

# St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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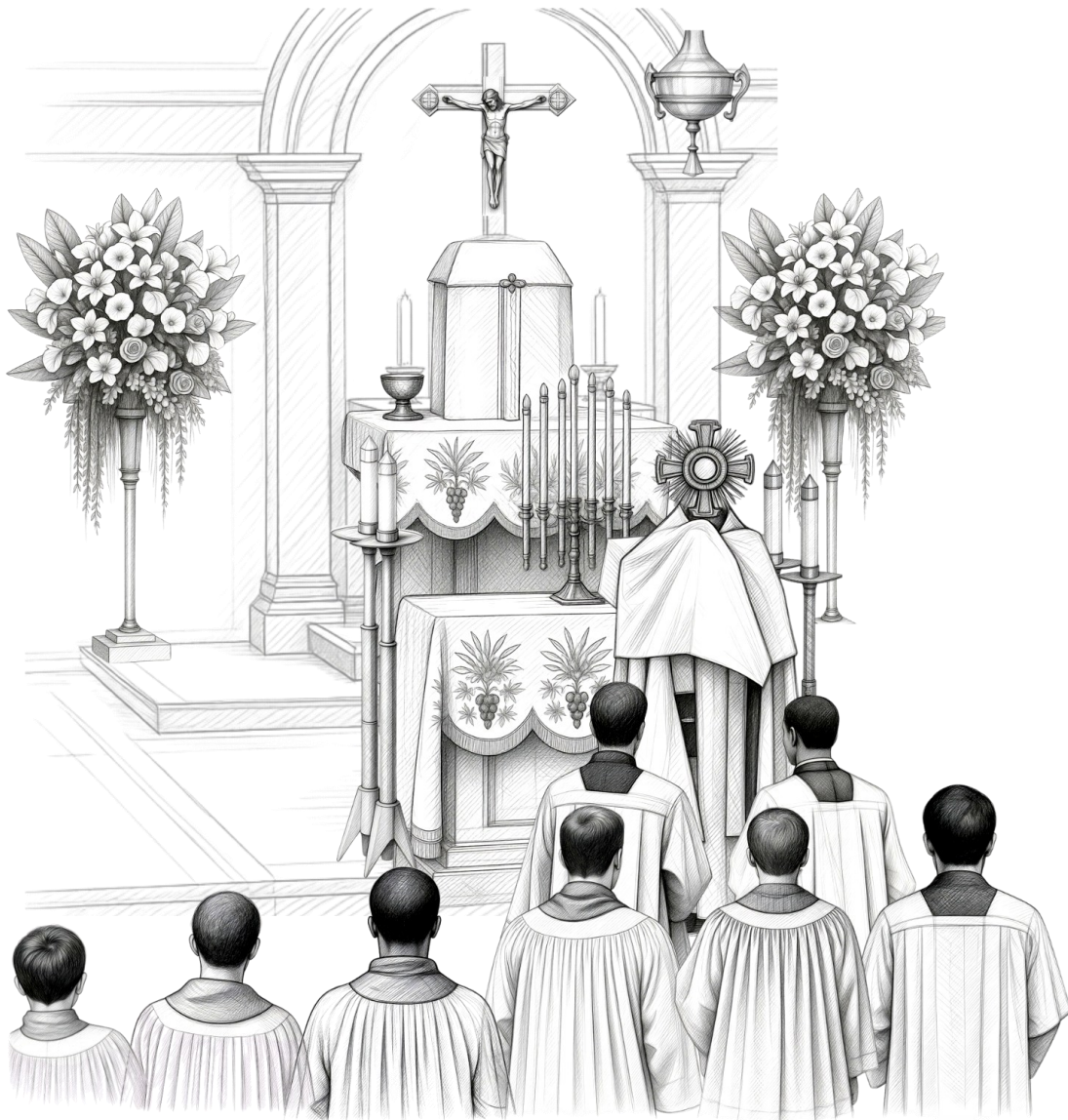
## PASTORAL TEAM:

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*



*The bread is one, and we, though many, are one body. 1Cor 10:17*

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST ~ JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ, allow me to resume offering for your perusal the faith journey of a married couple who were fully initiated this past Easter Vigil. In reading their stories, one cannot help notice the importance and need of belonging. Julia, the wife, wrote: "My husband and I come from completely different religious backgrounds. Even though we both grew up hearing about God's love, we drifted away from it all.

