

st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Fr. Nicola Defina
In Residence: Fr. George S. Galea

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday - 5pm
Sunday - 8:30am; 10am & 11:30am

Weekday Masses

8am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
7pm on Wednesday with Novena to
Our Lady of Perpetual Help | Rosary begins at 6:30pm
Magnificat Charismatic Prayer Group (Polish)
Thursday 7 pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Sunday after the 11:30am mass
Register two months in advance

Marriage

Contact the Pastor
one year in advance

Reconciliation

Wednesday - 6pm to 7pm
Saturday - 4pm to 5pm
or by appointment

Pastoral Care of the Sick
Please notify the Parish Office
for arrangements

Eucharistic Adoration

Every first Friday of the month
following 8am Mass

MINISTRIES

Altar Servers | Altar Society
Eucharistic Ministers
Eucharistic Ministers (at Home)
Hospitality | Ushers
Lectors | Readers
Music | Choir

PARISH ACTIVITIES

R.C.I.A.
Children's Liturgy
Finance Council
Parish 50+ Social Group
Social Fundraising Committee
Quilters' Club

Knights of Columbus
(Meetings every 4th Monday
of the month at 8 pm)

*Parishioners are welcome and
encouraged to participate in
Parish Ministries/Activities.
Call the Parish Office for details.*

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Unit/Apt.: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Weekly Offering Envelopes

New Parishioner

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish

ST. LEO'S PARISH IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Masses For The Week

Sat Mar 2	5 pm	PRO POPULO
Sun Mar 3	8:30 am	† Salvatore Fabrizio (Frances & Family)
	10 am	† Lisa Caporiccio-Sbrocchi (Flora Sardina)
	11:30 am	† Maurice Lacroix (Mem Anniversary) (Wife Brenda)
Mon Mar 4	8 am	For Healing Sandi Halutan (Rosalo & Lourdes Senador)
Tue Mar 5	8 am	For Healing Tess Guanco (Agnes Martinez)
Wed Mar 6	7pm	† Rev. Mons. John Staskevicius (Ona Olekas)
Thu Mar 7	8 am	† Antonio, Onorina & Elena Forte (Civita Forte & Family)
Fri Mar 8	8 am	† Anna Mazzucco (Civita Forte & Family)
Sat Mar 9	5 pm	† Margaret Newman, Joseph & Stephen (Geraldine Newman)
Sun Mar 10	8:30 am	† Biagio, Elena & Mariano Forte (Civita Forte & Family)
	10 am	In Thanksgiving (Jun & Lynnore Moreno)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

Money Changers

The people of Jesus' day believed that sin could only be forgiven by offering a sacrifice at the Temple in Jerusalem. (Imagine if you could only go to Confession in at St. Peter's in Rome!) Originally people would bring the fruit of their labor--crops or young animals. Gradually the leaders at the Temple began demanding that only the purest offerings could be made. Naturally the leaders sold these in the Temple plaza--at a handsome profit. Worshippers could not even use common money to buy these holocausts. Jewish law forbade any images of human beings or animals. The Roman coins in daily use depicted the Emperor and were thus taboo. Thus to even buy a "pure" sacrifice people had to change their "pagan" money for official "religious" money, again at a profit to the religious leaders. Jesus is furious over this legalized theft for God.



(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

Lent is a gift

During the time of lent, we are challenged to be more aware of our Lord's presence in our lives than at other times of the year. We have the opportunity to make a few sacrifices which remind us that there are many people in the world who don't have the basic necessities required to survive or thrive -- things we unfortunately take for granted every day. By doing without some of these things, we can better stand in solidarity with those who are less fortunate. Let's be grateful for the season of Lent -- for the opportunities it provides and for the ultimate celebration to which it leads us.

The Gift of Lent

Eucharistic Adoration
 First Friday of the month April 5, 2024
 Following the 8 am Mass
 Rosary at 7:30am.
 Adoration concludes with Holy Mass
 Saturday morning Saturday April 6, @ 8 am
 Come. See. Hear. Encounter.
 Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

Serra Vocation

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org**

Live the Gospel by helping our vulnerable brothers and sisters

ShareLife Sunday is March 16/17 and we once again ask you to give generously to support Catholic agencies, who in turn care for the most vulnerable in our communities. As a parish, this is our opportunity to live the Gospel! Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



Please pray for the sick of our Parish especially:
**ERNESTO PALACA, SANDI HATULAN,
 TERESITA GUANCO**
 And for the souls of the deceased:
ANNE BARNES, SILVINO QUIJANO.

Communion for the homebound upon request, anointing of the sick with the seriously ill, or those undergoing surgery.
 Please call the parish office

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of
 March is reserved by
Anna Maria Cerullo
 For Special Intentions & Thanksgiving


St. Vincent de Paul Society

As part of our community outreach, we at St. Leo Parish, assist our fellow brothers and sisters who are in need by our dedicated St. Vincent de Paul members.

Volunteers visit needy families and individuals living within the St. Leo's boundaries. The SVDP provides spiritual, financial and social assistance. We appeal to your generosity to assist us in helping the needy.

Meatless Fridays

Many Catholics mistakenly think that Friday abstinence from meat is a thing of the past or only to be observed during Lent. It's not! The universal law of the Church requires all Catholics to abstain from meat on every Friday of the year. In Canada our bishops permit us to substitute another penance of "equal value". Please offer your Friday sacrifice for those Catholics who no longer come to Mass.



Stations of the Cross
 Fridays during Lent @ 7:00 pm
 in Church

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 @ 416-251-1109 and speak with the parish
 secretary. Thank you!

**Annual Mass of
 St. Patrick**

Saturday, March 16, 2024 | 10 a.m.

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

President and Homilist
 Cardinal Thomas Collins

All are welcome

Tenebrae Service

The Victoria Scholars Men's Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Jerzy Cichocki, will present Tenebrae in our church on Palm Sunday, March 24th at 7:30pm.



Written in the middle of the last century by Monsignor John Edward Ronan - principal founder of Toronto's St. Michael's Choir School - the Tenebrae responsorial convey the sorrow of Holy Week in this solemn and noble music. Admission is free, free-will offerings may be made to ShareLife.

Lenten day of Confessions

Please be reminded that the Day of Confessions for Lent will be held during the week of March 11th – March 16th 2024. The Archdiocese of Toronto is offering the Sacrament in over 220 Parishes at different times throughout that week. Sacramental Confession is one of the best ways to prepare for Easter. Whether it's been weeks or months since your last Confession this is an opportunity for all Catholics to return to the Lord with honesty and integrity. Please refer to the schedule printed in the bulletin for a time convenient to you. You may visit www.archtoronto.org/confession for date and time at other parishes.

**Week of Confessions Schedule 2024
 Week of March 11th – March 16th**

Monday March 11 Confessions 7 – 10 am	Tuesday March 12 Confessions 7 – 10 am	Wednesday March 13 th Confessions 4 – 7 pm
Thursday March 14 th Confessions 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Friday March 15 th Confessions 7 – 10 am	Saturday March 16 th Confessions 4 – 5 pm 6 – 7 pm

Queen of Apostles Lenten Day Retreat

Saturday, March 9, 2024 8:30 am – 3 pm
 Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Rd

Cost: \$45.00 (includes lunch)

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

CONTACT: Jean 905-278-5524

EMAIL: office@qoa.ca to register or for more information

Movie Night

Friday March 29th (Good Friday) @ 7:30 pm

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