

# 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*

## 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](http://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.*

## 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ, as we come to the end of another parish year, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your generous support, prayers, encouragement, and active participation in the life of our parish. Together, we continue to build a vibrant faith community centered on Jesus Christ and His Gospel.

This year has been marked by many blessings and signs of God's providence. Our faith community has once again grown in numbers based on the numerous "Registration for New Parishioners" forms that our parish office has received. It is so wonderful to see how new and old parishioners have seamlessly come together for numerous spiritual, social, and fundraising events that strengthened both our faith and fellowship.

Our parish has been filled with a bee-hive of activities. Our Summer BBQ last weekend brought parishioners, families, and friends together in a spirit of joy and community. The performance of Romulo Delgado's Oratorio of Mary in May provided opportunities for prayer and devotion, drawing many closer to Our Blessed Mother and her Son. We also enjoyed our Easter Coffee and Cake gathering as we celebrated the Resurrection of the Lord, while our Pasta and Salsa events last Fall provided wonderful occasions for fellowship and fundraising. Many young people from the ages 19-39 attended the monthly events of our new Young Adults Ministry. We also received positive feedback from those who were able to attend the different talks of our new adult faith formation series titled, "**It's All About Jesus.**"

There are more parish events planned for the foreseeable future. I am happy to inform you that the faith formation program will continue this Fall with a new series titled, "**It's Always About Jesus.**" My hope is that these upcoming talks will help parishioners deepen their relationship with Christ and grow in discipleship. A new **Life Teen Ministry** will also begin before the end of this year, which will provide our young people from grades 9 - 12 with exciting opportunities to encounter Jesus, grow in faith, and become active members of the Church.

One of the most encouraging developments this year has been the growth in volunteer involvement. Following our "Sip and Sign-Up" volunteer recruitment weekend, many additional parishioners responded generously by offering their gifts, talents, and time in service to the parish. Whether through liturgical ministries, hospitality, maintenance, administration, faith formation, or outreach, your willingness to serve has enriched our parish life immeasurably. The vitality of our parish depends not only on the work of a few but on the commitment of many, and for this I am deeply grateful.

Thanks to your generous financial support, we were also able to complete several important parish improvement projects during the past year. These included: 1) Installation of new church lighting; 2) Upgrading the rectory fob-door access systems; 3) Restoration work and re-caulking of our stained-glass windows; 4) Replacement of the water tanks located in the church and rectory; 5) Repairs and improvements to the damaged sacristy roof; 6) Upgrading our parish security camera system; 7) New computer equipment for the parish office; and 8) Improvements to internet connectivity for parish operations. These projects help preserve our parish facilities, improve safety and efficiency, and ensure that our buildings continue to serve the mission of the Church for years to come.

Looking ahead, several important projects remain on our horizon. The reparation to the church stone steps will begin in a few days. Moreover, I am currently waiting the cost proposals for: 1) the restoration of our damaged sacristy cabinets; 2) restoration work for our damaged church chimney (north-west side); 3) improvements to our church's sound system; and 4) the long-term upgrades to our heating and air-conditioning systems. These projects will require careful planning and continued generosity, and I ask for your prayers and support as we move forward.

As I reflect on the year that has passed, I recognize that every achievement, every ministry, and every blessing comes from God. Together, we have accomplished much, but there is still more to do. Let us continue to pray, serve, and work together as a parish family, always keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the source and goal of all that we do. And let our guiding principle be: "**Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam**", which translated from Latin mean, "**For the Greater Glory of God**" (St. Ignatius of Loyola - Founder of The Society of Jesus, aka, the Jesuits).

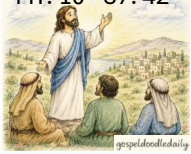
Let me conclude by reminding you of the Latin phrase that sits above our church's sanctuary - "**Haec Est Vere Domus Dei**," which means, "**This is truly the House of God.**" Thank you once again for your faithfulness, generosity, and commitment to our parish community. And for making our church a beautiful place of worship where we continue to gather in fellowship to celebrate the sacraments. May God bless you and your families abundantly, and may Our Blessed Mother continue to guide and protect you.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

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*Whoever does not take up his cross is not worthy of me.  
Whoever receives you, receives me.*

MT: 10 - 37: 42



“Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward.” This truly happens to the “woman of influence” who furnishes “a little room on the roof” for the Prophet Elisha to stay in. Elisha promises, “This time next year you will be fondling a baby son.” God offers the gift of life to those who are righteous. But as our earthly life passes away, we look forward to the day we “might live in newness of life.” In the meantime, we face sacrifices and sufferings while being fortified with the desire to endure all for Jesus, who promises to us as he did through Elisha: “My kindness is established forever.”<sup>1</sup>

Non si sa quale esigenza irrita di più ascoltando questo Vangelo: se l’abbandono totale dei legami familiari o il grado di amore chiesto dal Signore. Le parole di Gesù ci provocano fino allo scandalo. Il Signore non ci appare sotto un’altra luce agli occhi della nostra anima? Noi sappiamo che egli è comprensivo, sensibile e dolce. E soprattutto, speriamo che egli alleggerirà il fardello della nostra vita. Sorpresi, persino spaventati, indietreggiamo interiormente, e cerchiamo - sentendoci più minacciati che conquistati da questo Vangelo - di difenderci con la fuga.

