

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.

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.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 18TH, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ, a few months ago, pastors of parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto received a summary of the Council of Priests meeting that took place on June 2, 2026. One of the themes discussed during that meeting concerned the upcoming rollout of Cardinal Leo's seven-year Pastoral Plan (September 2026 to August 2033), using the guiding image of the wedding feast at Cana. As the summary notes stated: "With its Marian and transformative dimensions, it [the pastoral plan] symbolizes renewal and mission ('Do whatever he tells you'). Akin to the wedding's water jars that need filling, the Pastoral Plan focuses on six priorities: 1. Family life at all stages; 2. Youth and young adults; 3. Catechesis and formation; 4. Prayer and spirituality; 5. Vocation and charisms discernment and promotion; and 6. Social community outreach, service and justice." The notes also indicated that the implementation of these six priorities would differ from parish to parish, depending on each parish's particular pastoral needs and circumstances.

The focus of the first year of the plan is to determine and evaluate the state and effectiveness of parish pastoral councils. Cardinal Leo has mandated that **"each parish is expected to have a pastoral council."** The Cardinal's decision to have a pastoral council in every parish is based on Canon 536 §1, which states: "When the diocesan bishop judges it appropriate after consulting the presbyteral council, a pastoral council is to be established in each parish." It is important to note that the pastoral council possesses only a consultative vote (Canon 536 §2). In other words, the pastoral council cannot act as an independent governing authority in opposition to the pastor; rather, it assists the pastor in discerning the spiritual needs of the community and its mission as a Church. "A second focus of the first year will be a communal assessment of where the parish community finds itself vis-à-vis the six priorities."

The summary notes reiterate these canonical points when they state: "The work of each pastoral council should be directed by listening, praying, engagement and dialogue. The councils are consultative in nature: the pastor listens carefully to the discussion and advice offered, but he retains responsibility for making the final decision in communion with the archbishop. This dynamic reflects the proper synodality at the parish level: shared discernment that informs pastoral leadership, without diminishing the pastor's authority."

In light of the Cardinal's recent mandate and the fact that St. Lawrence Martyr does not have a Parish Pastoral Council, my first task is to establish one for our community. While members of the pastoral council are ordinarily appointed by the pastor, I believe that **the wisdom and participation of our parishioners are invaluable in helping me identify those who might serve our community well.**

Our parish is blessed with people of different ages, backgrounds, cultures, professions, and life experiences. My hope is to form a pastoral council that reflects this wonderful diversity, bringing together individuals from all walks of life who share a common love for Christ and His Church.

With this in mind, **I invite you to recommend the names of parishioners whom you believe would make good members of our Parish Pastoral Council.** In considering possible candidates, I encourage you to think of individuals who demonstrate some of the following qualities:

- **A strong commitment to their Catholic faith** and a genuine love for the Church and our parish community.
- **A spirit of prayer and discernment**, seeking God's guidance in making decisions.
- **A willingness to listen**, respecting different opinions and perspectives.
- **A collaborative and generous spirit**, with the ability to work constructively with others and with the pastor.
- **Sound judgment, honesty, and integrity**, placing the good of the parish above personal interests.
- **An openness to new ideas**, while remaining faithful to the teachings and mission of the Church.
- **A heart for service**, especially toward those who may feel overlooked, disconnected, or in need of pastoral care.
- **A willingness to commit time and energy to meetings**, consultation, and the ongoing pastoral life of our parish.

You do not need to recommend someone who is already actively involved in parish ministries or who holds a leadership position. Sometimes, those who quietly live their faith, care deeply about others, and possess a thoughtful and generous spirit have much to contribute.

This is not an election or a popularity contest, but an opportunity for our parish family to participate in a process of prayerful discernment. All recommended names will be carefully considered, with the final appointments made by me after prayerful discernment, taking into account the pastoral needs of the parish and the importance of having a balanced and representative council.

I encourage you to give this invitation some thought and prayer. If someone comes to mind, please forward their name to me at fr.tlim@archtoronto.org, along with a brief explanation of why you believe that person would be a good candidate. The deadline for submitting names as possible candidates for our Parish Pastoral Council is **Friday, November 6th, 2026.**

My hope is that together we can form a Pastoral Council that will help us listen more attentively to the needs of our parishioners, strengthen our sense of community, and continue building a parish where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and called to share in the mission of Christ.

Thank you for your continued love, generosity, and commitment to our parish family. May the Holy Spirit guide us in this important undertaking.

Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*

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You were chosen by God our Father.

MT: 22 : 15 - 21



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Reflect today on the unity to which you are called. Do you form alliances based on personal ambition or on wholehearted worship of God? Reflect especially upon your involvement within the Church and consider whether, even unintentionally, you act more like a politician or lobbyist than a true disciple of Christ. Commit yourself not to an agenda, but to Jesus. Worship Him, surrender your life to Him, and allow Him to unite you with other members of His Body, the Church. Such unity is the only unity that endures all things and bears lasting fruit.