A few years ago, we found ourselves in a difficult situation in our marriage. We became disconnected. I started to feel in my heart a desire to follow a faith again, to reconnect with God in some way—without knowing that my husband was feeling the same need.

In December 2024, we went to spend a few days in Montreal and decided to visit Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal. There, something greater than the mind can comprehend happened. We cried, we prayed, and together we felt certain that God had called us back home - He had laid out the perfect path for us to return to Him at that moment.

We came back to Toronto and decided to start attending some churches, and that's when we found St. Lawrence. We couldn't be happier or more grateful. The feeling is like being welcomed back into the Father's arms after returning home."

Julia's husband, André, expressed his faith journey with the following words: "Dear Father Thomas, as I approach the day of my Baptism and Confirmation, I find myself pausing to reflect on the journey that has brought me to this moment - and on how deeply grateful I am for your guidance throughout it.

Coming to this process as an adult has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life. I was raised in a Protestant tradition, and while my upbringing gave me a genuine love for God, I realize now that something in me was still searching. Through catechesis, I have encountered the Gospel in a way that feels new and alive - not because the Truth has changed, but because I have been given the language, the history, and the sacramental imagination to receive it more fully than ever before.

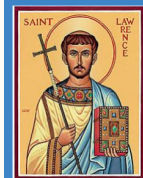
There is something profound about arriving at faith as an adult - with your full self, your doubts, your life experience, and your questions all present at once. I did not come to this process with an empty slate. I came with years of seeking, of half-answered questions, of a longing I could not quite name. And what I found here was not just doctrine or instruction, but an invitation. An invitation to understand that the Gospel is not merely a set of beliefs to hold, but a living reality to enter into. For the first time, the Sacraments did not feel like rituals - they felt like encounters. Baptism, the Eucharist, Confirmation - each one began to reveal itself as a doorway into something far greater than I had previously understood.

What has surprised me most is the peace that has accompanied every step of this journey. I did not expect that. I came with questions, and while many of those questions have been answered, what I found most transformative was something I could not have anticipated - a deep and abiding sense of belonging. A quiet certainty that I am exactly where I am meant to be. This is a happiness that does not depend on circumstance. It has settled into the foundation of who I am, and I am confident it will carry me forward.

Thank you, Father Thomas, for the time and care you have poured into this process. Your patience and wisdom made the Church feel like home before I had even formally entered it, and for that I am truly grateful. With deep gratitude and joy, André."

The Lord always meets us exactly where we are. The Lord poured His steadfast love on Julia and André when they were experiencing a period of disconnect and difficulty in their marriage. Yet in the midst of this challenging backdrop, God instilled in them a strong desire to reconnect with Him and come to the faith. Is it not providential that they had a profound spiritual experience during a visit to Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal - a moment that marked a turning point in their lives and marriage? And is it not especially amazing that it occurred in a place that is very closely associated with one of our very own, St. Brother André?

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



**SACRED JOURNEY**  
Climate Control Fund

**GOAL \$1,000,000**

**FUNDS RAISED: \$148,694.65**

**TO DONATE SCAN THE QR CODE**



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*My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.*



Saint John Paul II reminded us that the Church “does not only celebrate the Eucharist but solemnly bears it in procession, publicly proclaiming that the sacrifice of Christ is for the salvation of the whole world.” We rejoice in this expression of our Eucharistic faith and devotion in order to deepen our

attachment to the unique and unending event that transforms our lives: “Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament.... There you will find romance, glory, honor, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves on earth” (J.R.R. Tolkien). As the Sequence for Corpus Christi begs: “Jesu, of your love befriend us,/ You refresh us, you defend us,/ Your eternal goodness send us/ In the land of life to see.”<sup>1</sup>

Oggi festeggiamo il sacramento dell'Eucaristia che il Signore ci ha lasciato come segno della sua presenza, della sua realtà corporale, del suo sacrificio sulla croce e della vita eterna di cui ci ha reso partecipi. Gesù ce ne parla in termini di corpo e di cibo. La realtà del dono del Padre alla nostra umanità si esprime, dall'inizio alla fine, sotto forma di corpo. Si tratta dapprima della realtà carnale del corpo fatto di carne e sangue, che soffre e muore sulla croce. È questo corpo ferito che risorge e che Gesù dà da vedere e da toccare agli apostoli. Ma Gesù non si ferma qui. Suo corpo è anche la Chiesa (Col 1,18), corpo mistico di cui Cristo è la testa. Ed è infine questo corpo sacramentale che nutre coloro che lo mangiano: “Prendete e mangiate: questo è il mio corpo!” (Mt 26,26).

