

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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*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)

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:

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.

REGNUM CHRISTI DAILY MEDITATIONS

Matthew 10:26-33

Opening Prayer: Today is your day, Lord. I want to live it with you and in a way that will please you. Thank you for giving me the gift of faith, the gift of prayer, the gift of your sacred Scriptures. Thank you for not giving up on me. Thank you for always thinking of me and being with me. I offer you this time together as a sign of my love for you and my desire to give you glory through all that I do and say. Open my mind and heart, Lord, to receive the grace you wish to give me today.

Encountering Christ:

1. **Dealing With Fear:** Jesus is preparing his twelve Apostles for their mission of building his Church and spreading his Gospel. In today's portion of the Gospel, he is preparing them for the times they will feel inadequate or weak, and the times they will suffer misunderstanding, intimidation, and persecution. We have all experienced fear and uncertainty in situations like that. Jesus knows his twelve Apostles, and all of his disciples throughout history, will experience that same fear and uncertainty at times. And so he instructs us about how to deal with that. He tells us not to give in to that fear, never to give into the temptation of discouragement, for one very simple reason: We are cared for and watched over by our heavenly Father. Nothing in the world happens without his knowledge and permission, not even the apparently insignificant activities of little sparrows. And so, if we are engaged in doing his work, we can rest assured that he will guard and bless us. He wants us to trust in him unflinchingly, unhesitatingly. "Even all the hairs of your head are counted," he reminds us, as if to say that absolutely nothing about our lives is unimportant to the Lord. How firmly do I believe this truth about God and his interest in my life? What impact does this truth have on how I respond to situations that stir up feelings of fear and uncertainty?
2. **Partners With Christ:** Jesus didn't have to make us partners in redeeming the world. He could have done it all himself. But he did make us partners. "What I say to you in darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops." We receive the truth and wisdom of Christ; it penetrates our hearts; it works on our souls in mysterious ways—and what we receive from him we are called to boldly share with others. "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." Jesus is encouraging us to be his witnesses, not to be ashamed of being Christians, of believing in what he revealed to us, of building up his Kingdom rather than just the passing kingdoms of this world. We are his missionaries, his ambassadors. Every Christian, simply by virtue of being a Christian, is called and equipped to bring Christ to others. In spite of insults and intimidations, we are called to continue to proclaim the Gospel, not only in how we live our lives, but also in our words, by telling people about Jesus and inviting them to come and follow him. Whenever we feel inadequate for such a lofty mission, we have a golden opportunity to glorify God by courageously trusting in him regardless of our fears: "So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." How courageous a Christian am I? In what ways is Jesus inviting me to proclaim the Gospel from the housetops?
3. **An Eternal Perspective:** Jesus never seems to get tired of reminding us to keep an eternal perspective on things. "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." Earth is not our final destination. Life in this world is a preparation for eternal life. We have a mission and an adventure to live out for a few years here below, and then, when our mission is done and our souls are ready, Jesus calls us home to the Father's house in heaven. This truth, repeated over and over again by Jesus in so many ways throughout the Gospels, can be a source of great strength, and joy, and peace for us, if we let it really sink in to our hearts and minds. John Chrysostom, Patriarch of Constantinople in the fourth century under very powerful and very corrupt emperors, was exiled multiple times because he refused to compromise his preaching of the Gospel. In a sermon given during times of trouble and persecution, he powerfully expressed this connection between keeping an eternal perspective and having peace and courage in the midst of trials: "The waters have risen and severe storms are upon us, but we do not fear drowning, for we stand firmly upon a rock. Let the sea rage, it cannot break the rock. Let the waves rise, they cannot sink the boat of Jesus. What are we to fear? Death? Life to me means Christ, and death is gain. Exile? The earth and its fullness belong to the Lord. The confiscation of goods? We brought nothing into this world, and we shall surely take nothing from it. I have only contempt for the world's threats, I find its blessings laughable. I have no fear of poverty, no desire for wealth. I am not afraid of death nor do I long to live, except for your good. I concentrate therefore on the present situation, and I urge you, my friends, to have confidence."

Conversing with Christ: Lord, when I am able to quiet my thoughts enough to see what is really in my heart, I have to admit that I don't find as much confidence in you as I would like to have. It is hard for me to believe, fully and deeply, that you really care even about how many hairs are on my head. It is hard for me to accept what you have revealed about how constantly and lovingly you think of me. It is hard for me to hope in the power of your grace working through me when I am so familiar with my own weaknesses and failures. Lord Jesus, I want to be your ambassador, your witness, your soldier—but I need your grace to take even the smallest step forward! Please increase my faith. Please reveal your goodness and your love to my heart in a new and deeper way today.

Resolution: Lord, today by your grace I will visit a cemetery to pray for the dead and also to try and nourish in my own mind and heart the life-giving perspective of eternity that you presented to me in today's Gospel.

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JUNE 21ST, 2026



He has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked.

