

ST. LAWRENCE MARTYR CHURCH
HOLY MARY ORATORIO

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE HOLY MARY ORATORIO?

It is a moving and powerful oratorio based on the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the mysteries of the Rosary. *Our Mother Mary leads us to contemplate on the depth of Christ's love for us. May this oratorio help us get to know Christ through Mary as we continue our journey of faith.* - Romulo Delgado

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE CONCERT GOING TO BE HELD?

The HOLY MARY oratorio will be held on May 23, 2026 at 7:30PM at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish at 2210 Lawrence Avenue East, Scarborough, ON M1P 2P9 (between Birchmount Road and Kennedy Road). Doors open at 6:30PM.

Parking is available (first come, first served) at the back of the church, the school front and back parking lots, and at the Library lot across the street.

HOW MUCH ARE THE TICKETS?

Deluxe Adult tickets are \$100 (includes reserved seats & ticket to reception).
Adult tickets are \$60.
Child tickets are \$30.

WHERE AND WHEN CAN WE BUY TICKETS?

Tickets are available online through our website or at the parish office. Tickets are also sold after all Masses beginning May 2, 2026 . You can pay in cash, cheque or via debit/credit card through our POS machine. ***If you buy your tickets online, kindly bring your receipt on the day of the event for registration.***

WHO ARE THE COMPOSER & PERFORMERS?

Romulo Delgado, Composer, Tenor

An operatic tenor, composer, world music multi- instrumentalist, vocal coach and adjudicator. He was a regional finalist at the Hans Gabor Belvedere International Opera competition in Vienna, Austria and trained in Toronto at the Royal Conservatory Music. His versatility as a performer has enchanted audiences all over North America and Europe.

Sabatino Vacca, Conductor

Sabatino Vacca is the Founder, Artistic Director, and Chorus Master of the newly formed Southern Ontario Lyric Opera (SOLO), based in Burlington, which celebrates its 10th Anniversary this season. He has been the Music Director of the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra (CSO) since 2007, and helped found the Milton Philharmonic Orchestra in 2014.

Sabatino is the recipient of the Spirit of Ontario Award for the Arts by the National Congress of Italian Canadians. He was inducted into the Alumni Gallery at McMaster University. Sabatino is a versatile arranger writing in various styles and for ensembles big and small. He has completed and conducted many of his own arrangements for the CSO and SOLO.

Sara Papini, Soprano

International opera singer Sara Papini has graced stages around Canada, the United States, Italy, France, Israel and Russia. Ms. Papini performs for many events throughout Toronto and the GTA and has also performed for such dignitaries as former Prime Minister Stephen J. Harper, former Prime Minister of Italy Enrico Letta, Princess Marconi and her Royal Highness Prof. Li of Manchian Empire China.

Michelle Danese, Mezzo-Soprano

An artist of diverse musical and theatrical prowess, operatic soprano Michelle Danese embodies a performer of many dimensions. Her ability to perform in different genres of music has taken her abroad, charming audiences far and wide.

Born in Toronto, Michelle holds a B.F.A Honors in Music from York University, and a Post-Bachelor Artist Performance Diploma in voice from The Glenn Gould School of The Royal Conservatory of Music. Dedicating much of her time to performing, teaching and adjudicating,

Lillian Brooks, Mezzo-Soprano

Canadian mezzo-soprano Lillian Brooks has been praised for her “lyric sound” (Ludwig van Toronto), “easy handling of coloratura (Schmopera), and noted for her “wonderful sensitivity to story and the development of song” (FYI Music). The 2024/2025 season saw Lillian debut with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra for Mozart’s Krönungsmesse, and make returns to both Chorus Niagara and the Peterborough Singers for Bach’s B Minor Mass and Mozart’s Requiem, respectively.

She was awarded the prestigious Hnatyshyn Foundation Developing Artists Grant, while graduating cum laude from York University and earning first prize in their annual Concerto Competition. Brooks received her Artist Diploma Program in Vocal Performance from the Glenn Gould School in 2017 and went on to participate in the 2018 Britten-Pears Young Artist Programme in Aldeburgh, UK, where she studied with internationally acclaimed faculty including Matthew Rose and Anne-Sofie von Otter.

WHAT IS THE CAPACITY OF THE CHURCH?

The parish can accommodate up to 600+ guests. All attendees will be seated on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis.

WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE?

We suggest that you wear your Sunday Best because the concert will be held in our church proper, a sacred space.

WHY IS SLM HOSTING THE HOLY MARY ORATORIO?

St. Lawrence Martyr Parish launched the \$1M *Sacred Journey Capital Campaign* for our climate control system upgrade. The church, although it remains beautiful, is 66 years old and in need of a lot of major repairs.

Here is the link to our campaign webpage

<https://stlawrencemartyr.archtoronto.org/en/our-community/fundraising-campaign/>

WHO IS MANAGING THE FUNDRAISING?

Our pastor, Rev. Thomas Lim is managing the Sacred Journey Capital Campaign with the help of a volunteer team of experienced fundraisers, events experts, project analysts, and finance & administration managers. No manpower expenses are incurred for the administration and execution of fundraising and events.

