

# st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## OFFICE HOURS

Tues thru Thurs - 9am to 4pm

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## SCHOOLS

St Leo's School  
159 Stanley Av.  
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St. Louis School  
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting every fourth Monday  
of the month at 8pm

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



## PASTOR

Fr. Nicola Defina

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday Masses

Saturday | 5pm

Sunday | 8:30am; 10am & 11:30am

### Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday | 8am

Wednesday 7pm with

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Rosary begins at 6:30pm

Magnificat Charismatic Prayer Group (Polish)

Thursday 7:30pm

## SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

Sunday after the 11:30am Mass  
Register three months in advance

### Marriage

Contact the Pastor  
one year in advance

### Reconciliation

Wednesday - 6pm to 7pm

Saturday - 4pm to 5pm

or call to arrange a time

### Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office  
for arrangements

### Eucharistic Adoration

Every first Friday of the month  
following the 8am Mass

### Devotions

First Friday and Saturday 8am

### Scriptural Rosary

Tuesday 8pm

## MINISTRIES

Altar Servers | Altar Society  
Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers  
Hospitality | Ushers  
Lectors | Readers  
Music | Choir

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

R.C.I.A.  
R.C.I.C.  
Adult Faith Study  
Movie Night  
Finance Council  
Quilters' Club

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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Masses For The Week**

Sat Nov 2	8 am	Souls in Purgatory
	5 pm	† Paolo Del Fuoco (The Family)
Sun Nov 3	8:30 am	† Biagio, Elena & Mariano Forte (Civita Forte & Family)
	10 am	† Mary & Matthew Surman (The Surman Family)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO
Mon Nov 4	8 am	"For the Deceased"
Tue Nov 5	8 am	Special Intentions for Robert & Patricia Nagoda
Wed Nov 6	7 pm	"For the Deceased"
Thu Nov 7	8 am	† Virgilio Fuoco (Pierina Fuoco)
Fri Nov 8	8 am	† Cecilia D'Ambrosio (The Family)
Sat Nov 9	5 pm	† Joseph Olekas (Daughter Ona)
Sun Nov 10	8:30 am	† Nunzio Fiorito & Michele Nifo (Orsola Fiorito)
	10 am	† Trinidad P. Colmenares & Demetrio L. Salipsip Sr. (The Luzadas Family)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

**Hear, O Israel!**

In Judaism, one of the closest things to a creed is the "Shema". Its name comes from the Hebrew word for "Hear". The statement "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone" means that Israel will serve only one God. It probably was not originally meant to say that there were no other Gods, but that the people would not follow another. Monotheism, or the belief that there is only one divinity, would come later. Orthodox Jews wear the Shema in boxes or phylacteries on their arms and foreheads. They are also placed in containers, called "Mezuzahs" at front doors of their homes. Jesus places an emphasis on the second part of the Shema, "You shall love the Lord..." He teaches the value of a personal bond with his Father and the Holy Spirit. To this injunction Jesus adds a verse from Leviticus 19:18 "You shall love your neighbor..."

(Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)



**Remembering the Faithful Departed**

This month we have an opportunity to remember our beloved deceased and those in need of prayer. United we wish to share the Eucharist in a measure that is pleasing to God, together finding peace following God's will. To know God means to have a spiritual union with him, to meet, to hope, to embrace him and our neighbors. We may not always feel peaceful when things get tough, but we can always be "at peace," in the knowledge that our God is always with us. This month, all memorial offering envelopes with the names of your loved ones will remain by the altar during all Eucharist celebrations.



**Eucharistic Adoration**  
 First Friday of the month December 6, 2024  
 Following the 8 am Mass  
 Rosary at 7:30am.  
 Adoration concludes with Holy Mass  
 Saturday morning December 7, @ 8 am  
 Come. See. Hear. Encounter.  
 Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

**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 has just began. 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.



**The Source Holy Hour**  
**Thursday, November 21st 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](#).

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:  
**Reza Ashkevary**  
 And for the souls of the deceased:  
**Reverend Keith Langstaff, S.J.**  
**Rev. William Michael Comerford, C.Ss.R.**

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

### Knights of Columbus Memorial Liturgy

We invite all people to join the Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Grace Council in their yearly Memorial Liturgy as they remember and pray for KOC deceased members, **Monday November 11th at 7:00 pm** in our Church; please join us in prayer as we remember our beloved deceased. November the 11<sup>th</sup> is also Remembrance Day; we pay homage to veterans all over the world weather living or deceased who have served their country. We understand the sacrifices they have made so that we may enjoy the freedom we have today.



### CHALICE Sponsorship

This weekend we are pleased to welcome the representative from CHALICE, the Canadian, Catholic sponsorship program for children who will speak to us at every Eucharistic celebration about CHALICE. He will explain how you can help the poverty stricken children around the world.

### Serra Vocation

"To love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding, and with all the strength" and "to love one's neighbor as oneself" are the greatest commandments. If you feel that God is calling you to serve Him as 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)

### Adult Faith Education

For a deeper understanding of the word of God, interested parishioners can participate in this faith development program. Please join us Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7 pm, in the church basement hall.



### 2025 Parish Envelopes

We are currently preparing parish envelopes for next year. If you haven't already so, this is a great opportunity for you to request envelopes for the year 2025; to make this request, cut the registration portion of the front page of our bulletin and drop it in the offering baskets. Or, contact the Parish Office: 416-251-1109; envelopes will be available Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 first Sunday of Advent.

### Feast of the Dedication of Rome Lateran Basilica November 9<sup>th</sup>

Many people are surprised when they discover that the cathedral of Rome is not St. Peter but the Lateran Basilica. The oldest and one of the five great basilicas; ranks first among the major basilicas of Rome. It holds the title of ecumenical mother church of the whole inhabited world among Roman Catholics. The Pope gives his blessing from the upper loggia of the north facade, and only the Pope can celebrate mass at the altar of St. John the Lateran.

### Candy Collection

We are asking our parishioners to donate new unwrapped or extra/left over Halloween Candies Gifts to the parish: we are collecting them, and will be forwarded to Dr. Simone, at the Canadian Food for Children. Thank you.



### Memorial Mass

Saturday Nov 9th @ 10 am a memorial mass will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of parishioner Elizabeta Lukomska who passed away this past September. The community is invited to participate and pray for the soul of Elisabeta. *May she and all the faithfully deceased rest in peace. Amen!*

**Bishop Allen Catholic Academy Presents...**

**The Annual Christmas Market**

The Bishop Allen Community welcomes all to the annual Christmas Market. Come and enjoy food, vendors, crafts, bouncy castles and more!

Thursday November 28th, 2024

4:00pm-7:00pm

721 Royal York Rd, Etobicoke, ON M8Y 2T3

The St. Leo's Quilters are selling tickets this weekend after each mass to raffle off a beautiful handmade quilt. Tickets are \$2.00 each  
The Quilters also have Hand-Made baby quilts for sale!

They make great gifts that would be treasured and will last for years.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the Month of November

Is offered by Thelma D'Cunha:  
In loving memory of her Husband:  
"Francis Gonsalves"  
& All Souls in Purgatory

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November @ 7 pm

Movie Night in the parish hall

Featuring:

"The Saints", by Martin Scorsese"

Reminding all Parishioners that next

Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> is the

Feast of Saint Leo the Great:

Great Pope and Doctor of the Church and Patron of our Church!



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