

# 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

## PALM SUNDAY



### Masses For The Week

Sat Mar 23	5 pm	† <b>Chloe Rosatelli</b> (The Family)
Palm Sunday Mar 24	8:30 am	<b>Birthday Blessings</b> <b>Anna Maria Cerullo</b> (Jean Pozzobon)
	10 am	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
	11:30 am	<b>Birthday Blessings</b> <b>Gloria Felaire</b> (Agnes Martinez)
Mon Mar 25	8 am	† <b>Debbie Walshe</b> (Robert & Patricia)
Tue Mar 26	8 am	† <b>Fr. Ralph Paonessa</b> (Mem. B.day) (Anna Maria Cerullo)
Wed Mar 27	7 pm	† <b>Maureen Killeen</b> (The Family)
Thu Mar 28	7 pm	<b>"MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER"</b>
Fri Mar 29	3 pm Service	<b>"FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD"</b>
Sat Mar 30	7 pm	<b>"EASTER VIGIL MASS"</b> (PRO POPULO)
Easter Sunday Mar 31	8:30 am	† <b>Biagio &amp; Bruno Forte</b> (Civita Forte & Family)
	10 am	† <b>Ana Gornik</b> (Son Tony Gornik)
	11:30 am	† <b>Jack Korpela</b> (Rita Patterson)

### Why Palm Branches?

In the ancient Middle East kings could enter a city in two ways. Horses were used for war, so if the king rode on a horse, it usually meant trouble. If they came in peace, they would ride a donkey, a humble act. Jesus was sending two clear messages to the people; the first that he was king and the second that his intentions were peaceful. People hailing Jesus placed branches and clothing on the road so that the footing was safe. John is the only gospel that mentions that the branches were from palm trees. Matthew and Mark only refer to "branches". Luke leaves out the branches entirely and simply says that the people put their clothes on the road. (Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)



### Good Friday - day of Fast and Abstinence

The Code of Canon Law states that all Christ's faithful are obliged by the Lord's command, each in his/her own way to undertake that conversion of mind and heart called penance. Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. The faithful devote themselves to prayer, engage in works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the fast and abstinence the Church prescribes: Abstinence means not eating meat, and binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals, and binds Catholics from their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday - one is not bound to fast if health or the ability to work is affected.

#### 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.

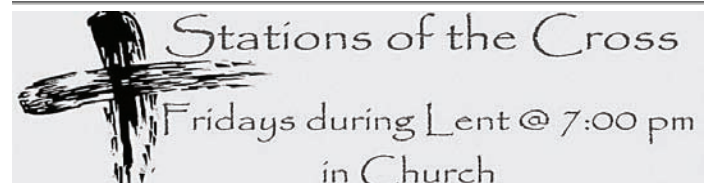
Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

### Annual Good Friday Collection

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. At this time each year Catholics are called on to support the Christians communities in the Holy Land. The annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. Let us give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

### Holy Thursday

Join us for adoration on Holy Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 12 am, after the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Stay and spend an hour in adoration with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane; be with Jesus before He enters into His Passion. A moment for individual reflections, silence and meditation.



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.

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

**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.

**Serra Vocation**

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

**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> .

Please pray for the sick of our Parish especially:  
**ERNESTO PALACA**  
And for the souls of the deceased:  
**SANDI HATULAN, GIUSEPPE RASILE, PAOLO DI BIASIO**  
Communion for the homebound upon request, anointing of the sick with the seriously ill, or those undergoing surgery.  
Please call the parish office

**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"**

*Holy Week* **SCHEDULE**

MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**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**

**ShareLife: Welcome Jesus into your hearts by sharing your blessings today**

Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.

**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.





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