MT: 10 - 26:33



The Prophet Jeremiah sensed the “terror on every side,” former friends intent on taking their “vengeance on him.” Yet, despite his terror, Jeremiah declares with faultless faith, “The Lord is with me; my persecutors will stumble; he has rescued the life of the poor.” Mindful of this historical precedent, Jesus Christ commands, “Fear no one; do not be afraid of those who kill the body.” But how is it possible to live fearlessly? Saint John tells us that perfect love casts out fear. The love that Jesus Christ offers is so perfect and total that “even all the hairs of your head are counted.” Through our embrace of the overflowing, “gracious gift of Jesus Christ,” we can live unafraid.¹

Tutto quello che Gesù ha detto all’orecchio, di nascosto e privatamente, sarà predicato pubblicamente sui tetti dei paesi e delle città del mondo intero. Dopo la discesa dello Spirito Santo, gli apostoli hanno cominciato ad annunciare il Vangelo, chiaramente e coraggiosamente, quando hanno aperto le porte del cenacolo e sono andati verso i quattro punti cardinali dell’universo. Nonostante l’opposizione incontrata, il Vangelo è stato fatto conoscere sempre di più e sempre meglio e, quando la fine del mondo sarà ormai prossima, l’umanità tutta ne sarà a conoscenza. Gesù dice anche: “Non preoccuparti troppo della sorte del Vangelo, e non avere paura della gente. Non temere nessuno se non Dio. Non è la morte la più grande sventura, ma la dannazione”. Noi dobbiamo superare la paura della morte, così come le persecuzioni e le difficoltà di ogni giorno, mediante la fede nella divina Provvidenza, che protegge anche il più insignificante fra gli uccelli: il passero. La cosa più bella che l’uomo possa fare sulla terra, in mezzo a persecuzioni e sofferenze, è di essere testimone di Gesù. Anche se il martirio non è il destino di tutti i suoi discepoli, ognuno deve sempre e dovunque riconoscere la sua appartenenza a Cristo, con le parole e le azioni, la vita e il comportamento. E noi lo facciamo in special modo durante la messa, nella quale, in comunione con l’intera Chiesa, annunciamo le grandi opere di Dio.²

¹Magnificat - June 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 JUNE 20TH - SABATO

5:00 P.M.+ Antonio Scarano

SUNDAY JUNE 21ST - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M.+ Laval & Michel Teckson

10:00 A.M. Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Rosario Vella

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Franco, Elisabetta e Salvatore Sinopoli e famiglia

Vito De Nardo e famiglia

Totonno e Rosaria Francella

Pietro Pagliaro

Benito Cortese

Erasmus Aguanno

Luigi Cornacchia

11:30 A.M.+ Geraldine Senewiratne

5:00 P.M. For All Our Parishioners

MONDAY JUNE 22ND - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Emma Santiago

TUESDAY JUNE 23RD - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Sheila McGibbon

WEDNESDAY JUNE 24TH - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Michael & Maria Abreu

THURSDAY JUNE 25TH - GIOVEDI

8:30 A.M. + Emmanuel Cruz

FRIDAY JUNE 26TH - VENERDI

8:30 A.M.+ Maria Cesira La Rosa

SATURDAY JUNE 27TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M. Holy Souls In Purgatory

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular May 31— Jun 14: \$ 18,167.00

ShareLife: \$ 8,222.80

Building Fund: \$ 3,908.70

Marygrove: \$ 2,355.45



Thank you

This Week Second Collection:

Sacred Journey: Climate Control Fund

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Your time, dedication, and compassion have made a lasting impact in our parish community. Join us as we celebrate and thank you for all that you do!




SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026
12:00 NOON - THANKSGIVING MASS
1:00 PM - VOLUNTEERS' LUNCH

FUN THAT BUILDS FAITH!
SAFE. ENCOURAGING. CHRIST-CENTERED.



Find a summer camp that nurtures your child's heart, leadership and spirit.


2026 SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Summer camps are being offered for children at 59 parishes inside the Archdiocese of Toronto this summer, with over 86 weeks of dates and locations to choose from. Parents who may be interested in having their kids attend a parish day camp can access the complete list of parishes, locations and dates here: ocytoronto.org/parish-camps and are encouraged to contact the parish of interest directly to register or get more information.

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 ~



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GT 2026

METANOIA
THE KINGDOM IS AT HAND

RETREAT DETAILS:

FOR YOUNG ADULTS & YOUTH AGES 17 TO 35!

DATES: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH TO MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2026

LOCATION: CAMP KAHQUAH, MAGNETAWAN, ON (TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE)

COST: EARLY BIRD - \$320 (UNTIL JULY 7TH); REGULAR - \$350

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL THE GT26 COMMITTEE AT GT26COMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM



SCAN TO REGISTER!

Have you consider a Bequest to Our Parish?

A bequest in your Will to our Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan.



Bequests are NOT just for the wealthy! Consider including your parish or any of the archdiocesan charities or departments in your Will. Let your Will reflect your Catholic values.

Please see our [estate planning guide](#) to help you make your plan and remember about the importance of using the [correct legal names](#) when arranging bequests or other [legacy gifts](#).

Information Night for **WYD SEOUL**

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JUNE 23, 7:00PM
ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA
MISSISSAUGA

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS
ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

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If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon call Fr. Matt McCarthy,
[Director of Vocations](#), Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-261-7207 ext. 801.
[Email: vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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