

# st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon thru Thurs - 9am to 4pm  
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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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### Masses For The Week

<b>Sat Mar 16</b>	5 pm	† <b>Pat Chisholm</b> (Mem. B'day) (Joan & Family)
<b>Sun Mar 17</b>	8:30 am	† <b>Luisa Sarrapochiello</b> (Husband Frank)
	10 am	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
	11:30 am	† <b>Marcel Lacroix</b> (Brenda Lacroix)
<b>Mon Mar 18</b>	8 am	† <b>Maria Daz Does Nunes</b> (Henry & Lorna)
<b>Tue Mar 19</b>	8 am	† <b>Mary Bolen</b> (Jane)
	7 pm	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
<b>Wed Mar 20</b>	7pm	† <b>Carmela &amp; Franco Gulasch</b> (Civita Forte & Family)
<b>Thu Mar 21</b>	8 am	† <b>Ron Purdy</b> (The Family)
<b>Fri Mar 22</b>	8 am	<b>In Thanksgiving Maria &amp; Joseph</b> (Maria Sablatura)
<b>Sat Mar 23</b>	5 pm	† <b>Chloe Rosatelli</b> (The Family)
<b>Sun Mar 24</b>	8:30 am	<b>Birthday Blessings Anna Maria Cerullo</b> (Jean Pozzobon)
	10 am	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
	11:30 am	<b>Birthday Blessings Gloria Felaire</b> (Agnes Martinez)

### The New Covenant

A Covenant is a personal agreement or contract between two or more people. Unlike a commercial contract, a Covenant is a commitment to share lives. The best human examples are the marriage vows in which a man and a woman agree to share a common life with faithfulness, love and honor. During the past Sundays of Lent we have been looking at the Covenants that God made with his people. Covenants with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the people of Judah during the exile. God agreed to protect them and their descendants provided that they agree to follow a path to holiness. To be "holy" is to be "like God". Sadly, though God kept his part of the bargain, the people rarely did. Jesus brought the New Covenant into being by his obedient death and resurrection.

*(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)*



### First Eucharist & Confirmation at St. Leo's Church

Our children are preparing to receive First Eucharist and Confirmation. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on the following times: Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> always at the 11:30 am Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> also at the 11:30 am Mass. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their upcoming Sacraments.



#### 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

### Feast of St. Joseph

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. Please join us Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> as we gather and venerate St. Joseph. Morning mass at 8 am and also in the evening @ 7 pm. Joseph is regarded as the patron saint of workers, and patron saint of Poland as well as Canada and Italy.

### First ShareLife Sunday – March 16-17

#### This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. ShareLife agencies ensure the safety of youth fleeing violent homes and provide them a supportive place to stay. This is all made possible thanks to amazing people like you who choose to support ShareLife. We thank you for your kindness and generosity. Our parish goal this year is [\$30,000.00]. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



### Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent @ 7:00 pm  
in Church

The Choral Ensemble Byrdsong Presents:

#### "Surrexit Christus Hodie"

a celebration of the Resurrection.

An a cappella concert of sacred music by  
composers of the Renaissance on

Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm in St. Leo's Church.

Free will offering.

MARCH 17, 2024

# Holy Week SCHEDULE

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup> 5 PM  
 SUNDAY MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>  
 8:30, 10 & 11:30 AM

### TENEBRAE SERVICE

7:30 PM

(FREE WILL OFFERING)

### HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>

7:00 PM "MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER"  
 "ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
 UNTIL 12:00 MIDNIGHT"

**NO 8:00 AM MASS**

### GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

3:00 PM HOLY FRIDAY SERVICE  
 7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**NO 8:00 AM MASS**

### HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>

12:30 PM

**BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS**

### HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>

7:00 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

**NO 5:00 PM MASS**

### EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE  
 8:30, 10 & 11:30 AM

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE  
 8:30, 10 & 11:30 AM

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS @ 3 PM**

### Lenten Week of Confessions Week 2 Mar 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Monday March 18 Confessions 4 – 7 pm	Tuesday March 19 Confessions 4 – 7 pm	Wednesday March 20 <sup>th</sup> Confessions 4 – 7 pm
Thursday March 21 <sup>st</sup> Confessions 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Friday March 22 <sup>nd</sup> Confessions 4 – 7 pm	Saturday March 23 <sup>rd</sup> Confessions 4 – 5 pm 6 – 7 pm

Please pray for the sick of our Parish especially:  
**ERNESTO PALACA, SANDI HATULAN,  
 TERESITA GUANCO**

And for the souls of the deceased:

**ELIZABETH FITZPATRICK, SHARON COPE, JOHN BRANCH**

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



### 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.

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

### Life-Giving Wounds:

A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, April 28 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$290 per person (\$190 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. If cost is of concern, please contact [lgwtoronto@proton.me](mailto:lgwtoronto@proton.me); limited subsidies are available. <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2024>.

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### Movie Night

Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) @ 7:30 pm  
 Join us in the parish hall; screening:  
**"The Passion of the Christ"**

**Happy St. Patrick's Day Mar 17<sup>th</sup> &  
 Happy St. Joseph's Day Mar 19<sup>th</sup>**



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