

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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**Chaplain to the Faithful participating in
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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:

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.**

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ, as the slower days of summer give way to the rhythm of a new season, it is wonderful to see our parish family gathering together once again. I hope that the summer months have brought you rest, renewal, and precious time with family and loved ones.

Our work of restoring the house of the Lord continues unabated. Two exterior projects were completed during these past few months, including the installation of a new concrete foundation for the damaged front steps leading to Lawrence Avenue East, and the complete removal of the badly damaged and leaky sacristy roof, which has been replaced with new layers of membrane and shingles. The water damage done to our sacristy cabinets and closets has also been assessed by our insurance adjuster, with the master carpenter instructed to start creating new wooden cabinets and closets as replacements. On a positive note, the entire cost of this interior restoration work is being covered by our parish's insurance company.

At the time of this writing, the stoneworkers are working on restoring the damaged chimney masonry located on the northwestern side of the church. This restoration project is expected to be completed within the next couple of months. Regrettably, some localized restoration work will also need to be done on the damaged masonry in our rectory, which previously caused interior wall damages in one of our priest's bedrooms. Our contractor has indicated that the problem will only get worse if it is not quickly dealt with in the near future. While the cost associated with this latest unforeseen work is currently being determined, the costs of the three aforementioned projects exceeded more than \$125,000 and was completely paid for through the use of our parish operating account.

Two significant interior works are currently at the planning, evaluation, and assessment stage: the church sound system and the new climate control system. A number of parishioners have told me about the challenges and difficulties they are having in understanding and listening to the readings and the homilies. I am aware of these challenges, and I ask for your patience in this regard. I have received feedback from different sound system specialists on how we can address the issue at hand and am currently assessing which proposal to choose, while considering such factors as costs, pros and cons, and overall effectiveness. I will provide more updates in the future. As for our new climate control system, the electrical and mechanical engineers have made a full assessment of our parish needs and are currently in the process of preparing a comprehensive proposal for our parish review. More updates will also be provided in the future. All these outstanding projects will require careful planning and continued generosity, and I ask for your prayers and financial support as we move forward.

The changing colours of autumn remind us that we are entering not only a new season in nature, but also a fresh season of grace in the life of our parish and the Church. As our routines return, may we also renew our commitment to prayer, worship, service, and fellowship. On that note, I am excited to announce that the "It's All About Jesus" seminar will return in January 2027. Our faith formation series, which is an invitation to encounter Christ more deeply and personally, will have four new priest guest speakers and eight new and interesting topics for your consideration. I hope you will be able to come and join us.

With many exciting projects and ministries ahead, I look forward to walking this journey with you. The work of building our parish is something that all of us are called to share. Just as we all have a part to play in caring for and restoring the physical house of the Lord, we also have a part to play in building up the spiritual life of our parish community and the Church. Your time, talent, treasure, prayer, service, and participation are all important contributions to the building of the Kingdom of God. As we work together to restore and maintain our church, may you also remember that the Church is not only a building. We are the living members of the Body of Christ, called to build one another up in faith, hope, and love.

I therefore ask each of you to consider what part you can play in the life of our parish. Whether through volunteering in a ministry, sharing your gifts and talents, supporting your parish financially, participating more fully in the life of our community, or simply offering your prayers, each contribution makes a difference. When you do your part, you help build not only a beautiful physical home for our worship, but also a vibrant spiritual home where Christ is known, loved, worshipped, and encountered.

May the Lord continue to bless our parish family and make us fruitful witnesses of His love. May He unite us in our common mission and give each of us the grace and generosity to do our part in building His Kingdom, both in the physical house of God and, above all, in the hearts and lives of His people.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

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For me to live is Christ.

MT: 20 : 1 - 16



Reflect today on your own place among the laborers in the vineyard. Are you tempted to compare your spiritual journey with others? Do you resent the blessings others have received, or do you trust that God sees your heart and will reward you with generosity beyond measure? Rejoice that Divine Equity governs the Kingdom of Heaven; in that justice, perfected by mercy, all things are made right.

