

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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**Chaplain to the Faithful participating in
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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.**

REGNUM CHRISTI DAILY MEDITATIONS

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had him put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart."

Opening Prayer: O my Jesus, as I begin this time of prayer I realize that forgiving others can be difficult. Sometimes I am afraid of letting go of how others have hurt me. It makes me feel protected to hold on to that hurt. As I open my heart, help me to empty out the fear and remember that you are my protector and have forgiven me for so many of my own sins.

Encountering Christ:

1. **A Priceless Debt:** We could never pay back the debt on our own for our sins. Some sin can cost us our very lives, "for the wages of sin is death" (Rom 6:23). This is why God the Father sent his beloved Son to ransom us. Christ literally paid the price for our sins with his own blood: "You are not your own. For you have been purchased at a price" (cf. 1 Cor 6:19-20). None of us are exempt from the need for God's mercy: "All have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God. They are justified freely by his grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as an expiation, through faith, by his blood" (Rom 3:23-25). How cognizant are we of the price Christ paid for our sinfulness?
2. **Justice and Mercy:** Because God is love, the justice we deserve is overcome by his mercy. Pope Francis said, "Justice and mercy in God are one thing. Mercy is just and justice is merciful." There at the cross, justice and mercy met in the person and sacrifice of Christ. Jesus endured the punishment we deserve and paid every ounce of the penalties we deserve to pay. Because we all have sinned, we have therefore received the gift of God's mercy; we are called to act accordingly by being merciful and compassionate, like God (cf. Ps 103).
3. **Choose to Forgive:** When we forgive others, even and especially when they cannot make amends for how they have hurt us, we are acting in imitation of Christ: "And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ" (Eph 4:32). We must choose to forgive whoever has wronged us. Forgiveness is not a feeling; it is an act of the will. What happens when we do not choose to forgive? We run the risk that our own sins will be held against us. Our first reading for Mass today considers this point: "Forgive your neighbor the wrong done to you; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Does anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Can one refuse mercy to a sinner like oneself, yet seek pardon for one's own sins?" (Sir 28:2-4).

Conversing with Christ: Dear Jesus, thank you for paying the price for my sins with your own precious body and blood. Help me to remember that I belong to you, and to live with gratitude for that fact. Help me to choose to forgive others, as you have forgiven me.

Resolution: Lord, today by your grace I will choose to forgive someone for a wrong they have done to me. I will pray and ask God to help me to forgive that person fully and with my whole heart.

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026

I say to you, forgive not seven times, but seventy seven times.

MT: 18 - 21: 35 How many times must I forgive? Common sense, expediency, and human justice are insufficient terms to adequately understand Christian morality; and not only because Christ came to perfect the law. "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," as it was said to the ancients, is a norm that Christ, in his authority as supreme legislator, declares obsolete. But there is something more. After Christ's redemptive death, man finds himself in a new situation: man is forgiven. His debt has been forgiven, his condemnation erased. "For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor 5:21). The Father now sees us in Christ: justified children. My sin can still weaken my filial relationship with the Father, but it cannot eliminate it. More than by his sin, man is determined by God's infinitely merciful forgiveness: "Man's sin is a handful of sand," wrote Saint Seraphim of Sarov, "divine mercy is a boundless sea." Human misery is immersed in God's purifying acceptance. If this is the newness brought by Christ, human forgiveness must also conform to divine parameters: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). If the Father looks upon man as forgiven in Christ, I cannot look upon him as condemned. If the Father welcomes us in Christ as we are to transfigure us in him, benevolent acceptance becomes a necessity of life, a blessedness. The Christian community does not claim to be a society of perfect people, but wants to be a place of forgiveness, a society of forgiven people who daily savor the joy of paternal benevolence and desire to make it manifest in mutual forgiveness. ¹