My Jesus and Head of Your Church, You call all Christians to form a spiritual bond that is forged through union with You. Grant me the grace of humility and charity, so that I may work within Your Church not with a personal agenda, but with mercy and truth. May I seek Your will alone and set aside my own ideas and preferences, choosing only You and Your eternal glory. Jesus, I trust in You.¹

L'ipocrisia dei farisei e dei sadducei proclama la veridicità di Gesù, che essi cercano di cogliere nella rete di un dilemma sapientemente calcolato: o egli afferma che il tributo ad uno Stato straniero e idolatra è lecito, e perde la stima di coloro che non accettano il dominio romano; oppure dichiara che questo tributo è illecito, e apre la porta al suo processo con l'accusa di istigare la sedizione. "Rendete dunque a Cesare quello che è di Cesare". Gesù non è il capo di un movimento di rivolta: il suo discepolo deve compiere i suoi obblighi civili. È in questo modo che l'ha capito la prima Chiesa (Rm 13,1-7; 1Pt 2,13-17). Ma ciò che è importante e decisivo, e che non sembra preoccupare i farisei, è il seguito: "E a Dio quello che è di Dio". Soltanto a Dio si devono l'adorazione e il culto, e né lo Stato né alcun'altra realtà di questo mondo possono pretendere ciò che è dovuto esclusivamente a Dio. Il martirio è l'espressione suprema della resistenza cristiana di fronte al tentativo assolutistico del potere temporale di usurpare il posto di Dio (Ap 20,4).

A Dio ciò che è di Dio! Ma tutto appartiene a Dio, che è il creatore. Ed è per questo che non si può astrarre Dio durante la costruzione della città terrena, "quasi che Dio non meriti alcun interesse nell'ambito del disegno operativo ed associativo dell'uomo" (Reconciliatio et paenitentia, 14). L'uomo può realizzare la pretesa blasfema di costruire un mondo senza Dio, ma "questo mondo finirà per ritorcersi contro l'uomo" (ivi, 18).²

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OFFICE OF VOCATIONS
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"Give ... to God the things that are God's." That includes you! Is God calling you to service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

Contact Fr. David Twaddle, [Director of Vocations](#), Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-261-7207 ext. 801.

Email: 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 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 17TH - SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Wadyslawa Kaczmarczyk

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners

10:00 A.M.

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Franco, Elisabetta e Salvatore Sinopoli e famiglia

Vito De Nardo e famiglia

11:30 A.M. + Mario Caldaroni

5:00 P.M. The William Family

MONDAY OCTOBER 19TH - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. Peter Riseborough

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20TH - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Henrietta Seguerra

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21ST - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. Rolando Seguerra Jr.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22ND - GIOVEDI

8:30 A.M. + Geraldine Senewirtne

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23RD - VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Franciska Dimitrov

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH - SABATO

8:30 A.M. Raul Mariano

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$ 5,669.65

Building Fund: \$ 3,853.70



This Week Second Collection:

World Mission Sunday

Next Week Second Collection:

Climate Control Fund



PILGRIMAGE TO NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND

Under spiritual leadership of Fr. Thomas Lim,
St. Lawrence Martyr Church, Scarborough
Tour Coordinator: Theresia Sisca- Tel. 416-731-8252

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DAYS

September 12 - 24, 2027

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FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Registration OPEN for children in Grade 2 or older

Parents **MUST** register online, bring all the requirements and attend **ONE** of the registration dates in the Parish Hall:

Wednesday, November 5, 2026,
from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM

Saturday, November 7, 2026,
from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM

[Registration forms are only online on our website.](#)

CONFIRMATION

Registration OPEN for children in Grade 7 or older



Parents **MUST** register online, bring all the requirements and attend **ONE** of the registration dates in the Parish Hall:

Wednesday, November 12, 2026,
from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM

Saturday, November 14, 2026,
from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM

[Registration forms are only online on our website.](#)

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](#)

SLMC CRAFT GROUP

Warm Hearts Warm Feet



Help our homeless at Good Shepherd Refuge stay warm this winter.

Now accepting NEW men's socks.

Please place them in the box at the entrance of the Church.

2026 Sock Collection: October 17th - Nov 22nd 2026



Today we welcome Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services to our parish.

Catholic Cemeteries are a vital part of the Catholic Church. Operated under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Toronto, each Catholic cemetery and funeral home reflects our Catholic beliefs. To learn more, visit catholic-cemeteries.ca

37TH ANNUAL
Ordinandi Dinner
March 9, 2027 | Doors Open 5 PM
Pearson Convention Center
2638 Steeles Ave. East, Brampton

Reserve Your Seats
staugustines.on.ca/events



Celebrating 100 Years of our Catholic Church on the St. George Campus of the University of Toronto!

Join the Newman Centre for this momentous Centenary Concert!
"A Century of Faithfulness: Beauty That Endures"

To purchase your tickets visit: <https://bit.ly/100AnniversaryConcert> before they are gone to enjoy a beautiful night of music, from musically talented community members, both past & present, along with a special act to close the night.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

If you are unable to attend, consider our Gift A Ticket program and send a student or clergy to the concert for free! (Please use the same link provided above.) Everyone is welcome! Invite family and friends to help us celebrate together!



"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!

What to expect:

Keynote speakers Workshops Adoration and Confessions Marketplace



Registration ends
November 4



Learn more at
renewsToronto.org



Register online at: manresa-canada.ca
Email: manresaregistration@outlook.com

SILENT IGNATIAN WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MEN

October 30 - November 1, 2026

with

Fr. Dexter Gray, SJ

Living with an Open Door:
Seeing Life Through God's Bigger Picture.

"See, I have set before you an open door." --- Revelation 3:8