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Message for World Youth Day
22 November 2026
His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

My Dear Brothers and Sisters, especially the Youth of the Archdiocese of Toronto,

May Jesus and Mary be in your soul.

World Youth Day 2027 is coming fast, gathering hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from every continent in Seoul, South Korea. It is my hope and prayer that young people from across the archdiocese will consider participating in this beautiful experience. The theme: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33), reminds us that our hope and confidence rest not in ourselves, but in Jesus, who brings us together, and who sends us into the world as his witnesses.

The World Youth Day theme brings us back to the Last Supper where Jesus speaks to his disciples on the night before his suffering and death. Amid the uncertainty, misunderstanding, and search for meaning of the disciples (Jn 13:6–9,21-25,27-29; 14:1-5, 8-9; 16:5,16-18,29-32), Jesus prepares them for his departure, teaches them to abide in his love, promises them the gift of the Holy Spirit, and assures them that his victory is greater than anything they will face in the world. World Youth Day mirrors this movement by gathering young people, helping them to deepen their encounter with Christ, strengthening their belonging in the Universal Church, and sending them forth as witnesses of God's love.

Christian courage is not self-confidence or fearlessness, rather it comes from knowing Christ and trusting him. It is the inner strength to believe when faith is questioned, to hope when the future seems uncertain, and to love generously in a world often marked by division and indifference. Christian courage is "constancy in the pursuit of the good" (CCC 1808), and is experienced especially as a family of faith that spans every nation, language, and culture, united by the same faith and the same Lord.

The choice of Seoul, South Korea is significant because it is the first World Youth Day to be held in a country where Christians are a minority. This setting also reminds us that the Gospel flourishes wherever courageous disciples bear witness to Christ with humility, joy, and perseverance. The history of the Church in Korea, born largely through the witness of lay faithful and strengthened by the sacrifice of its martyrs, offers a powerful example of faith lived with conviction and courage.

I warmly encourage our young people to make this pilgrimage. It is not uncommon for pilgrims to return home with renewed faith, lasting friendships, and a greater desire to serve Christ and his Church in their families, parishes, schools, and communities. May the words of Jesus echo in every heart: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33) and inspire a new generation of missionary disciples who place their trust not in themselves, not the secular agenda, nor in empty promises that regrettably our culture makes us - but in the One who has already won the victory and who continues to lead his Church with hope: JESUS.

Be sure to contact your parish office or the Archdiocese's Office of Catholic Youth https://ocytoronto.org/wyd-seoul-2027 for more information.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ~ November 22nd, 2026

As for you, my flock, I will judge between one sheep and another.

MT: 25 : 31 - 46



Our liturgical year is ordered in such a way as to lead us through the entire mystery of salvation won for us in Christ. Each liturgical year begins with Advent, when we ponder the Incarnation that leads us to the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. Following Christmas we enter into the public ministry of Christ during Ordinary Time, which begins with the feast of His Baptism. In the midst of Ordinary Time, we enter the deepest paschal mystery of Lent and Easter, culminating with the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The Easter Season concludes with Christ's Ascension and Pentecost, the beginning of the Church. Finally, after the rest of Ordinary Time, we come to the great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, commonly referred to as the Feast of Christ the King. [1]

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Conosciamo questo testo che, ai giorni nostri, è uno dei più citati e discussi. Per alcuni esso riassume quasi tutto il Vangelo. Questa tendenza non dipende da una moda o da una certa ideologia, ma corrisponde a qualcosa di assai più profondo che già esiste in noi. Quando siamo colpiti e sorpresi da un'idea, da un avvenimento o da una persona, sembriamo dimenticare tutto il resto per non vedere più che ciò che ci ha colpiti. Cerchiamo una chiave in grado di aprire tutte le porte, una risposta semplice a domande difficili.

Se leggiamo questo passo del Vangelo con questo spirito, il solo criterio di giudizio, e di conseguenza di salvezza o di condanna, è la nostra risposta ai bisogni più concreti del nostro prossimo. Poco importa ciò che si crede e come si crede, poco importa la nostra appartenenza o meno a una comunità istituzionale, poco importano le intenzioni e la coscienza, ciò che conta è agire ed essere dalla parte dei poveri e dei marginali.