ARE THERE ADVERTISING/SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ON THE EVENT PROGRAMME?

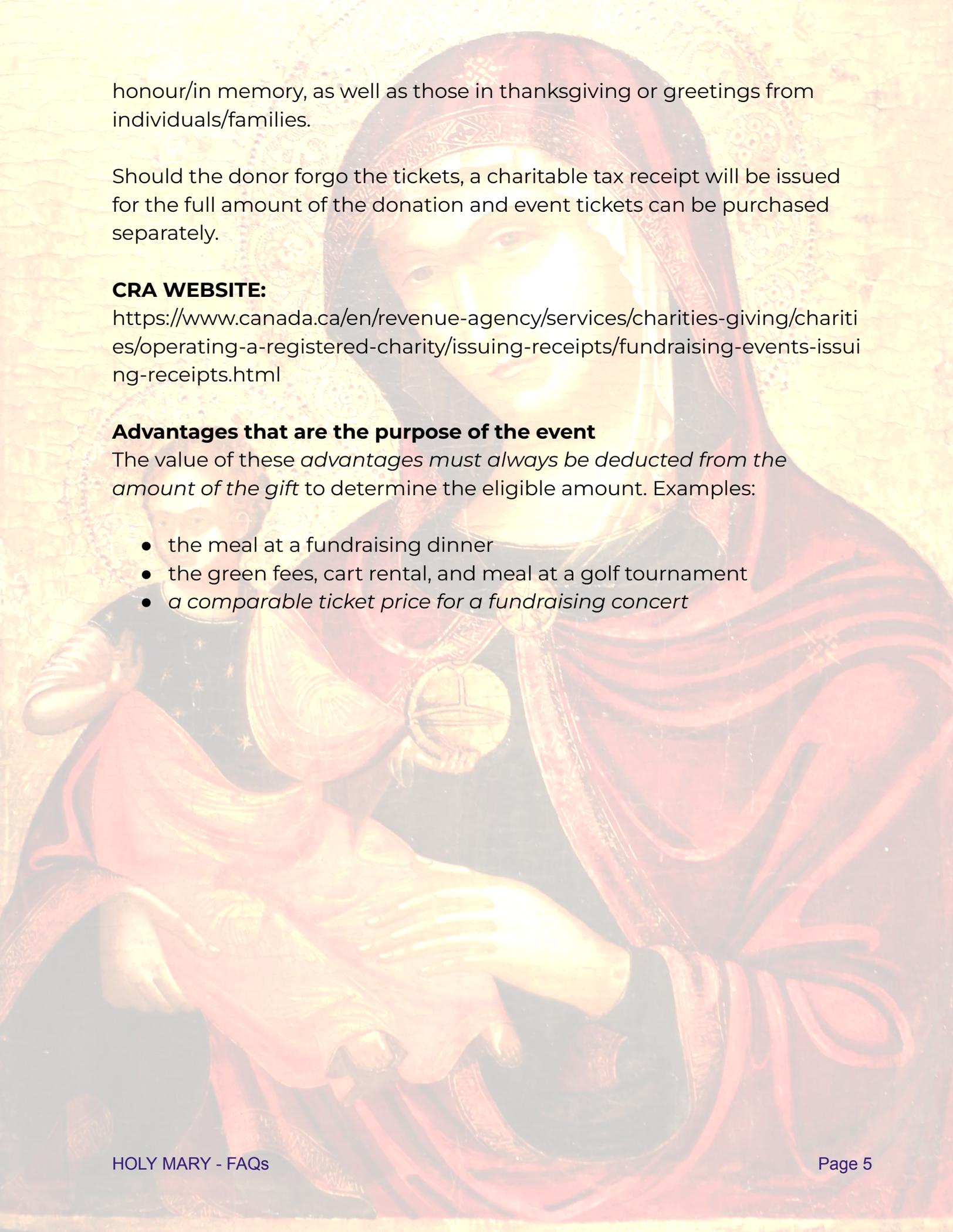
Yes, advertising space for businesses and families are available on the event programme. You can also honour a family, a priest, or a friend with an ad space. Sponsorship information can be found on our website. All inquiries by email at slmparishfund2024@gmail.com or by calling the parish office.

WILL CHARITABLE TAX RECEIPTS BE ISSUED FOR DONATIONS?

Charitable tax receipts will be issued as follows:

For Businesses - no tax receipts will be issued because it is equivalent to an advertising expense and the company will benefit from the advertisement and the tickets.

For Families/Parishioners - tax receipts will be issued for the donation less the value to the tickets as indicated in our parishioner sponsorship/donation forms. There is no monetary gain for ads of in



honour/in memory, as well as those in thanksgiving or greetings from individuals/families.

Should the donor forgo the tickets, a charitable tax receipt will be issued for the full amount of the donation and event tickets can be purchased separately.

CRA WEBSITE:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/charities/operating-a-registered-charity/issuing-receipts/fundraising-events-issuing-receipts.html>

Advantages that are the purpose of the event

The value of these *advantages must always be deducted from the amount of the gift* to determine the eligible amount. Examples:

- the meal at a fundraising dinner
- the green fees, cart rental, and meal at a golf tournament
- *a comparable ticket price for a fundraising concert*