My Divine Judge, You rule with perfect equity, justice, and mercy. Your ways are flawless and overflow with generosity. Please govern my soul and judge me according to Your Wisdom, so that I may receive all that You long to bestow. Grant me the grace to remain faithful to the end, persevering and deepening my service to You for the building up of Your glorious Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You!¹

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Gesù ci svela quanto la sua logica sia diversa dalla nostra e la superi. Nella sua vigna c'è spazio per tutti e ogni ora può essere quella giusta. Così come ogni nostra situazione di vita deve essere la vigna che ci è affidata per curarla e metterla in grado di portare molto frutto e questo non per rinchiuderci egoisticamente in un ambito ristretto ma per riconoscerci, a partire dal concreto dell'esistenza, "lanciati sulle frontiere della storia", per essere cioè veri evangelizzatori e missionari.

Siamo tutti pronti a riconoscerci tra gli operai che hanno accettato l'invito della prima ora, ma quale potrà essere la chiamata che il Signore ci riserva per l'ultima ora, per la sera della nostra vita? Riconoscersi tra i chiamati alla salvezza deve significare renderci disponibili ad accogliere ogni chiamata, anche la meno gratificante, la più difficile e dolorosa.<sup>2</sup>

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### Novena to St. Michael the Archangel



**Frank Cardinal Leo invites the faithful to pray the Novena to St. Michael the Archangel, Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto, from September 18 to September 26**

...With a special intention: the fruitfulness and successful implementation of the new Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan which begins to unfold this fall so that we may be ever more faithful, attentive, generous and giving to the Lord and to others according to the vocation we have received and after the manner of Our Lady of Cana.

<https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/archdiocese-of-toronto-main-site/files/resources/novena-to-st.-michael-the-archangel-2026.pdf>



*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 19<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

**5:00 P.M. +** Jedwyn Tchoi

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> - DOMENICA

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

**10:00 A.M.** In Ringraziamento a San Cosimo,  
San Damiano e San Padre Pio

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Benito Cortese

Luigi Cornacchia

Luigi e Maria D'Addario

**11:30 A.M. +** Geraldine Senewiratne

**5:00 P.M. +** Roberto Hermandy

### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> - LUNEDÌ

**8:30 A.M.** Sacha & Kayla Bagasan

### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> - MARTEDÌ

**8:30 A.M. +** Reynaldo Espiritu & Deceased family

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> - MERCOLEDÌ

**8:30 A.M. +** Noe Laplana

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> - GIOVEDÌ

**8:30 A.M.** Nicole Lim

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> - VENERDÌ

**8:30 A.M.** Diana Achim

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> - SABATO

**8:30 A.M. +** Cipriano Catapresara

### OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

**Regular: \$ 5,687.30**



**This Week Second Collection:**  
Climate Control Fund

**Next Week Second Collection:**  
Needs for the Canadian Church

*Thank  
you*

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

# YEEHAW 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  
[renewtoronto.org](http://renewtoronto.org)

**What to expect:**

Keynote speakers  
Workshops

Adoration and Confessions  
Marketplace



**OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**  
ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

"Seek the Lord while he may be found..." While  
searching, listen; could it be that you are being  
called to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or  
brother? 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)



**HOLY CROSS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**373 Simcoe St S.,**  
**Oshawa, ON L1H 4J2**

**WED. SEPT 30  
7 PM**

**DINNER. LINE DANCING & MORE**  
Join Spiritus East & Durham for a fun Country Line Dancing  
Night! 🌟

Enjoy dinner, line dancing, and great company — no  
experience or dancing partner required! 🌟

Registration is required, so please register through the link in  
our bio. A \$5 donation per person is recommended.

**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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**WYD SEOUL**  
**OCY**

**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!

