

# 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 7:30 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

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

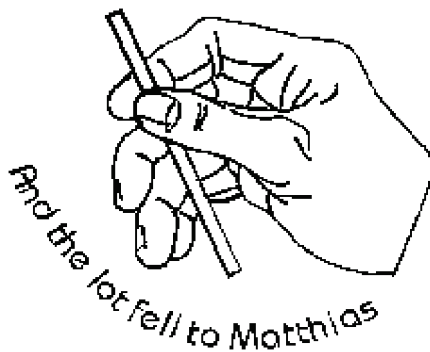


### Masses For The Week

<b>Sat May 11</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
<b>Sun May 12</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	† <b>Luisa Sarrapochiello</b> <small>(Husband Frank)</small>
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>All Souls of Purgatory</b> <small>(Jun &amp; Lynnore Moreno)</small>
	<b>11:30 am</b>	† <b>Josephine Walshe &amp; Michelina Nagoda</b> <small>(Robert &amp; Patricia)</small>
<b>Mon May 13</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>For the Health of Elizabeth</b> <small>(Anna Maria Cerullo)</small>
<b>Tue May 14</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Blessings for Catherine Kraljivc</b> <small>(Anna Maria Cerullo)</small>
<b>Wed May 15</b>	<b>7pm</b>	† <b>Graciano Bernales</b> <small>(The Family )</small>
<b>Thu May 16</b>	<b>8 am</b>	† <b>Maria Daz Dores Nunes</b> <small>(Henry &amp; Lorna Vaz )</small>
<b>Fri May 17</b>	<b>8 am</b>	<b>Birthday Blessings Mary Cutrara</b>
<b>Sat May 18</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	† <b>Giuseppe &amp; Catterina Vanin</b> <small>(Son Bruno Vanin )</small>
<b>Sun May 19</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	† <b>Biagio &amp; Bruno Forte</b> <small>(Civita Forte &amp; Family )</small>
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
	<b>11:30 am</b>	† <b>Zena Mariados</b> <small>(Thelma D'Cunha )</small>

### Choosing By Lot

After the death of Judas, the apostles felt that it was necessary to maintain the number 12 in their group. There are various reasons for this, but they probably felt that it had a parallel to the number of the Tribes of Israel. They did not want the successor to Judas to be chosen by a popularity contest, so they selected the replacement by chance. They started with a set of standards so that it was not a totally random choice. Then they left the final choice to God by either rolling dice or drawing straws. They felt that God would influence the outcome of this final choice. In doing this, they were following a tradition with ancient roots in the bible.



(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

### 40 Days after Easter

Today the Church celebrates the Ascension of Christ, forty days after Easter. This Holy day commemorates Christ's



Ascension into Heaven from Mount Olivet 40 days after He rose from the dead. After the Gospel the Paschal Candle, lit from the New Fire of the Easter Vigil, is extinguished to symbolize the departure of Christ. Christ returns to heaven taking His manhood with Him, and to prepare a place for all His faithful people. Each time we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, we remember that the Catholic Church is a Missionary Church. We are called by Jesus to go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel message.

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

### Serra Vocation

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem - to wait - to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led 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)

### ShareLife and World Communications Day

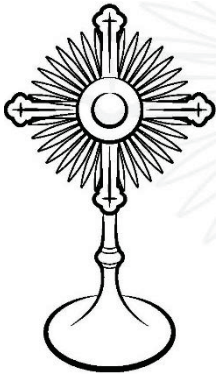
On this World Communications Day, your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Deaf and hard of hearing community. "If you ever wonder what impact you are making – you are sending Deaf kids to an accessible American Sign Language (ASL) camp in the summer; you are connecting Deaf kids with Deaf mentors; you are inspiring Deaf kids to achieve their dreams; you are teaching family members ASL so they can communicate with their Deaf children. When you give, it goes a long way." – (Kelly Mackenzie, Silent Voice). Thus far we have raised [\$13,710.00] toward our goal of [\$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).

### 53<sup>rd</sup> International Eucharistic Congress

#### Ecuador - September 6 -16 2024

Experience a pilgrimage to Ecuador to attend the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress, accompanied by Fr. Chris Cauchi. Registration deadline: June 6, 2024 Book before May 6 for early bird discount. For additional information, please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/iec](http://www.archtoronto.org/iec)

**All are welcome to join St. Leo's Parish in a Eucharistic Procession**



**On the feast of Corpus Christi Honoring the Body and Blood of Christ.**

Sunday June 2nd immediately following Mass. Join us on this beautiful and sacred feast day as we process with the Blessed Sacrament. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our faith. The Eucharistic procession will

take place following the 11:30 am Mass, the route will be the immediate vicinity of the church.

**Confirmations**

This Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> and next Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30 am Mass, our children, joined by their family and friends, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, the special strength of the Holy Spirit. Our young people who are being confirmed are signs of hope and renewal for the Church. We welcome his Excellency Bishop Ivan Camilleri who will be administering the Sacrament. Please keep these young people in your hearts and your prayers that they may become strong and courageous Christians.



**Feast of our Lady of Fatima**

Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2024, is the feast of our Lady of Fatima.

We invite all parishioners to join us on this day for the celebration of Mass at 8 am in honor of our Lady and to pray in thanksgiving for the many graces given to us, and particularly that peace may come upon the world!

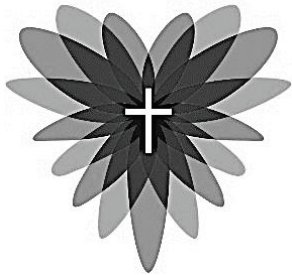


**The Source Holy Hour Thursday, May 16, 2024 7:00-9 pm**

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](#).

**May 13-19 is National Family and Life Week**



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) warmly invites the Catholic faithful to celebrate National Family and Life Week 2024 (NFLW), which will take place from May 13 to 19, 2024. This year's theme, "Love hopes all things," is inspired by the words of Saint Paul, the Apostle: "[Love] bears

all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things." (1 Corinthians 13:7). This theme, linked to Amoris Laetitia, a discourse on love by Pope Francis, guides us towards hope, a theological virtue that renews our relationship with God and others. Concluding on the Solemnity of Pentecost, National Family and Life Week 2024 offers a special opportunity to ask the Holy Spirit to accompany us in this celebration of life and the family. For more information and resources, visit: [NFLW 2024 - Resource page on the CCCB website](#)

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:  
**Mike Cerullo, Jayne Simpson**  
And for the souls of the deceased especially:  
**Jerry Creptak, Casmiro De Silva**

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

The month of May the sanctuary lamp is offered by:  
**Rosaló & Lourdes Senador**  
"For Special Intentions and Thanksgiving"

**Garage Sale**

**Saturday, May 25, 2024 9 - 4 pm**

**St. Joan of Arc Parish - 1701 Bloor St. W., Toronto**

Spring is here, and so is the time for garage sales. St. Joan of Arc Parish, is having a fundraiser event. There are plenty of bargains, as well as activities for the kids. Stop by, find a treasure (or two) and enjoy the Tea Room! From household goods to everything in between, we welcome all supporters with open arms. Thank you!



*May our Divine Lord and His Blessed Mother reward you with the love, joy, and contentment you so richly deserve.*

*Happy Mother's Day*

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