

st. leo's parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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OFFICE HOURS

Tues thru Thurs - 9am to 4pm
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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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Assisting families in need
t: 416-855-9002

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

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

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat Jan 11	5 pm	PRO POPULO
Sun Jan 12	8:30 am	† Luisa Sarrapochiello (Husband Frank)
	10 am	† Anton Gornik (Son Tony)
	11:30 am	Jane Spada (Sister in law Iris Purdy)
Mon Jan 13	8 am	† Mahmoud & Nadra (Alexandra Goncz)
Tue Jan 14	8 am	† Fulvio Bolletta (Alexandra Goncz)
Wed Jan 15	7 pm	† Joseph Olekas (Daughter Ona)
Thu Jan 16	8 am	Special Intentions for the Noujaims Family (Alexandra Goncz)
Fri Jan 17	8 am	† Philip De Rosa (Donna Micco)
Sat Jan 18	5 pm	PRO POPULO
Sun Jan 19	8:30 am	Birthday Blessings for Marie Paul (Agnese Martinez)
	10 am	Birthday Blessings Lena March (The Pozzobon Family)
	11:30 am	† Marian Kudlaciak (The Family)

Taking Baptism Seriously

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove, and a voice came from heaven; "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

Baptism can be used as an excuse for a party. It can be an empty meaningless celebration. It can be frustrating to baptize children only to see them not being brought to Mass afterwards. At our baptisms we are given a vocation, we received a calling. We were baptized to become a light to all

peoples. We were called to be holy, to become the body of Christ for others. Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus who begins his ministry amongst us with the words of the Father saying "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased!" Taking baptism seriously will enrich and enhance life, it changes the direction of one's life, and it offers a gift.

(Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)

Ordinary time

We begin what is called "Ordinary time" in the Church calendar. Ordinary does not mean plain or simple. It means "numbered" as in first, second, etc. the ordinal numbers. This was the original sense of the word, this title has come to represent a less spectacular or more "average" period in Church celebrations. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord this Sunday officially brings the Christmas Season to a close. The numbers are meant to remind us that we are working toward a goal.



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

Serra Vocation

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If He is contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

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

Reverend Daniel Palillo
Reverend Rodolfo Imperial
Sharon Anne Whiffen

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

Sunday Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2025 Sunday Offering Envelopes located at the back of the church; envelopes are in numerical order. An alphabetical list is available if you don't remember your number. New/Un-used boxes are also available for parishioners' interested in using envelopes; please write your full name and address on the first few envelopes. If any changes or correction are needed please call the parish office during business hours. **At this time we ask that you kindly discard any leftover envelopes from previous years. Thank you for your support.**

TCDSB Kindergarten Registration

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is presently welcoming families with kindergarten-aged children to register for the New Year 2025/2026 that will begin in September. Registration begins in January and continues throughout the year. Please contact your closest elementary school for more information.



New to the Parish

If you are new to St. Leo's Parish please introduce yourself to our Pastor Fr. Nick after Mass. Make sure you register and pick up a box of weekly envelopes; you are welcome to become involved in any of the organizations or ministries that may interest you.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of January is offered by Agnes Martinez:
For: Special Intentions & Thanksgiving.

Sunday Missals Available

We have Sunday Missals available for a donation of \$6.00 for parishioners who would like to have their personal copy. The Missals contains all the Sunday readings for the liturgical year cycle C. For help with the missal, please see one of our ushers at the back of the church.

Healthy Communication, Intimacy, Relationship

Friday, January 17, 2025 - Sunday, January 19, 2025.

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Rd.,
Mississauga

Build a joyful marriage by learning the tools of healthy communication. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program, welcomes all couples to help get their relationships back on track. Registration fee \$600

Toronto Retrouvaille P: 437-234-5610

EMAIL: info@torontoretrouvaille.com

Navigating AI with Faith and Wisdom:

A Catholic Perspective

All Saints' Church, 1415 Royal York Rd., Etobicoke

Saturday, January 25, 2025 09:30 am – 11:30 am

In a world where artificial intelligence (AI) is reshaping how we live, work, and interact, it's essential to understand its potential and challenges through a lens of faith and responsibility. We'll explore common misconceptions about AI, address ethical challenges and consider the Vatican's guidance on ensuring AI respects human dignity, community well-being and Catholic values. This interactive session is designed to equip you and your family with the tools to navigate AI confidently and faithfully, while remaining grounded in the principles of our faith. (Parents are welcome to bring children aged 13 and older.

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 January 24th 2025 at 7 pm, in the church basement hall.



The Source - Holy Hour - January 2025

Thursday, January 23, 2025 7:00-9:00 PM - St. Peter's Church, 840 Bathurst Street, Toronto. Join the Sisters of Life and the Office of Catholic Youth for an evening of prayer. Spend some time with Our Lord amidst your busy schedule with the source and summit of our faith – Jesus in the Eucharist. There will be some time for fellowship and refreshments after the Holy Hour. This event is open to all parishioners and visitors! Holy hour with music: 7 pm. Confessions available Social: 8-9 p.m.

Catholic in Recovery

St. Roch's Parish

2889 Islington Ave., Toronto Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Catholic in Recovery is a non-profit organization seeking to serve those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments (including alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography addiction, sex and relationship addiction, compulsive overeating and food addictions, gambling addiction) Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. CONTACT: Catholic in Recovery PHONE: 289-541-8188 EMAIL: cirstroch@gmail.com WEBSITE: <https://www.catholicinrecovery.com>

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

St. Margaret Mary Parish,

8500 Islington Ave., Woodbridge

Saturday, February 15, 9 am - Sunday, February 16, 2 pm

Please join us as we host the Vatican approved

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit.

The exhibit, which was designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place. The exhibit's purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

Contact: St. Margaret Mary Parish Office

P: 905-851-2661

Save the date

Friday January 31st 2025 @ 7 pm

Movie Night in the parish hall

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