

# st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## OFFICE HOURS

Tues thru Thurs - 9am to 4pm

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting every fourth Monday  
of the month at 8pm

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## 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

Friday 6:30 pm

## 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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat Nov 30	5 pm	† Giovanni Ciccolella & Lina Conte (Giovanna Veglia & Family)
Sun Dec 1	8:30 am	PRO POPULO
	10 am	† Anna Maria Sherlock (The Molto Family)
	11:30 am	Special Intentions for Michael Nagoda (Robert & Patricia)
Mon Dec 2	8 am	† Birthday Blessings for Iris Purdy (By Friends)
Tue Dec 3	8 am	Wedding Anniversary Ruth & Neil Doughty (By Wife)
Wed Dec 4	7 pm	Birthday Blessings for Connie Del Fuoco (By Friends)
Thu Dec 5	8 am	Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Fidel & Shirley Nicomedez
Fri Dec 6	8 am	Birthday Blessings for Iris Purdy (Agnes Martines)
Sat Dec 7	8 am	† Carmela & Dominic Ruggiero (Donna Micco)
	5 pm	† Jack Korpela (Robin Korpela)
Sun Dec 8	8:30 am	† Biagio, Elena & Mariano Forte (Civita Forte & Family)
	10 am	† Jerry & Bernice Sherlock (The Molto Family)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

### Signs in the Heavens

This week's Gospel is a parallel to that of the feast of Christ the King. Jesus predicts the destruction of Jerusalem. He develops the idea further, to include a description of the end of the world. He teaches that there will be cosmic signs in the sky to herald these events. Jesus

adds the idea that the "Son of Man" (a phrase that means "human") will be seen in the heavens, coming on a cloud. The book of Acts--also by Luke--begins with an angelic prediction of the same event. We can't be sure of the nature of these "signs". They may refer to actual physical events involving planets and the sun. Equally possible is the explanation that Jesus is talking about the "powers of heaven" and political governments, doomed to fail.

(Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)



### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December the 8<sup>th</sup> is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, a significant feast for Catholics and a holy day of obligation. However this year December the 8<sup>th</sup> is on Sundays the church celebrates the day of Lord. Therefore the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception moves to Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will be celebrated in the morning at 8 am and in the evening at 7 pm.



#### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Following the 8 am Mass

Rosary at 7:30am.

Adoration concludes with Holy Mass

Saturday morning January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 8 am

Come. See. Hear. Encounter.

Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

### Christmas Outreach Program

As part of our community outreach, we at St. Leo, assist our fellow brothers and sisters who are in need. Our volunteers visit needy families and individuals living within the St. Leo's boundaries. They provide spiritual, social & financial assistance. Through the years they have assisted many households with grocery gift cards and presents especially at Christmas. They wouldn't be able to carry out this work without your kind support. Next weekend, second Sunday of Advent we will have the annual Christmas collection for the St. Vincent de Paul so that we can help provide the support required for families in our community. Envelopes are located at the back of the church. Please think of the less fortunate in our community and be as generous as you can. Thank you and God Bless!

### Serra Vocation

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

### New Season, New Prayer Book

The new prayer book "St. Joseph's Sunday Missal" for the 2024/2025 season is now available; the current edition goes out of use this weekend after the feast of Christ the King. Volunteers/Ushers at the back of the church are available after each mass celebration to help. The offering for the Sunday Missal is \$6.00. Make sure you are ready for the beginning of the new Liturgical Year.

**St. Leo's Church Bake Sale  
Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**

We are hosting a bake sale and donations of baked goods are needed. We are calling on all the bakers to help! We need donations of homemade baked goods. Please bake up a favorite cake, cookies, cupcakes or pies for our sweet table. Your goodies should be individually wrapped or in containers that do not need to be returned to you. Please bring your baked donations on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 12 noon. Proceeds from the bake sale will go towards the cost of the enclosure of the exterior stairwell on Stanley Ave. Thank you!



**Good deeds**

Men's & Women's shelters provide clean, washable clothing to people who need them. There is a need for new socks and underwear. Parishioners are asked to purchase sport/work socks and/or underwear, when doing their Christmas shopping, and bring them to the hamper which is placed inside the entrance of the church. We will ensure they are delivered to the Good Shepherd Centre or other men's/women's shelters. It is remarkable how much joy such a simple act of kindness can bring.

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

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

The St. Leo's Quilters will be selling raffle tickets  
next weekend December 7/8 after each mass  
celebration 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.

*In Loving Memory*

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of December is  
offered by Anna Maria Cerullo:

In Loving Memory of:

"All Deceased Members of the Cerullo Family"

We wish to thank all our Sanctuary Lamp  
Sponsors for the donations throughout the year  
that keep the flame alive reminding us of the  
"Eternal and everlasting Light"

**Parish 2025 Sunday Offering Envelopes**

Offering envelopes for 2025 are located at the back of the church. We ask that you remember your envelopes number as the envelopes are filed numerically. Volunteers are on hand with an alphabetic master list just in case. New/Un-used boxes are available for parishioners' interested in using Sunday Offering Envelopes. Write your name and address on the first few envelopes. For those parishioners who have not made a formal contact with the parish over the past year, envelopes have been cancelled. This process allows us to tidy up our computer listings and free unused boxes of envelopes. Thank you for your continued support! God Bless!



**Watch**

Happy New Year! The Church's calendar begins today. The word "Advent" means "coming" and starts with a the message "be ready and watch for the coming of Jesus, as we anticipate Christ's advent on Christmas, we do away with the materialism of the modern world by focusing on the real meaning of the feast: God enters human existence in a totally personal way; we look forward to Jesus' arrival in our lives through the blossoming of our faith. We bring his body into the world through our union with him in the communion of saints.

On Saturday, December 21, at 8:00pm, the  
Victoria Scholars Men's Choral Ensemble present  
'Welcome Christmas'.

Join the Scholars for a festive and spirited  
celebration of seasonal music as they present a  
concert of carols from Christmas past and present  
by composers from Canada and around the world.

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Students /seniors 65+ \$20.00.

Doors open at 7:30pm.

**St. Leo's Parish Advent Days of Confession 2024  
December 15 - 21**

Sunday Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 - 2:30
Monday Dec 16 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	7 - 8 am
Wednesday Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	6 - 7 pm
Thursday Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	7 - 8 am
Friday Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	7 - 9 pm
Saturday Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	4 - 5 pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December @ 7 pm  
Movie Night in the parish hall  
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"The Saints", by Martin Scorsese"



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