attend** at 905-471-0121 or

by email at [christthekinginquiry@cc-fs.ca](mailto:christthekinginquiry@cc-fs.ca)