Già i primi cristiani paragonarono il corpo spezzato di Cristo al grano, macinato in farina per diventare pane, dopo essere stato mischiato all'acqua della vita e passato nel fuoco dello Spirito. Questo pane spirituale, fatto dal grano del campo che è Gesù (Gv 15,1), divenendo, come il vino dell'Eucaristia, nostro cibo, nutre in noi la vita divina, che è vita eterna. E Gesù, ancora una volta, afferma: “Io sono”. Qui dice: “Io sono il pane”. Gesù costituisce il solo nutrimento che possa dare la vita divina. Chi non mangia di questo pane non avrà la vita in lui (Gv 6,53). Ecco perché noi celebriamo oggi la realtà umana e divina del Verbo fatto carne e anche quella del corpo risorto; ed ecco perché ci dà davvero quanto promesso. Attraverso lui, siamo concretamente in comunione con il nostro Dio. Bisogna essere presenti alla sua presenza reale.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Magnificat - June 2026 Edition | <sup>2</sup> <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:

**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)



*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 JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO**

**5:00 P.M.** Donna Cameron

### **SUNDAY JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> - DOMENICA**

**8:30 A.M.** For All Our Parishioners

**10:00 A.M.** Susanna e Gianni Onisto

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Vito Sciuto e defunti famiglia

Marco Pagliaro - Pasquale Scozzese

Agostino Battaglia e defunti famiglie

Battaglia e Garofalo

Angelo Burdo - Michelina Ciccone

Rocco e Giuseppina Burdo

Giuseppe Morra - Michelina Mosca

Costanza Morra - Luca Caccamo

Carmela e Euplio Raffaele

**11:30 A.M.** Corinne Lobo

**5:00 P.M.** Rosy Fernandes

### **MONDAY JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> - LUNEDI**

**8:30 A.M.** Greta & Robert Carlo

### **TUESDAY JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> - MARTEDI**

**8:30 A.M.+** Margaret Warner

### **WEDNESDAY JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> - MERCOLEDI**

**8:30 A.M.+** Terry Murphy

### **THURSDAY JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> - GIOVEDI**

**8:30 A.M.+** Rufino Santiago

### **FRIDAY JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> - VENERDI**

**8:30 A.M.** For All Our Parishioners

### **SATURDAY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO**

**8:30 A.M.+** Hannah, John & Eva Porawa

## THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS!



**This Week Second Collection:**  
Building Fund  
**Next Week Second Collection:**  
Marygrove Camp



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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**

**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](http://www.ssvptoronto.ca)



**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**



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

**MARYGROVE CAMP**  
**JUNE 13-14, 2026**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Toronto Central Council, helps over 1,000 girls each summer, registering eligible campers through home visits. Marygrove Camp is a residential camp situated on Georgian Bay in Ontario, open to eligible girls ages 5-13. Marygrove provides a camping experience for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. Families who are experiencing financial or domestic hardship may contact the Society directly to determine their eligibility.

Next week, there will be a second collection for Marygrove Girls Camp run by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Each year, over 1,000 young girls with financial or domestic hardship enjoy a subsidized joyful camping experience. Please give generously.

**加東 METANOIA THE KINGDOM IS AT HAND GT 2026**

**RETREAT DETAILS:**  
FOR YOUNG ADULTS & YOUTH AGES 17 TO 35!  
DATES: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> TO MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
LOCATION: CAMP KAHQUAH, MAGNETAWAN, ON (TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE)  
COST: EARLY BIRD - \$520 (UNTIL JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>); REGULAR - \$550  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL THE GT26 COMMITTEE AT [GT26COMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GT26COMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM)

SCAN TO REGISTER!



Office of Catholic Youth  
Archdiocese of Toronto



**Vocation Reflection...** Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, [Director of Vocations](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org), Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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