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Quante volte devo perdonare? Buon senso, opportunità, giustizia umana sono termini insufficienti per comprendere adeguatamente la morale cristiana; e non solo perché Cristo è venuto a perfezionare la legge. "Occhio per occhio e dente per dente", come fu detto agli antichi è una norma che Cristo, nella sua autorità di legislatore supremo, dichiara superata. Ma c'è qualche cosa di più. Dopo la morte redentiva di Cristo l'uomo si trova in una situazione nuova: l'uomo è un perdonato. Il debito gli è stato rimesso, la sua condanna cancellata. "Colui che non aveva conosciuto peccato, Dio lo trattò da peccato in nostro favore, perché noi potessimo diventare per mezzo di lui giustizia di Dio" (2Cor 5,21). Il Padre ormai ci vede in Cristo: figli giustificati. Il mio peccato può ancora indebolire il mio rapporto filiale con il Padre, ma non può eliminarlo. Più che dal suo peccato l'uomo è determinato dal perdono infinitamente misericordioso di Dio: "Il peccato dell'uomo è un pugno di sabbia - così san Serafino di Sarov - la misericordia divina un mare sconfinato". La miseria umana s'immerge nell'accoglienza purificatrice di Dio. Se questa è la novità portata da Cristo, anche il perdono umano deve adeguarsi ai parametri divini: "Siate misericordiosi come misericordioso è il Padre vostro" (Lc 6,36). Se il Padre guarda l'uomo come perdonato in Cristo, io non lo posso guardare come un condannato. Se il Padre ci accoglie in Cristo così come siamo per trasfigurarci in lui, l'accoglienza benevola diventa un bisogno della vita, una beatitudine. La comunità cristiana non pretende di essere una società di perfetti, ma vuole essere un luogo di perdono, una società di perdonati che ogni giorno gusta la gioia della benevolenza paterna e desidera renderla manifesta nel perdono reciproco. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</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 SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

5:00 P.M. Neil Noranho

#### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Benny Nugue

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  
Giovanna Costantino e famiglia  
Pietro Pagliaro - Giuseppe Canini e famiglia  
Defunti delle famiglie Galluzzo e Passambrone  
Lorenzo e Giovanna Romagnuolo e famiglia  
Maria Romagnuolo - Carlevaris e Nevodini  
Marco, Edda e defunti famiglie  
L'Anime del Purgatorio

11:30 A.M. + Maria & Michael Abreu

5:00 P.M. For All Our Parishioners

#### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Adeline Noranha

#### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Francisca Santiago Ramos

#### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Evelyn Martinez

#### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> - GIOVEDI

8:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewiratne

#### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> - VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Bruce Benton

#### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

8:30 A.M. + Hania & Silvia Helou

### OFFERTORY LAST WEEK



Regular: \$ 5,246.06  
Building Fund: \$ 2,669.85

Next Week Second Collection:  
Climate Control Fund

*Thank you*

**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

Y'all are invited to  
**ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH'S**



# THANKSGIVING COUNTRY DANCE

**OCTOBER 17, 2026 | 6:30 PM  
PARISH HALL**

**Come ready for good food,  
fun & fellowship!**

**ADULTS \$40  
CHILD \$20**

**Line  
Dancing**

**Country  
Tunes**

**Games**

- Meat & Veggie Chili
- Pulled Pork Sliders
- Mac & Cheese
- Cornbread
- Salad & Dessert



[stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/countrythanksgiving](http://stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/countrythanksgiving)

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of  
Adults) / Adult Confirmation**



We are now accepting  
registrations for the 2026-2027 RCIA Program.  
Please visit our [website](#) for information and to  
download the [RCIA Initial application form](#)



**"Take courage! I have  
overcome the world."**

- JOHN 16:33

Join us on Christ the King weekend, November 20 to 21, for  
an unforgettable experience at our annual conference for  
young adults aged 18 to 39! This is your chance to grow in  
faith alongside like-minded individuals who are in the same  
exciting stage of life. Whether you're a student, young  
professional, young couple or part of a young catholic  
family, this conference has something special for you!

Registration ends  
**November 4**



Learn more at  
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**What to expect:**

Keynote speakers Adoration and Confessions  
Workshops Marketplace



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"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we  
die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or  
whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider  
service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If  
God is calling you contact Fr. David Twaddle,  
[Director of Vocations](#), Archdiocese of Toronto at  
416-261-7207 ext. 801.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**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 ~



# COME & SEE

A weekend to pray,  
reflect, and discern  
God's call for your life.

**"Follow me,  
and I will make you  
fishers of men."**  
- MATTHEW 4:19

**MEN'S  
WEEKEND  
DISCERNMENT  
RETREAT**



**DATE**

November 6-8, 2026  
Friday evening to  
Sunday afternoon



**LOCATION**

St. Augustine's Seminary  
Toronto  
2661 Kingston Road,  
Toronto, ON M1M 1M3



**WHO**

For single men 18+  
discerning the vocation  
to the Diocesan Priesthood



**SUGGESTED DONATION**

\$125



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SEMINARY

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**August 1st to August 11th, 2027**

Join the OCY and the Archdiocese  
of Toronto on pilgrimage to the  
41st World Youth Day in Seoul,  
South Korea!

