

st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

|  Mass Intentions for the Week | | |
|---|----------|--|
| 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 |
| Mon Dec 9 | 8 am | † Antonio Rotondo & Antonietta & Angelo Gallaccio (Lidia Rotondo) |
| | 7 pm | Feast of The Immaculate Conception |
| Tue Dec 10 | 8 am | † Jeannine Ann Cannataro |
| Wed Dec 11 | 7 pm | Special Intentions for Aaron Crasta |
| Thu Dec 12 | 8 am | Special Intentions for Aureen Crasta |
| Fri Dec 13 | 8 am | † Marcello Quintieri (Donna Micco) |
| Sat Dec 14 | 5 pm | PRO POPULO |
| Sun Dec 15 | 8:30 am | † Luisa Sarrapochiello (Husband Frank) |
| | 10 am | † Venceslao Spada (The Family) |
| | 11:30 am | † Salvatore D'Ambrosio (The Family) |

Herod the Tetrarch

Luke dates the start of John the Baptist's ministry by setting it in the 15th year of the reign of Emperor Augustus: 29 AD. He notes that Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, was "tetrarch" of Galilee. The word is related to "monarch" which means "one ruler". A tetrarch is a quarter ruler. After Herod the Great's death, Rome decided to divide up the kingdom of Israel so that no one person would hold all of the power. Herod Antipas is the king most frequently mentioned in the gospels. He later arrested John the Baptist and sentenced him to death.



(Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

Please donate baked goods!

Baking contributions will be gladly accepted for our bake sale taking place **Sunday December 15th 2024**. Shortbread, coffee cakes, pies, cupcakes, cookies etc. Please wrap or bag your items for sale. Also accepted are homemade jams, jellies and monetary donations. Please bring your baked donations on Saturday December 14th 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 for your help!**



Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday of the month January 3rd, 2025
Following the 8 am Mass
Rosary at 7:30am.
Adoration concludes with Holy Mass
Saturday morning January 4th, 2025 @ 8 am
Come. See. Hear. Encounter.
Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

The Season of Advent & Christmas

The second Sunday of Advent gives us a sign. To pause and think about our place with God, and our place with others. The celebration of this Sunday gives us the time to get ready. For the coming of Jesus! Christmas is a time to think of others. Part of our preparation is giving, especially to those in need. As we reflect on the coming holiday, let us consider others, for love of others strengthens our love of God.



Serra Vocation

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection

This weekend (Dec 7/8) we are asking all our parishioners for help as we have the annual Christmas collection to fund St Leo's St Vincent de Paul's Christmas outreach. Last Christmas the SVDP assisted over 50 households with gift cards for groceries for every family and also co-ordinate the donation of presents for children. They are expected to help at least this many people again this year or more. They would not be able to carry out this work without your kind support. Please remember the needy of our parish as you prepare for this Advent season and be as generous as you can. Please deposit the offering at the offertory collection, as no other collection will be taken. God bless!



Christmas Mass Schedule



Tuesday December 24th

(Christmas Eve)

7:00 pm & 12 midnight

Wednesday December 25th

(Christmas Day)

Regular Sunday Schedule

8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am

Tuesday December 31st

New Year's Eve

5:00 pm Mass

Wednesday January 1st 2025

New Year's Day

10:00 & 11:30 am

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

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

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.

Tickets available at the door. Regular \$25,
Students /seniors 65+ \$20.00.

Doors open at 7:30pm.

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.

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"

New Season, New Prayer Book

The new prayer book "St. Joseph's Sunday Missal" for the 2024/2025 season is now available; pick up your personal copy; ushers at the back of the church are available after each mass celebration to help. The offering for the Sunday Missal is \$6.00.

2025 Sunday Offering Envelopes

The new offering envelopes are available for pick up. We ask that you remember your envelope number as the envelopes are filed numerically and not alphabetically; volunteers are available to help and a master list is on hand. Blank boxes also available for those parishioners' interested in using Offering 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 frees unused boxes of envelopes. **In the New Year, we ask that you kindly discard any leftover envelopes from this or previous years as your number might have changed. Thank you for your continued support.**

The St. Leo's Quilters will be selling raffle tickets this 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.



Commemorated on

December 13

Holy Martyr Lucy

Pray to God for us!

Monday December 9th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Join us for Mass @ 8 am or 7 pm

Best wishes for a blessed day!

Friday 13th December @ 7 pm

Movie Night in the parish hall

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