

# st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon thru Thurs - 9am to 4pm  
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## SCHOOLS

St Leo's School  
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Assisting families in need  
t: 416-855-9002

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

t: 416-733-8544  
w: thecatholiccemeteries.ca



## 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 EASTER



### Masses For The Week

<b>Sat</b> Apr 13	5 pm	† <b>Steve &amp; Helen Golan</b> <small>(Joanna Bak)</small>
<b>Sun</b> Apr 14	8:30 am	† <b>Luisa Sarrapochiello</b> <small>(Husband Frank)</small>
	10 am	<b>Birthday Blessings</b> <b>James Purdy</b> <small>(Iris Purdy)</small>
	11:30 am	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
<b>Mon</b> Apr 15	8 am	† <b>Rosa Rodrigues</b> <small>(Daughter Gracinda)</small>
<b>Tue</b> Apr 16	8 am	† <b>Biagio, Elena &amp; Mariano Forte</b> <small>(Civita Forte &amp; Family)</small>
<b>Wed</b> Apr 17	7 pm	† <b>Maria Das Dores Nunes</b> <small>(Lorna &amp; Henry Vaz)</small>
<b>Thu</b> Apr 18	8 am	† <b>Carmine Micco</b> <small>(Donna Micco)</small>
<b>Fri</b> Apr 19	8 am	† <b>Joao &amp; Maria Jose Maduro &amp; Family</b> <small>(Maria Coehlo)</small>
<b>Sat</b> Apr 20	5 pm	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
<b>Sun</b> Apr 21	8:30 am	† <b>Luisa Sarrapochiello</b> <small>(Mario Galardo &amp; Family)</small>
	10 am	† <b>Federico Pozzobon</b> <small>(Jean Pozzobon)</small>
	11:30 am	<b>Birthday Blessings</b> <b>Fritz Ayrold Cunanan</b> <small>(Helena Clemente)</small>

### The Breaking of the Bread

Luke's gospel describes an appearance of the risen Jesus to two disciples who are on their way to Emmaus (EM-mouse). This place is usually identified with the Arab village of Amwas. It is set on a mountain overlooking the Mediterranean. He talks with them, but they do not recognize him. It is not until he sits down in their home and "breaks bread" that they come to understand who he is. Of course, we immediately see the connection with the Eucharist. People ate flat bread similar to today's Syrian or Pita bread. It came in large sheets. The host would tear off a section of the bread and use it to pick up the food. He would then pass the bread to the others at the table. Jesus may have had a different way of breaking bread. He did not take his share first, thus making himself last. This set an example of humility for the others. It certainly would have been unusual -- and recognizable.



(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

### First Eucharist at St. Leo's

This Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>, and for the next two Sundays, April 21<sup>st</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30 am mass we welcome the children who have been preparing for first Holy Communion, a momentous experience and a very solemn moment in the lives of our young people. Our children in grade 7/8 will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> again at the 11:30 am Mass with family and friends. We join the immediate family in the youngster's celebration of these events as they are joining us at our family table: the table of God's family. Please keep these children in your prayers.



#### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month May 3, 2024

Following the 8 am Mass

Rosary at 7:30am.

Adoration concludes with Holy Mass

Saturday morning Saturday May 4, @ 8 am

Come. See. Hear. Encounter.

Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

### Serra Vocation

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life! If you have the continuing inclination that God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto** at 416-968-0997. Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### Through ShareLife, you help refugees find safety and freedom

Your generous gift to ShareLife is crucial for immigrants and refugees establishing a new life in Canada. Your love and support have not only provided them with safety and freedom, but have also given them the opportunity to create a brighter future in our community. Thus far we have raised [\$8065, 00] we thank you for your generosity toward our goal of [\$30,000.00]. Please feel free to 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 through ShareLife!

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of April is sponsored by:  
Kostancija Degutyte for:  
Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

## Volunteer Appreciation Week

**April 14-20, 2024 Every Moment Matters**

We celebrate the many volunteers who contribute enthusiasm, energy and countless hours to create a culture of giving in our parish community. Their actions create a ripple far beyond the immediate circle of influence. We take the time to thank all volunteers in our community who dedicate their time and talents to serve our parish. We are fortunate for their continued service and support.



## Eucharistic & Healing Prayers

Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 @ 6 pm  
in St. Leo's Church. Mass led by  
Father Peter Choi. Everyone is  
invited to the Lords table, please  
come and experience his graces.



## Invitation to the Neophyte Mass

Archbishop Leo will preside at a special Mass to celebrate with all those in the archdiocese who have been newly-initiated into the Church. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online on or before Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>. CONTACT: [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org)

## Save the Date – Join us on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2024

**National March for Life Theme: "I will never forget you"**

Thousands of students, families and Canadians from all walks of life will gather on Parliament Hill in Ottawa for the 2024 National March for Life to remind our elected officials to NEVER FORGET ...

...the child in the womb...

...the mother with an unexpected pregnancy

...the person living with a disability or mental illness

...or the senior who needs care — not killing

"I will never forget you" (Is 49:15) reminds us of our responsibilities towards each other, and the 'irreplaceability' of each individual soul, created intentionally by God in His image and likeness.

### Women's Day Retreat

**Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre**

**1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga**

**When: Saturday May 9, 2024**

**Theme: Attitude with Gratitude**

**Time: 8:30 am – 3:00pm**

**Cost: \$45.00 includes lunch**

**For more information: contact: Jean 905-2785229 or  
office@qoa.ca**

## For Sale – Beautiful Quilts - Hand Maid

Made by our own St. Leo's quilting group. Beautiful baby quilts (\$70.00) will make a memorable and lasting gift. Call Jean at 416-259-8765.



## Year of Prayer

On January 21, 2024, Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the [2025 Jubilee](#), calling on the faithful "to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God." [The Year of Prayer](#), the Holy Father explained, is dedicated "to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world."

Please pray for the sick of our Parish  
And for the souls of the deceased:

**KLIS & SIMON DRESHAJ**

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

Please call the parish office

## The Source Holy Hour

**Thursday, April 25, 2024 7-9:00 PM**

**840 Bathurst Street, Toronto**

You are invited to The Source Holy Hour with music by the Sisters of Life at St. Peter's Church in Toronto (Bathurst and Bloor). More information can be found on the:

[Sisters of Life website.](#)

## The Southdown Institute

**Annual Benefit Dinner 2024**

**Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, 6:00 – 9:30 pm**

**901 Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto, ON**

Please join us for our Annual Benefit Dinner at the Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery, Columbus Centre, We are honored to welcome His Grace, Archbishop Francis Leo as our Guest Speaker. This special event is being held to raise support and awareness of our mission to provide integrated holistic programs and services to ordained clergy, vowed religious, lay pastoral ministers and other people of faith.

6 p.m. – Reception

7 p.m. – Dinner and Program

Tickets: \$200 per ticket (A \$100 charitable tax receipt will be issued for each ticket.) visit: [www.southdown.on.ca](http://www.southdown.on.ca).

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