Eppure, questa pagina del Vangelo di san Matteo è inscindibile dal resto del suo Vangelo e del Vangelo intero. In Matteo troviamo molti "discorsi" che si riferiscono al giudizio finale. Colui che non si limita a fare la volontà di Dio attraverso le parole non sarà condannato (Mt 7,21-27). Colui che non perdona non sarà perdonato (Mt 6,12-15; 1-35). Il Signore riconoscerà davanti a suo Padre nei cieli colui che si è dichiarato per lui davanti agli uomini (Mt 10,31-33). La via della salvezza è la porta stretta (Mt 7,13). Per seguire Cristo bisogna portare la propria croce e rinnegare se stessi. Colui che vuole salvare la propria vita la perderà (Mt 16,24-26). San Marco ci dice anche: Colui che crederà e sarà battezzato, sarà salvato. Colui che non crederà sarà condannato (Mc 16,15-16). Queste parole ci avvertono di non escludere dal resoconto finale la nostra risposta ai doni soprannaturali e alla rivelazione. Guarire le piaghe del mondo, eliminare le miserie e le ingiustizie, tutto questo fa parte integrante della nostra vita cristiana, ma noi non rendiamo un servizio all'umanità che nella misura in cui, seguendo il Cristo, liberiamo noi stessi e liberiamo gli altri dalla schiavitù del peccato. Allora solamente il suo regno comincerà a diventare realtà. [2]

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During the Month of November
The Book of Remembrance
will be available.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS
ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

"Lord, when was it that we saw you ...?" Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve 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



Come and spend some quiet time in prayer

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)*
Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)*
*In Chapel, when there is a funeral.

Mass Intentions for the week

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21ST – SABATO

5:00 P.M. + Beverly Lafrance + Edward Richard

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22ND – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M.+ Joel San Juan

10:00 A.M. Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia
Vito e Mike Cuoppolo - Luigi e Maria D'Addario
Michele, Antonietta e Carmela Lamanna
Vincenzo e Domenica Trentadue e famiglia
Giuseppe e Isabella Pantaleo e famiglia
Corrado e Angelina Rabbito - Emmanuela Rabbito

11:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners

5:00 P.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY NOVEMBER 23RD – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. Michael Tchoi

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24TH – MARTEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Jose Maria Divina Gracia

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25TH – MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. Shenelle Noranho
Michael Awenegieme & Family
+ Consuelo Ponce

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26TH – GIOVEDI

8:30 A.M.+ Teodora (Doree) De Leon Reyes

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27TH – VENERDI

8:30 A.M. Roel Santiago

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28TH – SABATO

8:30 A.M.+ Rocchina & Carmelo Scarano

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: $ 5,689.10
Shepherd's Trust: $4,992.85

This Week Second Collection:
Climate Control Fund
Next Week Second Collection:
SVP Christmas Collection

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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PARENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN

Reminder

Advent Promise is Next Weekend Nov 28/29th

First Communion students and their families are invited to attend one of the weekend Masses. Children please bring your Advent Promise.

*Details will be sent on Sunday to parents who have enrolled their children for First Communion.

Please keep all our children preparing for the Sacraments in your prayers.

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.

Reminder **Final Weekend**

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

EDGE

St. Lawrence Edge Program is a Catholic youth ministry **for Grades 6–8**.

Edge Nights are every second and fourth **Friday from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Parish Hall.**

Schedule: Nov 2026 - May 2027

For **registration forms** see our parish website or **email us at stlawrenceedge@gmail.com** for the Edge night schedule, registration forms, annual registration fees or any questions you may have.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, would like to thank you all for your continuous support.

In the month of October we helped 16 families with 23 adults and 28 children with food vouchers of $1,1160.

As we prepare for Christmas, many calls for help have come in. The SVP Christmas Collection is on November 28 and 29 please be generous.

If you would like to sponsor a family, leave a message at 416-410-3589 or call the parish office at 416-759-9359.

May our Good Lord always keep you safe.

LIFE TEEN

St. Lawrence Life Teen Program is a Catholic youth ministry **for Grades 9-12**.

Life Teen Nights are every second and fourth **Saturday from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Parish Hall.**

Schedule: Nov 2026 - May 2027

Our 1st Event is on Nov 28th
Scan QR Code to RSVP

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St. Lawrence Martyr Parish

A Taste of Christmas

Bake Sale & Cafe

December 12 & 13, 2026
After All Masses | Parish Hall

Come for the Treats, Stay for the Fellowship over drinks brewed and steeped in friendship and treats baked with love.

Every treat makes a difference! Calling all bakers and cookie makers donate your goodies to support our SACRED JOURNEY CAMPAIGN!

We are accepting donations for our

Silent Auction Table.

Inquiries: slmparishfund2024@gmail.com

May the joy of Christ fill your homes this Christmas