

St. Lawrence Martyr Church

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PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. Fr. Thomas Lim, *Pastor*

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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 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: “Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.’ They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?” They answered him, “He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times.” Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.”

Opening Prayer: Lord, here I am; teach me to pray. I know that you are here with me and listening; thank you. Help me to be open to hear your voice speaking in my heart.

Encountering Christ:

1. **Leasing This Vineyard:** The tenants in this parable were a little too attached to the vineyard they were cultivating. They had forgotten that the land was not theirs—it belonged to someone else who was going to demand a return on his investment. It is so easy for us to get comfortable with our lives and start to think that we have everything under control. Christ is asking us to remember that following him demands radical faith. As Charles de Foucauld said, “The moment I realized that God existed, I knew that I could not do otherwise than to live for him alone... Faith strips the mask from the world and reveals God in everything. It makes nothing impossible and renders meaningless such words as anxiety, danger, and fear, so that the believer goes through life calmly and peacefully, with profound joy—like a child, hand in hand with his mother.”
2. **“Surely They Will Respect My Son”:** It is impossible not to be touched by these words of Christ: “... Surely they will respect my son...” When he tells this parable he has only a week to live, and he knows it. He has always known it. But still, he chooses to come to Jerusalem to die. “Surely they will respect my son...” Almost as if he chooses to turn a blind eye to reality. But no, this is not Christ being naive; this is Christ being human. He grieves with his very human heart at the Pharisees’ hardheartedness, the world’s hardheartedness, our hardheartedness. Let’s take a moment, before thinking about how to change our lives or what we can do better to serve Christ, simply to try to experience the sorrow Christ must be feeling. He loves us and, though we do not deserve it, he comes to save us. Let us ask Christ to show us all he has done for us, and to grant us the grace to grieve for not having respected his Son.
3. **Not a Gospel of Fear :** Hearing about the “wretched death” the unfaithful will face might cause us to feel anxiety or fear as we reflect on our own inevitable judgment. We can wonder, “Am I bearing fruit? Am I rejecting Christ also?” A moment of self-examination before the Lord is always appropriate, but only when we remember who the landowner is. He built a vineyard for us, he allows us to live here, and he sent his Son to redeem us. Our good God is not a boss or a slave master. He is not going to judge us based on the external things we have done for him, but on the fruits of love that we have borne. Am I bearing fruits of love? Am I trying to love Christ and others more each day?

Conversing with Christ: Lord, I see all around me how you are scorned, mocked, and ignored by the world. I want to make up for all the pain you receive from the world; accept my little love as some consolation.

Resolution: Lord, today by your grace I will try to alleviate someone’s suffering with a smile, a touch, or an assist, as a small remedy for the countless times you are disrespected.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 4TH, 2026

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.

MT: 21: 33 - 43



Reflect today on how to make this parable your personal calling. The Kingdom of God has been partly entrusted to you to be one who will labor for the salvation of souls—"people that will produce its fruit." The work of evangelization is an ongoing and urgent mission. In what ways is God calling you to work in His Divine Vineyard? Is it through faithful prayer, by which the vines of grace are pruned and nourished? Is it through the work of harvesting, where you draw others to Christ by your words, your witness, and your works of love? Is it through quiet perseverance in suffering, offered in union with the Crucified One? However God calls you, do not delay. Receive His trust with humility, and labor with joy. The vineyard is His, but the fruit depends, in part, on you.

My glorious King, You have called us to Yourself and made us members of Your Kingdom. You have also sent us forth to labor in the vineyard of Your Church and help draw many souls to Your Sacred Heart. Please reveal to me the role and mission You have entrusted to me. May I listen attentively to Your gentle commands and respond with a heart full of generosity and faith. May Your Church—of which I am a living member—continue to bear abundant fruit through the grace You pour forth. Jesus, I trust in You.¹

La parabola dei vignaioli omicidi è di un realismo tale che potremmo considerarla come una teologia della storia. L'omicidio è l'apogeo di una infedeltà continua, che nasconde naturalmente ingratitudine. È la storia dell'umanità e quella di ogni uomo, con i nostri limiti, le nostre ingiustizie, la nostra avarizia, le nostre ambizioni. Noi reagiamo spesso così davanti al bene che riceviamo dai nostri simili. Noi agiamo spesso così davanti alla bontà di Dio.

Siamo dei cattivi amministratori, che cominciano commettendo il grave errore di credersi padroni del regno e il minimo potere ci disturba, anche quello di Dio, assoluto ma non dominatore. Noi non ci troviamo al posto che dovremmo occupare, e ci piacerebbe vietare l'ingresso nel regno a coloro che vogliono entrarci. L'atteggiamento di Dio differisce completamente dal nostro. Ci ama allo stesso modo; ma non tollera che i suoi figli non mangino il pane che egli offre loro e che per di più si ostinino ad impedire agli altri di mangiarlo. Noi ci sbagliamo in tutto. E proprio quando ci sentiremo più sicuri, verremo privati dei nostri doni, perché non possediamo, anche se lo crediamo, alcuna esclusività.

È necessario che scopriamo Cristo come pietra angolare dell'edificio in pietre vive che è la Chiesa, alla quale siamo stati introdotti con il battesimo. Cerchiamo con coraggio di produrre frutti per raggiungere il regno dei cieli.²

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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 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.**



Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD - SABATO

5:00 P.M. The Casumpang Family

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Amelia Tan

10:00 A.M. Susanna e Gianni Onisto

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Vito Sciuto e famiglia

Agostino Battaglia e defunti famiglie

Battaglia e Garofalo

Pasquale Scozzese

Lorenzo Volpe

Antonino Tuccitto e famiglia

Vincenzo Pitino e famiglia e Rosamaria

11:30 A.M. Stephanie Bagasan

5:00 P.M. For All Our Parishioners

MONDAY OCTOBER 5TH - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Jonathan D'Souza

TUESDAY OCTOBER 6TH - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Joan Teixiera

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7TH - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Bridget & Camillus Johnpulle

+ Francis Methven - Eric & Marice

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8TH - GIOVEDI

8:30 A.M. + Charmaine Gill

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9TH - VENERDI

8:30 A.M. Dionisia Amizola

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M. Sacha Bagasan

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$ 5,182.35

Needs of Canadian Church: \$ 2,270.50



This Week Second Collection:

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

Next Week Second Collection:

Building Fund



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LIFE CHAIN 2026

Sunday, October 4th

Join thousands of Canadians standing against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration

St. Lawrence Martyr Parish

STAND ON GUARD FOR LIFE

What: Annual Life Chain
Time: 2 PM to 3PM
Where: Intersection of Lawrence/ Kennedy.

*Starting from the Church, we extend towards Kennedy Rd.

Contact: Joeman Martin
647-406-6103

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](#)



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



Tickets are available online & In-person Oct 3/4th & 10/11th Come visit us!

THANKSGIVING COUNTRY DANCE

OCTOBER 17, 2026 | 6:30 PM
PARISH HALL

Come ready for good food, fun & fellowship!

ADULTS \$40
CHILD \$20

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

Line Dancing
Country Tunes
Games



stlawrencemartyr.archdiocese.org/countrythanksgiving



ST. LAWRENCE'S

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

ADORATION & SOCIAL NIGHT

Thursday,
October 15, 2026
7 - 9 PM

For ages: 19-39 years old

Bring a friend and bring food/drink to share

Scan the QR Code To RSVP

Have Questions?
Email us at: stlm.yagroup@gmail.com



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!



One Million Children Praying the Rosary
For unity and peace



"In the End my Immaculate Heart will Triumph."
On October 7, 2026