

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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Rev. Fr. Russell Asch
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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)

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY ~ MAY 24TH, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ, today the universal Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost. The Church commonly describes Pentecost as: the coming of the Holy Spirit; the birthday of the Church; the fulfilment of Christ's promise (cf. Jn 14-16); and the reversal of Babel. The Catechism also presents Pentecost as the moment when Christ's mission and the mission of the Holy Spirit becomes fully revealed to the world. Fifty days after the Resurrection of the Lord, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles gathered with the Blessed Virgin Mary in Jerusalem. It describes this reality by saying: "On the day of Pentecost... Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit" (CCC 731) and "The mission of Christ and the Spirit becomes the mission of the Church" (CCC 738). Although Pentecost is an indisputable historical reality during which the apostles received the Holy Spirit, who bestowed upon them the gifts of divine strength, wisdom, and courage to preach and evangelize all nations as commanded by the Lord, nevertheless, the Church still teaches that the same Holy Spirit continues to dwell in, guide, sanctify, and empower the faithful today.

In his catechetical instruction on the Holy Spirit, Saint Bishop Cyril of Jerusalem wrote the following reflection titled, "*The living water of the Holy Spirit.*" "*The water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of living water, welling up into eternal life.*" This is a new kind of water, a living, leaping water, welling up for those who are worthy. But why did Christ call the grace of the Spirit water? Because all things are dependent on water; plants and animals have their origin in water. Water comes down from heaven as rain, and although it is always the same in itself, it produces many different effects, one in the palm tree, another in the vine, and so on throughout the whole of creation. It does not come down, now as one thing, now as another, but while remaining essentially the same, it adapts itself to the needs of every creature that receives it.

In the same way the Holy Spirit, whose nature is always the same, simple and indivisible, apportions grace to each man as he wills. Like a dry tree which puts forth shoots when watered, the soul bears the fruit of holiness when repentance has made it worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit. Although the Spirit never changes, the effects of this action, by the will of God and in the name of Christ, are both many and marvelous.

The Spirit makes one man a teacher of divine truth, inspires another to prophesy, gives another the power of casting out devils, enables another to interpret holy Scripture. The Spirit strengthens one man's self-control, shows another how to help the poor, teaches another to fast and lead a life of asceticism, makes another oblivious to the needs of the body, trains another for martyrdom. His action is different in different people, but the Spirit himself is always the same. *In each person, Scripture says, the Spirit reveals his presence in a particular way for the common good.*

The Spirit comes gently and makes himself known by his fragrance. He is not felt as a burden, for he is light, very light. Rays of light and knowledge stream before him as he approaches. The Spirit comes with the tenderness of a true friend and protector to save, to heal, to teach, to counsel, to strengthen, to console. The Spirit comes to enlighten the mind first of the one who receives him, and then, through him, the minds of others as well.

As light strikes the eyes of a man who comes out of darkness into the sunshine and enables him to see clearly things he could not discern before, so light floods the soul of the man counted worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit and enables him to see things beyond the range of human vision, things hitherto undreamed of" (cf. Cat. 16, *De Spiritu Sancto*).

It is from that first Pentecost event then that the faithful continue to share the mission of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are all called: to proclaim the Gospel and "make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19); to lead people into communion with God through faith, prayer, holiness and charity; to continue Christ's work in the world through works of mercy, care for the poor, defense of truth and justice; and especially to live the universal call of holiness, that is, the call to be a saint!

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

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As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

JN 20: 19 - 23



By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the Church remains in every age vivified and sanctified by Christ's presence. The Holy Spirit prepares us with his grace to draw us to Christ. He manifests the risen Lord to us, opening our minds. He makes present the mystery of Christ. He reconciles us, bringing us into communion with God. And he interiorly perfects our spirit, communicating to it a new dynamism so that it refrains from evil for love. When the Holy Spirit comes within us, "it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely otherworldly in outlook, and for cowards to become people of great courage" (Saint Cyril of Alexandria).¹

Lo Spirito Santo è lo Spirito di Cristo ed è la Persona divina che diffonde nel mondo la possibilità di imitare Cristo, dando Cristo al mondo e facendolo vivere in noi.

