

St. Leo's Parish

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Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Nicola Defina



A Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Creator,

*In this season of gratitude and abundance, we give You
thanks for our many blessings as we pray for all
who struggle with hunger and want.*

*Be with them in the dark of night,
when all hope seems lost.*

Keep their faith strong as they await relief.

*And let Your goodness flow through our
hearts and hands as we reach out to one
another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.*

Amen



Masses For The Week

Sat Oct 12	5 pm	PRO POPULO
Sun Oct 13	8:30 am	Special Intentions Robert Nagoda (Robert & Patricia)
	10 am	† Silvio Ciccocelli (Lina Ciccocelli & Family)
	11:30 am	Blessings Jacinta Babila Tita
Thanksgiving Monday Oct 14	10 am	† Stanley John Surman (The Surman Family)
Tue Oct 15	8 am	† Matilde Reposar (The Ramos Family)
Wed Oct 16	7 pm	In Thanksgiving for Graces Received (Henry & Lorna)
Thu Oct 17	8 am	† Evelyn Chua (Ben & Juliet)
Fri Oct 18	8 am	† Genar Barco (Cynthia & Dionisia)
Sat Oct 19	5 pm	† Adam Lecznar (The Lecznar Family)
Sun Oct 20	8:30 am	† Luisa Sarrapochiello (Husband Frank)
	10 am	PRO POPULO
	11:30 am	† Piero Corso (The Mancini Family)

Wealth as an obstacle to Heaven

Prior to the second century before Christ, there was no wide-spread belief in an afterlife among the Jewish people. They did believe that God rewarded the good and punished the wicked. They thought that such things were done on earth. Hence, if you were healthy, wealthy and beautiful, you were considered to be blessed by God.

Jesus states that riches can hinder entry into God's Kingdom. The apostles are astounded because this runs contrary to their orthodox belief. Christ teaches that materialism can blind people to the virtues of love necessary for salvation. Basically, he says that no one can BUY heaven.



(Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

Let Us Give Thanks

Please join us for Mass Thanksgiving Monday October 14th at 10:00 am as we give thanks to God for the many gifts. **No 8 am Mass Monday morning.** Please bring a donation of canned goods or other nonperishable items for the "St. Francis Table" and the "Good Shepherd Refuge".



St. Vincent de Paul Special Collection

Thanksgiving Monday October 14th a collection will be taken for the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the needy families in our community. Envelopes for the collection are on the cabinets at the back of the church, and also available at the Thanksgiving mass. If you are unable to attend the Thanksgiving mass and wish to donate please drop the envelope in the collection basket on Sunday. **In Thanksgiving, St Leo's St Vincent de Paul is hosting a coffee social after mass on Monday morning. Please come down to the basement and share in some Thanksgiving cheer with your fellow parishioners. Hope to see you there!**

Eucharistic Adoration
 First Friday of the month November 1, 2024
 Following the 8 am Mass
 Rosary at 7:30am.
 Adoration concludes with Holy Mass
 Saturday morning November 2, @ 8 am
 Come. See. Hear. Encounter.
 Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

Serra Vocation

If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that new dream. Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise. "You will have treasure in Heaven, then come, follow me." Come, follow the call of Christ as a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you think God is calling you to one of these, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.** Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Become a Catholic

If you're curious about the Catholic faith or you've thought about becoming a Catholic, our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program is just for you. Adults from all faith traditions, or no religious background at all, are welcome to participate in our program of instruction. If you're interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic, now is the time to join our group of Christian teaching. Call the Parish Office (416 251-1109) and ask to speak with Father Nick.

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

Sr. Adelia Vaz
Brigida Abbruzzese

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

World Mission Sunday Special Collection

Next week every parish across the world will celebrate World Mission Sunday. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and Mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocation in countries where the church is beginning, where it is new. World Mission Sunday is our chance to assist Catholic Communities throughout the world become self-sufficient and flourish.

Share your blessings this Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude, but right now families are struggling to put enough food on the table. ShareLife has returned with the Food Security Grants – dedicating \$750,000 to help those in need of a warm meal. Will you share your blessings by making a contribution to our parish's ShareLife Campaign? Please help combat hunger at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for your compassion.

First Communion & Confirmation Preparation

Once again we remind you that St. Leo's Parish is making plans for those children who are attending Grade 2 and for the children who are attending Grade 7 to receive First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation in 2025. If you missed the meeting of the overview of the program this past week, please speak to our Pastor Fr. Nick after any mass celebration for any matter or concern and he will be able to assist you.

Adult Faith Education

For a deeper understanding of the word of God, interested parishioners can participate in this faith development program. The program begins Friday October 18th, 2024 at 7 pm, in the church basement hall.



Parish Headcount

Once again this year the Archdiocese will conduct a headcount in all the parishes and mission communities the weekends of October 19/20 and October 26/27. This will help provide an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese of Toronto; it will include Saturday night vigil mass and Sunday masses.

Chalice child sponsor

Chalice is coming to St. Leo Parish! At the November 2-3 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.



HMCS

Join us at Holy Name of Mary College School's Open House event on Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30 pm. explore how our vibrant and progressive Catholic school for girls in Grades 5-12 ignites intellectual curiosity and fosters personal growth. Meet our dedicated faculty, tour our facilities, and learn about our rich educational programs and co-curricular activities designed to broaden horizons and nurture future leaders. Register now at www.hnmcs.ca or call Giselle Fernandes at 905-891-1890, ext. 103.

The Source Holy Hour

Thursday, October 24th 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](#).

Friday 25th October @ 7 pm
Movie Night in the parish hall
Featuring:
"St. Brigid of Sweden"

The month of October
The sanctuary lamp
Is offered by:
Marie Ana Salvador-Titco
For Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Pray A Rosary
October
Month of the Holy Rosary

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