Certo, il nostro cammino di fede ci ha fatto scoprire il Signore come il buon Pastore, che “ad acque tranquille ci conduce” (Sal 24,2). Come un Padre, la cui “grazia è nel cielo e la cui fedeltà fino alle nubi” (Sal 37,6). Soltanto una cecità spirituale ci impedirebbe di vedere il minimo segno dell’amore di Dio nella nostra vita: nella sicurezza familiare, nella salute del corpo e dell’anima, nella consolazione interiore di fronte ai colpi del destino e negli inattesi avvenimenti felici di ogni giorno. È per questo che cerchiamo la presenza del Signore e ci mettiamo al suo seguito.

Ma egli ci fa resistenza quando vogliamo mescolare i nostri interessi personali con la nostra relazione di amicizia. Quando separiamo i doni ricevuti da Colui che ce li dona, per costruire un piccolo mondo egoista alle sue spalle. Noi siamo allora vittime di una illusione, poiché la salvezza e il pieno compimento si trovano soltanto in lui. Perciò egli si erge contro l’egoismo tinto di religiosità, e vuole difenderci dagli inganni e dagli errori. Le sue esigenze, così irritanti, mirano al nostro sommo bene: egli vorrebbe rimanere il fondamento del nostro essere e delle nostre aspirazioni. Colui la cui vita è interamente centrata in Cristo manifesta anche la presenza di Cristo in mezzo ai suoi fratelli. E ciò che vale per il Signore vale anche per l’inviato: accogliere il forestiero, dissetare colui che ha sete, il rispetto dell’apostolo verso il messaggero. Costui ha una famiglia tra i fratelli e le sorelle in Cristo (cf. Mt 12,50).<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Magnificat - June 2026 Edition | <sup>2</sup> <https://www.lachiesia.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 27<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

**5:00 P.M.** For All Our Parishioners

#### SUNDAY JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> - DOMENICA

**8:30 A.M.** Francis Hsieh & Family

**10:00 A.M.**

In Ringraziamento Al Sacro Cuore di Gesu

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Leonello Pecorari

Luigi e Maria D’Addario

Mario Massari

Luigi Cornacchia

**11:30 A.M.+** Mr & Mrs John Fernandes

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

#### MONDAY JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> - LUNEDI

**8:30 A.M.** Sr. John Mary

#### TUESDAY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> - MARTEDI

**8:30 A.M.+** Marina Nicholas

#### **Canada Day**

#### WEDNESDAY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> - MERCOLEDI

**8:30 A.M.+** Anthonius Soekotjo

+ Fred Kossecki + Jonathan D’Souza

#### THURSDAY JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> - GIOVEDI

**8:30 A.M. +** Vincenzo Iafrate

#### FRIDAY JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> - VENERDI

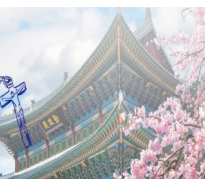
**8:30 A.M.** Jim & Helen McGee & Family

#### SATURDAY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

**8:30 A.M. +** Vincenzo Iafrate



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



#### 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 ~*

#### OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

**Regular: \$ 6,530.75**

**Climate Control Fund: \$ 6,064.15**



**Mission Co-op Collection:  
Weekend of July 11/12**



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**MISSION CO-OP 2026**  
**JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>/12<sup>TH</sup>**

# FRANCISCAN WORKS

[www.franciscanworks.org](http://www.franciscanworks.org)



**Franciscan Works** is a US-based nonprofit that is led and run by Catholic laity. We serve the poor and vulnerable in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. Since 2003, Franciscan Works has provided financial and operational support to Liberia Mission.

**Liberia Mission** is a Liberian-led nonprofit that provides a holistic Catholic education, a loving home on the Mission, and life skills training for poor, orphaned, and abandoned Liberian youth. Located in West Africa, Liberia suffers from intergenerational poverty, poor healthcare, and lack of infrastructure, much of which stems from two brutal civil wars and a deadly Ebola outbreak.



**Working together**, Franciscan Works and Liberia Mission empower the next generation of Liberian youth to break the cycle of poverty and become faithful, self-reliant, and compassionate leaders who contribute to the transformation of their communities and country. *Learn about our child sponsorship program by visiting [www.franciscanworks.org](http://www.franciscanworks.org).*

## LIBERIA MISSION'S CAMPUS

Liberia Mission consists of a 10-acre campus and an adjoining 15-acre farm. The main campus houses St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School for preschool-high school, St. Michael the Archangel Chapel, residential dorms for children living on the Mission, a piggery, and accommodations for program managers and volunteers.



Scan the QR code to see  
 Liberia Mission!



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# METANOIA

THE KINGDOM IS AT HAND

**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 - \$320 (UNTIL JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>); REGULAR - \$350

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 VOCATIONS**  
 ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."  
 Accept the invitation that is being extended, an invitation by the one who sent him. If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon call Fr. Matt McCarthy, [Director of Vocations](mailto:Director of Vocations), Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-261-7207 ext. 801.  
 Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## Living a Catholic Summer

*Rooted in faith and community*

**Please Note:**  
 The Bulletin will be on break until September

Make Sunday Mass part of your vacation plans



Try to include Daily Mass & Adoration as part of your day.



Discover a Saint each week and be inspired by their faith and courage.



Do a community service activity with the family.