Nell'insegnamento e nell'opera di Cristo, nulla è più essenziale del perdono. Egli ha proclamato il regno futuro del Padre come regno dell'amore misericordioso. Sulla croce, col suo sacrificio perfetto, ha espiato i nostri peccati, facendo così trionfare la misericordia e l'amore mediante - e non contro - la giustizia e l'ordine. Nella sua vittoria pasquale, egli ha portato a compimento ogni cosa. Per questo il Padre si compiace di effondere, per mezzo del Figlio, lo Spirito di perdono. Nella Chiesa degli apostoli il perdono viene offerto attraverso i sacramenti del battesimo e della riconciliazione e nei gesti della vita cristiana.

Dio ha conferito al suo popolo una grande autorità stabilendo che la salvezza fosse concessa agli uomini per mezzo della Chiesa! Ma questa autorità, per essere conforme al senso della Pentecoste, deve sempre essere esercitata con misericordia e con gioia, che sono le caratteristiche di Cristo, che ha sofferto ed è risorto, e che esulta eternamente nello Spirito Santo.²

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

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

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



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 23RD - SABATO

5:00 P.M. Mary-Jo & Andrew Rhodes

SUNDAY MAY 24TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M.+ Carmela Scarano

10:00 A.M. Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo
Luigi e Maria D'Addario
Totono e Rosaria Francella
Antonino Tuccitto e famiglia
Vincenzo Pitino e famiglia
Saveria Fronte

11:30 A.M.+ Mr & Mrs Rosario Fernandes

5:00 P.M. For All Our Parishioners

MONDAY MAY 25TH - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners

TUESDAY MAY 26TH - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Lucia Nguyen Thi Le Hoa &
+ John Baptist Nguyen Khanh

WEDNESDAY MAY 27TH - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Michael Pietraszlo

+ A.Jay Doodnaugh + Bernardina Francisco

THURSDAY MAY 28TH - GIOVEDI

8:30 A.M. Connie Chiu

FRIDAY MAY 29TH - VENERDI

8:30 A.M.+ Jose & Avelina Tumalian

SATURDAY MAY 30TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M.+ Belen & Eugenio Solitario

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$ 5,789.85

Pope's Pastoral Works: \$ 2,054.45



This Week Second Collection:
Sacred Journey: Climate Control Fund
Next Week Second Collection:
Sharelife Collection

Thank you

PENTECOST SUNDAY ~ MAY 24TH, 2026



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**

CORPUS CHRISTI MASS & PROCESSION — SAINT MICHAEL’S CATHEDRAL BASILICA — SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026 (FOLLOWING NOON MASS)

All are welcome to join Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, for the Corpus Christi Mass & Procession at Saint Michael’s Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.) on Sunday, June 7, 2026 following the Noon Mass. A procession (45 minutes) will take place in the vicinity surrounding the cathedral followed by Solemn Benediction and finally some time for fellowship.

BUNDLE UP FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL!

Bring your gently used clothing, shoes and linens to share with others on **JUNE 13 - 14 2026**. A Saint Vincent de Paul truck will be in the church parking lot so please share what you can with those less fortunate.

We will donate or sell these donations to support our outreach efforts. Thank you for your continued support.

The truck will be open all day Saturday until and all day Sunday. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Saturday and Sunday Mass.

We DO NOT ACCEPT appliances, baby or regular furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction material or video tapes. For more information visit www.ssvptoronto.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 ~*



**ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH
SACRED JOURNEY CAMPAIGN**

Hawaiian SUMMER Party

**SATURDAY | JUNE 20, 2026
11:30 AM – 4 PM
PARISH PARKING LOT**

TICKETS:
ADULTS \$20
CHILDREN \$10

BEEF AND VEGGIE BURGERS, SAUSAGES,
CORN, DRINKS AND ICE CREAM

<https://stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/SummerBBQ2026>

**COME JOIN US FOR
FUN, GAMES, PRIZES & MORE**

Vocation Reflection... “Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.” Send forth workers into your vineyard. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, [Director of Vocations](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org), Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. [Email: vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



SHARELIFE SUNDAY COLLECTIONS March 22 / April 26 / May 31

Your support of ShareLife helps form future priests—men who will listen, accompany, comfort, and offer Christ to the world. Rev. James Cyfko spent a decade in formation at St. Augustine’s Seminary, preparing to lay down his life for the people of God.

“I deeply appreciate the ongoing charity of ShareLife,” says Rev. James Cyfko. “I am eager to give back to the community which has helped me focus on faithfully following my vocational calling.” Your devotion lifts the burden of financial worry, enabling men to embrace God’s call fully in preparation for a life of service.

Next Sunday, May 31 is the third ShareLife Sunday collection of the year. Our goal is \$37,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.